

# **Bury East Township Forum**

**Our Township Plan:**

**2012-15**

**(2013 Update)**

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# Welcome to Bury East Township Plan

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Thank you for taking the time to read the Bury East Township Plan. This document provides details on how we plan to tackle some of the local issues we face as a community.

Over the past months we have held round table discussions at Township Forum meetings where Councillors, Community representatives and other members of the public were present and able to give us their views and share ideas. From this and other statistical information, we have been able to identify our priority areas for the next three years.

This plan outlines how we will continue to make progress towards the vision for our Township to promote better outcomes for the social, health, economic, and environmental well being of people within our community.

Despite the challenging economic climate we continue to strive for improvement, working together with our communities and partner agencies such as the Council, Police and Fire service, health services, faith groups and so on. We have a strong, dedicated, skilled and committed partnership that is working on a range of projects to help us deliver our priorities and improve the quality of life for residents in our community.

Bury Council has a number of key outcomes that underpin its work; delivery of this plan will support these outcomes.

- Reducing poverty and its effects
- Supporting our most vulnerable residents
- Making Bury a better place to live
- One Council, One success together

We would like to thank all our partners and residents for their continued efforts in supporting the Township Forum and the important work it does for the community of Bury East.

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**Chair,**  
**Bury East**  
**Township Forum**

# Who we are and what we do

Bury East Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The Forum meets at local venues such as community centres and schools. These meetings are public meetings and we strongly encourage everyone to come along. Discussions are fed back to Bury Council and its partners for appropriate action.

Bury East Township Forum is a constituted council committee consisting of all the elected members representing our area and a co-opted advisory group of local representatives from the business community, voluntary organisations and community groups. There are up to nine members on each Advisory Group and a place is also reserved for a young person's representative.

The forum empowers our communities, promotes the debate of local issues and brings decision making closer to our residents. It seeks to harness the many strengths and assets we have in place here in Bury East, including local groups, strong community networks, talented young people, charities and voluntary groups, to work through these issues as a strong and committed partnership.

For further information about your Township Forum please visit [Township Forums](#) or contact David Thomas, Township Co-ordinator on 0161 253 7455, or by email at [d.thomas@bury.gov.uk](mailto:d.thomas@bury.gov.uk)



# Some facts about Bury East

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**Demography:** Bury has a population of 185,100. Of these, approximately 34,047 live in Bury East. Of the population of Bury East 57.1% are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion or do not say what religion they are.

**Deprivation:** In terms of measuring deprivation, England is split into small areas called super output areas (LSOA). Each LSOA represents approximately 1500 residents. Deprivation is measured over 7 domains: income, employment, health, disability, education and training, barriers to housing and services, living environment and crime. In England there are 32,482 LSOAs. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOAs. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Many areas of Bury East are consistently in the 20% most deprived super output areas in the country (52.3%). Bury East has 5 LSOA's in the top 10% of most deprived LSOA's in Bury and 4 in the top 10% of most deprived in England. Chesham Fold is in the 1% most deprived nationally.

**Closing the gap:** Deprivation levels are a major concern to us and recent data shows conclusively that Bury East suffers higher than average levels of health inequalities compared with the other Townships in Bury. Inequalities between our neighbourhoods mean poorer health, lower levels of education and skills, higher crime and unemployment for people living in Bury East. Our Township Plan aims to close the gap so that the lives of those in the most deprived areas are improved.

**Our Assets:** Bury East has much to be proud of, it is a popular place to live, it has some beautiful parks and green spaces such as Openshaw Park and active and enthusiastic Friends Groups. The area is diverse and different religions and cultures are celebrated. The area has also seen significant levels of investment in recent times, in particular around the Pimhole area.

We seek to harness the **many** strengths and assets we have in place here in Bury East, including local groups, strong community networks, talented young people, charities, voluntary groups and community buildings, so that together we can work as a strong and committed partnership.

# Together we can achieve more!

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**We can achieve this by working together to achieve a number of key outcomes:**

## **Key Outcomes:**

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

### **Improved Employment Opportunities**

Key Issues identified: 1,247 JSA claimants in Bury East, accounting for 28% of the total claimants in Bury. Chesham Fold is the most deprived LSOA in the borough and is within the 0.5% most deprived in the country with 126 claimants, making up 9.82% of the total number of claimants in the borough.

16-24yr olds make up 34.4% of the 1,247 JSA claimants in Bury East

Current Position: Bury Works established in 2011

### **Improved Health and Wellbeing**

Key Issues identified: Main issues identified focus on Alcohol misuse, in particular hospital admissions related to alcohol. Areas of concern also exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue.

Current Position: Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975). East ward has the highest proportion of ESA claimants in the borough and figures show that 43% of ESA claims are due to mental health issues.

### **Improved Community Safety**

Key Issues identified: In Bury East significant issues exist around alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB), with the main concentration around the Town Centre. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure people.

