

Bury East Township Forum

**Our Township Area Plan:
2012-15**

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Welcome to Bury East Local Community Plan

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 had 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 objectives that underpin its work; delivery of this plan will support these objectives.

- 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.

Tan Ahmed
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 1061 253 7455, or by email at d.thomas@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Bury East

Demography: Bury has a population of 183,800. Of these, approximately 33,352 live in Bury East.

Of the population of Bury East 73.7% are Christian, 4.9% are muslim and 10.2% 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 (SOA). Each SOA represents approximately 1500 residents. And 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 SOAs. In the borough of Bury there are 120 SOAs. Each SOA 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 Area 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 and voluntary groups and community buildings, so that together we can work as a strong and committed partnership.

Together we can achieve more!

Bury East Township Forum aims to promote better outcomes for the social, health, economic, and environmental well being of people within our community.

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
- Reductions in Anti-social Behaviour
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Educational Attainment/learning
- Community Cohesion & Integration within Our Communities

Making a difference

We will measure our performance as follows:

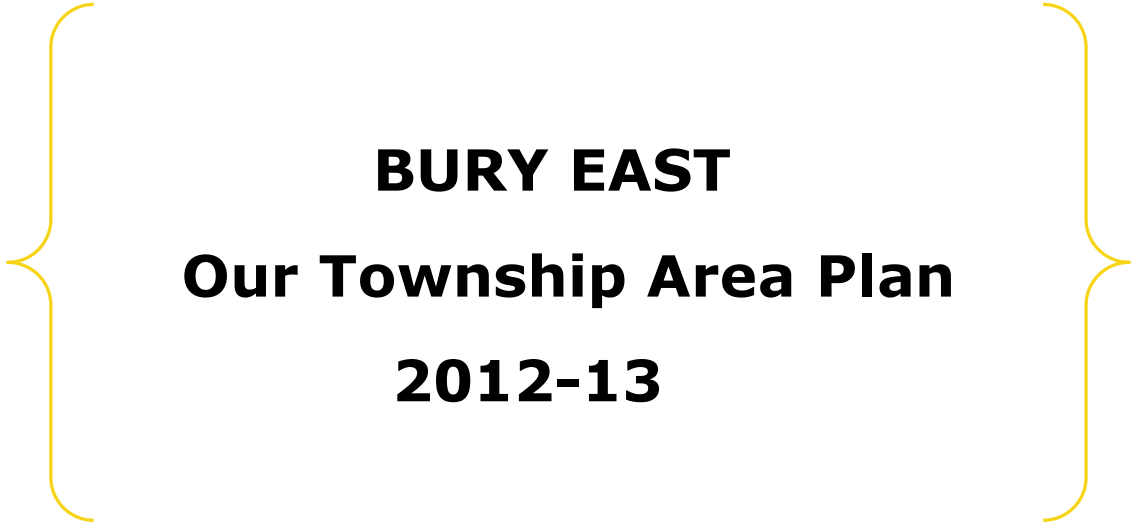
- We will monitor the action plans which support delivery of these outcomes
- Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the above outcomes (presented to our Township Forum)

Everybody's Involved

Our Township Area 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?
Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation activities • Township Forums- open forum issues and round table discussions • PACT meetings
Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct involvement in the development of the objectives for this plan • Consultation activities • Township Forums
Research and Demographic Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National research and intelligence • Local Health Data • Ward profiles • Intelligence gathering
Partner Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and partner meetings • Six town Housing • Council departments • Primary Care Trust/ health authority

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.



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Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: 1,434 JSA claimants in Bury East, accounting for 30.1% of the total claimants in Bury. Chesham Fold is the most deprived 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 32.2% of the 1,434 JSA claimants in Bury East

Current Position: Bury Works established in 2011

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?
Raise Aspirations for 16-24yr within Bury East	Pilot mentoring scheme with local businesses for 16-24yrs to gain knowledge and advice on employment & training	Township Coordinator Strategy & Resources Officer Local Businesses Bury Works	Initial planning meeting scheduled for 20 th July	November 2012
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 Development Team Job centre Plus Township Coordinator		September 2012
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities	Groundwork B3SDA Sports Development	40	End of March 2013

