

Bury East Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

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Welcome to Bury East Township 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 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.

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 0161 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 (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: 1,434 JSA claimants in Bury East, accounting for 30.1% 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 32.2% of the 1,434 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 admission related to alcohol. Areas of concern also exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness.

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Improved Community Safety

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Making a difference

We will measure our performance as follows:

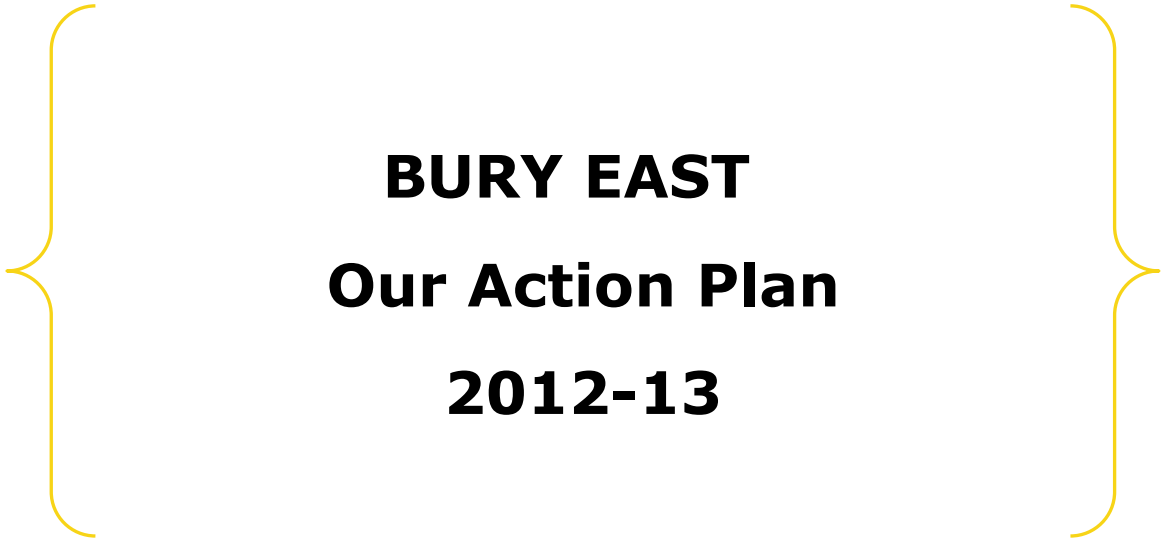
- We will monitor the action plan which will support delivery of these outcomes (an updated action plan will be shared at each Township Forum meeting)
- Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the above outcomes (presented to our Township Forum)

Everybody's Involved

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?
Residents & Community Groups	<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 (Engagement) • Council departments (Views & Input) • Primary Care Trust/ health authority • Other Partners (Views & Input)

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
2012-13

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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 With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group Local Businesses	Initial planning meeting held between Township coordinator and Strategy & Resources Officer to decide which local businesses will need to be engaged. Contact to be made with O2 and Tetrosyl regarding the scheme.	July 2012 Completed 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" Engage with young people in	Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group With Support	2 new Apprenticeships agreed on the Pimhole Development within Joinery and Bricklaying. Opportunities have been promoted in partnership	August 2012 Completed August 2012

	Bury East to promote any related activity	From: Job centre Plus Township Coordinator	with various Bury East groups including PRAG and Pimhole Residents Association.	Completed
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities	Groundwork With Support From: B3SDA SAPAS	40 volunteering opportunities to be developed across Bury over the next 12 months. Final numbers for Bury East to be agreed with Groundwork.	End of March 2013 November 2012
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 With Support From: 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 2012/13	August 2012 November 2012
	Recruit young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to attend Prince's Trust programme	Groundwork With Support From: Township Coordinator	Funding secured through Hopwood Hall college 90 young people attending accredited learning programme as a pathway to work in 2012/13 – Number for Bury East to be confirmed with Groundwork Township Coordinator to	July 2012 September 2012 August 2012

		promote details of the scheme to Bury East Contacts	Completed
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 With Support From: Township Coordinator	Estimated 20 young people NEET through Construction Skills Certificate Scheme over three years commencing 2012/13 Approximately 5 NEETS specific to Bury East to be engaged in the scheme	Funding secured. Programme commences in January 2013
Deliver Youth Contract programme (Target 16 to 17 year olds)	Groundwork With Support From: Township Coordinator	Funding secured. Programme commences in August 2012 100 starts for Bury- Approximately 25 specific to Bury East	July 2012 Completed August 2012 Completed September 2012
Single Work Programme contract - delivering the Work Programme within Seetec's supply chain (Tier 1 & 2). Mandatory jobs for medium to long term unemployed	Groundwork With Support From: Township Coordinator	5 year funded work programme support commencing in 2012/13 Details to be agreed with Groundwork	November 2012

	residents			
Township Forum to support a series of interventions developed by Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	Township Forum to have representation on Bury employment & skills Task Group	Township Coordinator	<p>Agreement has been reached for Township Coordinator to attend Bury Employment & Skills Task group.</p> <p>Attend the next meeting of Bury Employment & Skills Task group</p>	<p>September 2012 Completed</p> <p>Monday 17th September</p>
	Township Plan to reflect outcomes identified within Bury Employment Plan	<p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Economic, employment & Skills Lead</p> <p>Bury Employment & Skills Task Group</p>	Reviewed Bury Employment Plan and ensured correlation with outcomes contained within Township Area Plan	September 2012 Completed