Current position: Alcohol Prospectus Fund (£1m) announced by government to tackle ASB

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### **Improved Community Cohesion & Integration**

Key Issues identified: In Bury East we have a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions.

Current position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan has now been agreed and published. We have limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Bury East.

### **Educational Attainment/Learning**

New for 2013/14

### **Making a difference**

We will measure our performance as follows:

- We will monitor the action plan which will support delivery of these outcomes (an updated action plan will be shared at each Township Forum meeting)
- Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the above outcomes (presented to our Township Forum)

# Everybody's Involved

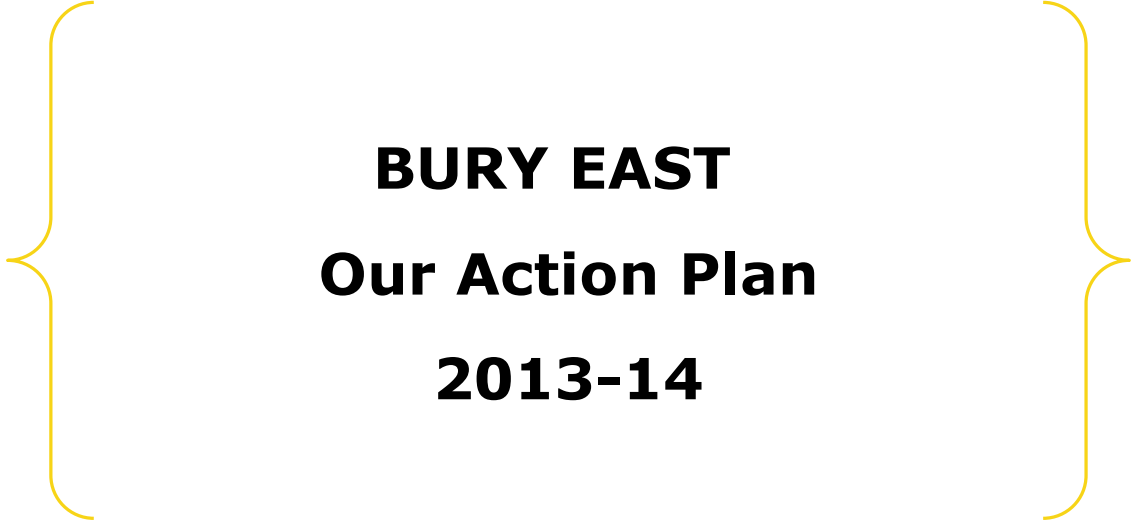
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Our Township Plan has been drawn together in a number of ways. We have used our knowledge of local people's priorities to focus on those issues which matter most to local people.

Key Group	How have they influenced the Township Area Plan?
<b>Residents &amp; Community Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation activities</li> <li>• Township Forums- open forum issues and round table discussions</li> <li>• PACT meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Councillors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct involvement in the development of the objectives for this plan</li> <li>• Consultation activities</li> <li>• Township Forums</li> </ul>
<b>Research and Demographic Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National research and intelligence</li> <li>• Local Health Data</li> <li>• Ward profiles</li> <li>• Intelligence gathering</li> </ul>
<b>Partner Organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police and partner meetings</li> <li>• Six Town Housing (Engagement)</li> <li>• Council departments (Views &amp; Input)</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust/ health authority</li> <li>• Other Partners (Views &amp; Input)</li> </ul>

There will be further opportunities for you to **get involved** and **have your say** on a range of issues. Your views are really important to us so make sure you take part. Please come along to our Township meetings - you will be made very welcome.





**BURY EAST**  
**Our Action Plan**  
**2013-14**

# Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

In June 2013 there were 1,247 job seekers allowance claimants in Bury East, which is a 12% decrease since June 2012.

This figure remains 62% higher than the claimant count in June 2008.

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By When?</b>
<p>Assist those young people in Bury East who face barriers to entering into employment through Connecting Provisions Initiative</p>	<p>Pull together existing and funded provision across the borough into one coordinated activity.</p> <p>Focused activity on those who fall under the Supporting Communities Improving Lives criteria.</p> <p>6 weeks work placements, individuals will be offered a temporary job with training and/or a guaranteed interview should internal apprenticeships arise.</p> <p>At the end of 6 months assistance will be given to move them onto an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>Economic, employment &amp; Skills Lead</p> <p>Bury Employment &amp; Skills Task Group</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Connecting Provision interviews to take place 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013</p> <p>Township Coordinator member of nominated interview panel</p>	<p>September/October 2013</p> <p>Ongoing to 2014</p>
<p>Increase employment availability in Bury East Township</p>	<p>Consultation on Bury Publication Core Strategy</p>	<p>Township Forum Members / Planning Officers</p>	<p>Consultation runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> August – September 13<sup>th</sup> 2013</p>	<p>September 2013</p>

