Accessible Tablets - Android and ipads

When we think of assistive technology, we often think of specialised devices that are expensive, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Tablets provide access to a wealth of information and can provide users with access to life-changing applications for communication, vision, and so much more.

Now, most android tablets (Samsung, Huawei, Lenovo, LG etc) and ipads (made by Apple) have built-in assistive technology just like computers do. You can also download specialist apps to improve accessibility; a lot of them for free.

They also provide additional features that computers don't such as portability and touchscreen that can be easier to use than a mouse.

When buying a tablet, you should think about:
- Screen size - what screen size provides the most comfortable viewing for you. Additional magnification features will already be build-in or can be added later.

- Storage capacity - this can impact device speed and how many apps you can download.

- Application support and availability of apps on a given operating system. Most will have access to the 'google play store' or Apple 'apps store' with a wide variety of apps available but lesser known brands may not.

- Availability of assistive technology settings on a given operating system.

We can provide a set-by-step guide to adjusting built-in accessibility features as well as some of the best apps on the market for magnification, screen reading, voiceover etc.