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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 With Support From: 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 With Support From: Township Forum Partner Agencies	Funding forms and guidance notes e-mailed to contacts & partners Participatory Budgeting event booked to be held on Thursday 6 th September	August 2012 Completed September 2012
Lack of Physical exercise among young children to be	A new initiative to encourage young residents to take up regular exercise – Mini-Olympics	Groundwork With Support From:	Event has taken place at St Marie’s Primary School including activities and	July/August 2012

addressed through schools	initiative	Township Forum	games for local families	29 th July 2012 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)	Programme accredited and on offer to residents in Hornby Street (3 people completed so far)	Ongoing 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 With Support From: Economic Development Public Health Team	Contact has been made with the public health team regarding an initial meeting.	November 2012
Encourage healthy eating and healthy lifestyles	Development of healthy eating sessions within local Childrens Centres	Extended Services With Support From: Township Forum	Meeting scheduled with Extended Services to discuss involvement of Bury East CC's	October 2012

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Reductions in Alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour	Establish a bid to access the government's new Alcohol Prospectus Fund	Township co-ordinator With Support From: 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 Alcohol Prospectus programme with Bury East Township Forum	Township Coordinator With Support From: Township Forum	PB event booked for Thursday 6 th September 2012. First round of project evaluation to assess success	September 2012 January 2012

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 With Support From: Township Coordinator Communications	Discussions planned for the next Partnership Tasking Group regarding next steps in developing a communication strategy	November 2012
Improve Partnership response to community safety issues	Develop a multi-agency partnership group to address community safety issues	GMP With Support From: Township Forum Various Partners	Bury East Partnership Tasking Group established and meetings scheduled on monthly basis. Next meeting scheduled and agenda items being collected	August 2012 Completed November 2012
	Produce regular reports on progress/results for Township Forum	GMP With Support From: Township Coordinator	Updates given at June & July meetings of the Township Forum. Update on ASB issues to be provided at next Bury East Township Forum Meeting	June/July 2012 September 2012
Engage with young people to address issues of youth nuisance	Develop a series of diversionary projects to engage young residents	Partnership Tasking Group	Partners have identified hotspots within Bury East and are working on various initiatives to tackle issues around Heywood Street and Spring Street. Programme of Activity to be agreed at the next Partnership Tasking Group	September 2012 November 2012

	<p>Project aimed at offering group of Bury East youngsters a series of evening activities and classes at Bury College</p>	<p>ADAB With Support From: GMP Township Forum</p>	<p>Discussion held around accessing Small Grants Fund.</p> <p>Ideas include Caged Football and some entry level classes through Bury College</p>	<p>August 2012 Completed</p> <p>November 2012</p>
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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>Explore the potential for a cultural awareness event for the community around Openshaw Park</p> <p>Explore the possibility of</p>	<p>Community Cohesion Officer</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>ADAB</p> <p>Neighbourhood Police Team</p> <p>Local School Heads</p> <p>Community Cohesion Officer</p> <p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>ADAB</p>	<p>Initial planning meeting with ADAB to discuss how to engage schools and which schools would be most appropriate</p> <p>E-mail to be sent out to key stakeholders to request input and attendance</p> <p>Meeting with Inspector to discuss involvement of Neighbourhood Policing Team</p> <p>Further meeting needed with ADAB to discuss next steps</p> <p>Further meeting needed</p>	<p>August 2012 Completed</p> <p>September 2012</p> <p>September 2012</p> <p>September 2012</p> <p>September 2012</p>

	<p>having Street Champions.</p> <p>Develop leaflet based on the Bury Council Welcome Pack outlining community and borough wide services</p>	Township Forum	<p>with ADAB to discuss next steps</p> <p>Further meeting needed with ADAB to discuss next steps</p>	September 2012
Improved attendance and involvement from BME community at Township Forums	<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>With Support From:</p> <p>ADAB</p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>Communications Team</p>	<p>Formal invitation currently being designed.</p> <p>Arrange suitable dates for visits with faith leaders.</p>	<p>September 2012</p> <p>November 2012</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 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>With Support From:</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>November 2012</p> <p>September 2012</p>

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