Get young people/people ready and into work	Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work	Job Centre Plus Bury Works		
	Recruit young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to attend Prince's Trust programme	Groundwork	Funding secured though Hopwood Hall college	90 young people attending accredited learning programme as a pathway to work in 2012/13
	Funding bid in partnership with Six Town Housing & Bury Council to deliver accredited construction training for young people NEET as part of Empty Homes project	Groundwork	Funding secured. Programme commences in the second half of 2012	Estimated 20 young people NEET through Construction Skills Certificate Scheme over three years commencing 2012/13- Approximately 5 specific to Bury East
	Subject to funding bid deliver Youth Contract programme (Target 16 to 17 year olds)	Groundwork	Funding secured. Programme commences in August 2012	100 starts for Bury- Approximately 25 specific to Bury East
	Single work Programme contract	Groundwork	5 year funded work programme support commencing in 2012/13	Details to follow shortly

Township Forum to support interventions developed by Bury Council	Township Forum to have representation on Bury employment & skills Task Group	Township Coordinator		

Outcome: Improved Health and wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Main issues identified focus on Alcohol misuse, in particular hospital admission 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 (600). East ward has the highest proportion of ESA/IB claimants in the borough and figures show that 43% of ESA/IB 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 hospital admissions of Bury East residents	Develop a programme of sustained activity to reduce the upward trend	Advisory Group Township Forum Partner Agencies	£90k funding secured through successful Alcohol Prospect Scheme bid	September 2012
	Develop participatory budgeting model to enable the community to address issues around alcohol misuse			July 2012
Understand the links between long term worklessness and mental health issues in Bury East	Re-visit the highlight pilot on worklessness to identify the links between mental health issues and worklessness	Township Co-ordinator Economic Development Township		November 2012
Encourage healthy eating and healthy lifestyles	Development of healthy eating sessions within local Childrens Centres	Extended Services Township Forum		October 2012

Outcome: Educational Attainment/learning

Key Issues identified: In Bury East we have pockets of deprivation where educational attainment is well below the borough and national average. Far fewer children continue into higher education from the moorside ward compared with the rest of the Borough. **Current position:** Chesham Fold is the most deprived area as it is in the top 5% most deprived nationally.

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?
Improve information sharing across all agencies to deal with the most complex families.	Link in with the supporting communities, improving lives agenda. <i>Link up Projects to be agreed.</i>	Bury Council Township Forum		
Ensure children in Bury East are “school ready”	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative	Reaching Families	Material have been delivered to the Children’s Centres	June 2012

Outcome: 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

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?
Reductions in Alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour	Establish a bid to access the government’s new Alcohol Prospectus Fund	Township co-ordinator Township Forum Partners Bury Council	Informed on 1 st May that bid has been successful. £90k over 2 years to support community based projects to address identified issues.	Ongoing for 2 year period
	Develop Participatory Budgeting Model in partnership with Bury East Township Forum	Township Coordinator Township Forum		
Reduce negative perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Bury East	Develop regular communication of good news stories through Township Forum websites	Township Coordinator Neighbourhood Policing Team Communications	Initial Project Management Group meeting taken place.	

Improve Partnership response to community safety issues	Develop a multi-agency partnership group to address community safety issues	GMP Township Forum Various Partners	Bury East Partnership Tasking Group established and meetings scheduled on monthly basis.	Ongoing
	Produce regular reports on progress/results for Township Forum	GMP Township Coordinator		
Develop a series of diversionary projects to engage young residents	Identify hotspots of youth nuisance in Bury East	Partnership Tasking Group Township Forum		
	Project aimed at offering group of Bury East youngsters a series of evening activities and classes at Bury College	ADAB GMP		

Outcome: 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 is currently being reviewed and updated. We have very limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Bury East.

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?
Improved understanding between members of the community and varying faith groups	<p>School twinning project to be developed to encourage children to share perspectives & backgrounds</p> <p>Partnership project group to be established to act as a steering group for twinning initiative</p>	<p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>ADAB</p> <p>Neighbourhood Police Team</p> <p>Local School Heads</p>		
Improved attendance and involvement from community in Township Forum	Formal invitations to be developed to invite faith groups to forum	<p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>Communications Team</p>		
Promote pride and belonging within Bury East and encourage community to help shape the Bury East area	<p>Develop a series of thematic groups to manage delivery of priorities within T.A.P</p> <p>Promote volunteering within parks to assist Rangers</p> <p>Develop a cleanup partnership</p>	<p>Advisory Group Members</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Residents</p> <p>Township Coordinator</p>		

	project targeted at litter hotspots community payback team	Community Payback Team		
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