Accessibility Statement

The Griffith Institute Website
https://www.griffith.ox.ac.uk/

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Our commitment to accessibility

The Griffith Institute at the University of Oxford is committed to making its online resources accessible to the widest possible audience.

The Griffith Institute website provides information about the Institute and access to a wide range of historical and Egyptological research materials, including archival records, photographs, watercolours, journals and diaries, and documentation relating to the discovery and excavation of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

We recognise the importance of ensuring that researchers, students and other visitors, including those with disabilities, can access and use these resources effectively.

Current accessibility status

An accessibility assessment conducted in October 2026 identified areas where the Griffith Institute website does not yet fully meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA.

The website is currently not compliant with WCAG 2.1 Level AA. However, the assessment has enabled us to identify specific accessibility barriers and establish priorities for improvement.

The principal areas requiring attention are:

- **Images and historical collections:** Some photographs, illustrations, archival images and interactive image viewers require additional text descriptions and accessibility features.
- **Keyboard navigation:** Certain interactive features, including image galleries, timelines and navigation controls, require improvements to support keyboard-only access.
- **Screen-reader compatibility:** Some collection records, search fields, navigation elements and page structures are not yet fully accessible to assistive technologies.
- **Display and readability:** Some pages require improvements to support smaller screens, increased magnification, appropriate colour contrast and clearer identification of links.
- **Document accessibility:** A significant proportion of the website's older PDF documents require accessibility improvements, including appropriate document structure and readable text.

These limitations may affect users who rely on assistive technologies or alternative ways of accessing and navigating websites.

Planned accessibility improvements

The University of Oxford has identified the necessary improvements and developed a phased remediation plan.

Priority will be given to removing barriers that prevent independent access, particularly those affecting archival images, collection records, search functionality, keyboard navigation and screen-reader compatibility.

Further improvements will address page layout, readability, interactive features and the accessibility of historical documents.

Given the extensive nature of the Institute's digital collections, improvements to older archival materials and documents will be considered alongside their continued use and relevance.

Additional testing with assistive technologies is planned to help assess the effectiveness of these improvements.

Accessibility support and feedback

We are committed to supporting users who experience accessibility difficulties when using the Griffith Institute website.

If you encounter an accessibility barrier, have suggestions for improvement or require information in an alternative format, please contact the Griffith Institute, University of Oxford:

Email: griffith.institute@ames.ox.ac.uk

We aim to acknowledge accessibility enquiries within five working days.

Further information

A detailed technical accessibility assessment, including the identified issues and planned remediation measures, is available upon request.

This statement is based on an accessibility assessment completed on 20 October 2026 by Richard Carpenter, Technical Lead, Humanities IT, University of Oxford.

The University of Oxford is committed to improving the accessibility of its digital resources in accordance with applicable accessibility requirements.