Support actions to help get young people into work	Engage with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as "Backing Young Bury"	Economic, Employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	2 new Apprenticeships agreed on the Pimhole Development within Joinery and Bricklaying.	August 2012 Completed
	Engage with young people in Bury East to promote any related activity	<b>With Support From:</b> Job centre Plus Township Coordinator	Opportunities have been promoted in partnership with various Bury East groups including Pimhole Residents Association.	Ongoing 2013
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities	Groundwork <b>With Support From:</b> B3SDA SAPAS	40 volunteering opportunities to be developed across Bury over the next 12 months.	End of March 2013
			Final numbers for Bury East to be agreed with Groundwork.	November 2013
Get young people/people ready and into work	Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare young people to get into work	Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group <b>With Support From:</b> Bury Works	O2 offering 6 young people 2 weeks work experience at their offices in Radcliffe.  Agreed target of 2 people from the Bury East area  Plan a programme of jobsfairs for 2013/14	August 2012   November 2013
	Recruit young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to attend Prince's Trust programme	Groundwork <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator	Funding secured through Hopwood Hall college  90 young people attending accredited learning	July 2012  September 2012

			<p>programme as a pathway to work in 2012/13 – Number for Bury East to be confirmed with Groundwork</p> <p>Township Coordinator to promote details of the scheme to Bury East Contacts</p>	<p>August 2012 Completed</p>
	<p>Funding bid in partnership with Six Town Housing &amp; Bury Council to deliver accredited construction training for young people NEET as part of Empty Homes project</p>	<p>Groundwork <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Estimated 20 young people NEET through Construction Skills Certificate Scheme over three years commencing 2012/13</p> <p>Approximately 5 NEETS specific to Bury East to be engaged in the scheme</p>	<p>Funding secured. Programme commences in January 2013</p>
<p>Township Forum to support a series of interventions developed by Bury Employment &amp; Skills Task Group</p>	<p>Township Forum to have representation on Bury Employment &amp; Skills Task Group</p>	<p>Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Agreement has been reached for Township Coordinator to attend Bury Employment &amp; Skills Task group.</p> <p>Attend the next meeting of Bury Employment &amp; Skills Task group 26.09.13</p>	<p>September 2012 Completed</p> <p>Ongoing 2013/14</p>

	Township Action Plan to reflect outcomes identified within Bury Employment Plan	Township Coordinator <b>With Support From:</b> Economic, employment & Skills Lead BEAST	Reviewed Bury Employment Plan and ensured correlation with outcomes added to Action Plan 2013-14	September 2013
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## Outcome: Educational Attainment / Learning (New 2013)

A particularly high proportion of the population of Bury East have no qualifications (30%), and a comparatively low proportion are qualified to degree level or above (Level 4 and above).

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Improve information sharing between local community and central organizations re learning needs locally	Community Learning Partnership (CLP) representative to take Bury East issues to CLP meetings	Township Forum members <b>With Support From:</b> Adult learning	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people	April 2014
Mapping of current provision in Bury East	Identify gaps in learning opportunities	Adult learning <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Increase participation in adult learning locally	April 2014
Deliver more learning opportunities in the Bury East community to make learning more accessible	Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities Offer taster courses	Six Town Housing <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Increase in number of learning venues in Bury East communities	April 2014
Ensure Bury East children are school ready Encourage early reading Encourage children to “think big”	Support for parents in most need - Increase family learning Embrace and celebrate gifted and talented children	Children’s Centres <b>With Support From:</b> Schools/ Township forums	See health and Inequalities Action plan  Celebration and publicity of children’s achievements	April 2014

Food sleep lifestyle and exercise all contribute to being fit and ready to learn	Engage women and teenage girls in sport and fitness	Sports Partnership Activity Alliance <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum SAPAS	More women and girls taking part in regular physical activity	By 2014
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# Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

**Key Issues identified:** Main issues identified focus on Alcohol misuse, in particular hospital A&E admissions related to alcohol. Areas of concern also exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness.

**Current Position:** Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975 in 2011/12). East ward has the highest proportion of ESA claimants in the borough and figures show that 43% of ESA claims are due to mental health issues.

ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	BY WHEN?
Consistent reductions in alcohol related A&E admissions of Bury East residents	Develop a programme of sustained activity to reduce the upward trend in alcohol related A&E admissions at Fairfield Hospital	Township Forum <b>With Support From:</b> Series of groups through Alcohol Prospectus funding	£90k funding secured through successful Alcohol Prospectus Scheme bid  Met with colleagues from Public Health to identify baseline data to assist in evidencing outcomes	May 2012 Completed  July 2012 Completed
	Develop participatory budgeting model to enable the community to address issues around alcohol misuse	Township Coordinator <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Partner Agencies	Funding forms and guidance notes e-mailed to contacts & partners  Participatory Budgeting event held on 4 <sup>th</sup> September	June 2013  September 2013
Lack of Physical exercise among young children to	A new initiative to encourage young residents to take up	Groundwork	Event has taken place at St Marie's Primary	Ongoing 2013-



be addressed through schools	regular exercise – Mini-Olympics initiative	<b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	School including activities and games for local families	14 Completed
Up-skill families and help build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within their community	Working directly with community groups and individuals to deliver accredited Paediatric training courses	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Programme accredited and on offer to residents in Hornby Street (3 people completed so far)	Ongoing 2013-14
A growth in participation of 14-25 year olds and across adult population	Deliver activities which engage with Bury East communities and attract more people into regular physical activity	Sports and Physical Activity Service (SAPAS) <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding Community Sports Activation Funding (CSAF) external funding Women and girls Activities	June 2014
Reduce fuel poverty and its affects in Bury East	Promote "ECO Toasty 2013" to enable Bury East residents to access energy efficiency measures	Awardable Warmth Team Referrals to GM energy Advice Service 0800 009 3363 or via <a href="mailto:getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk">getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk</a> <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator RTNM Township Forum	Results at end of financial year re number of measures and savings	April 2014

# Outcome: Improved Community Safety

**Key Issues identified:** In Bury East significant issues exist around alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB), with the main concentration around the Town Centre. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure people.

**Current position:** 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Bury East Alcohol Prospectus Fund (£90k) secured to address alcohol related ASB

<b>Issue – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By when?</b>
Reductions in Alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour	Bury East Alcohol Prospectus Scheme (BEAPS) 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Township co-ordinator <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Partners Bury Council	Second round of bids announced in June 2013	Ongoing for 2 year period
Community Involvement in tackling Alcohol Issues	Participatory budgeting model to be used to develop community led actions in Bury East community	Township Coordinator <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	New round of funding commenced June 2013  Deadline for bids 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2013  PB event Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	June 2013    September 2013

Reduce negative perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Bury East	Develop regular communication of good news stories through Township Forum website and other media	Neighbourhood Policing Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator Communications	Partnership Action Group outcomes promoted at Bury East Township Forum	September 2013
			Discussions needed regarding next steps in developing a communication strategy	Ongoing 2013
Improve Partnership response to community safety issues	Develop a multi-agency partnership group to address community safety issues	GMP Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator	Bury North Partnership Action Group (BNPAG) to be established	August 2013
			Next meeting scheduled and agenda items being collected	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013
			Partners to deliver on actions for September meeting	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013
Identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.		GMP Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator	List of offenders to be reviewed at next BNPAG meeting	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013
Multi Agency Partnership to identify young people who are at risk of offending		GMP <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Various Partners	Partners to forward details of vulnerable young people for next meeting	Ongoing 2013/14

# Outcome: Improved Community Cohesion & Integration

**Key Issues identified:** In Bury East we have a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions. 57% of the population are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion.

**Current position:** The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan is now in place. We have very limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Bury East.

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By When?</b>
Improved understanding between partner agencies and local Mosques	Discussions regarding mentoring project between young people attending Bury East Mosques and GMP/Bury Council Officers	GMP <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator Community Cohesion Officer	Meeting between Township Coordinator and GMP representative scheduled Sept 2013	January 2014
Improved understanding between members of the community and varying faith groups	Explore the potential for a cultural awareness event for the community around Openshaw Park  Develop leaflet based on the Bury Council Welcome Pack outlining community and borough wide services	Community Cohesion Officer <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator ADAB Neighbourhood Police Team Local School Heads	Meeting with Inspector to discuss involvement of Neighbourhood Policing Team  Further meeting needed with ADAB to discuss next steps	August 2012 Completed  September 2012

<p>Improved attendance and involvement from BME community at Township Forums</p>	<p>Formal invitations to be developed to invite faith groups to future Township Forums</p> <p>Meet with leaders of Mosques within Bury East</p>	<p>Township Coordinator</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>ADAB</p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>Communications Team</p>	<p>Formal invitation sent to Bury East Mosques</p> <p>Arrange suitable dates for visits with faith leaders.</p>	<p>May 2013</p> <p>October 2013</p>
<p>Promote pride and belonging within Bury East and encourage community to help shape the Bury East area</p>	<p>Develop a series of thematic groups to manage delivery of key outcomes within Township Plan</p> <p>Promote Made in Bury brand through members of Township Forum</p>	<p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>Community Cohesion Officer</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>Advisory Group Members</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Residents</p>	<p>Initial contact has been made with partners organisations and key Advisory Group members regarding their involvement</p> <p>Meeting scheduled with Community Cohesion Officer to discuss strategy</p>	<p>October 2013</p> <p>Ongoing 2013</p>

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