

Bury West Township Forum

Our Township Area Plan:
2012-15

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Welcome to Bury West Local Community Plan

Thank you for taking the time to read the Bury West 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 West.

Cllr Michael Hankey
**Chair,
Bury West
Township Forum**

Who we are and what we do

Bury West Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The forum meets at local venues such as community centre's, churches 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 West 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 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 West, 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 Christine Maksymowski, Township Co-ordinator on 061 253 7941, or by email at c.maksymowski@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Bury West

Demography: Bury has a population of 183,800. Of these, approximately 21,158 live in Bury West. Bury West has an older population profile than Bury overall, with fewer under 35 year olds. Bury West has the 3rd highest life expectancy for women (82.1 years) of all the Bury Townships and the 2nd lowest life expectancy for men at 76.9 years.

Deprivation: In terms of measuring deprivation, England is split into small areas called lower 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 LSOA. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOA. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Daisyfield is the most deprived LSOA in Bury West. It is within the 25% most deprived in the country overall. Chantlers is the least deprived LSOA in the township, which is within the 15% least deprived LSAO in the country.

Closing the gap: Bury West is generally seen as an affluent area; however, there are clearly pockets of deprivation and inequalities, which adversely affect the life chances of many people who live in them. These inequalities between our neighbourhoods mean poorer health, lower levels of education and skills, higher crime and unemployment for people living in these areas. The area plan aims to close the gap so that the lives of those in the most deprived areas are improved.

Our Assets: Bury West is a popular place to live, it has some beautiful parks and green spaces including Burrs County Park and Activity Centre, with active and enthusiastic friends groups to ensure that these spaces are well maintained. There are active Tenants and Residents Associations and Allotment Society that are well represented on the Township Forum.

Together we can achieve more!

Bury West 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
- Community Safety
- Health and Wellbeing
- Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities

Making a difference

We will measure our performance as follows:

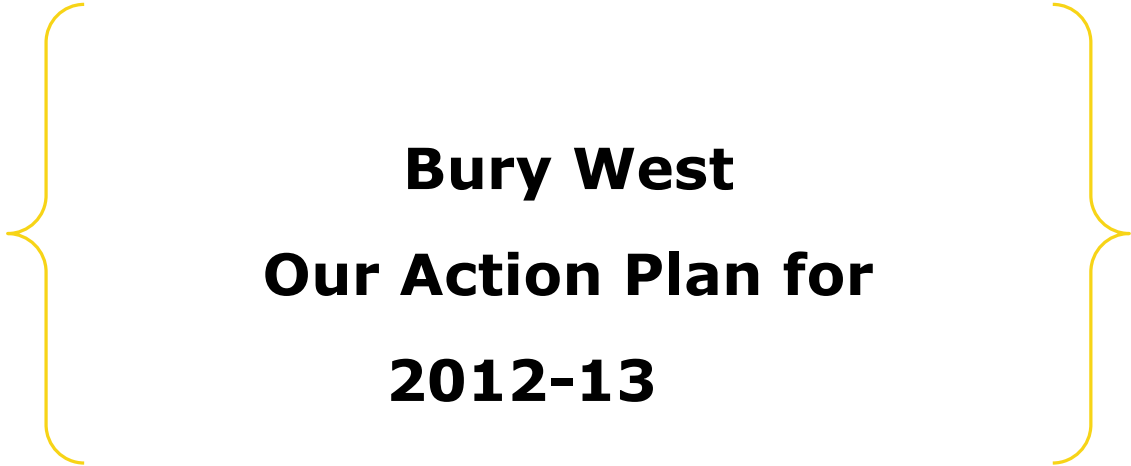
- We will monitor the action plans which support delivery of these outcomes (updated action plans will be shared at each meeting)
- Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the above outcomes (presented to our Township Forum)

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.



**Bury West
Our Action Plan for
2012-13**

Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: How to help reduce the number of benefit claimants, the need for more apprenticeships and pathways to work and the lack of employment opportunities locally, especially for young people.

Current Position: November 2011 there were 409 claimants in Bury West which is 8.8% of the total of claimants in Bury. Bury West 31.5% of total claimants are aged 16 – 24, Church Ward 39.3% of claimants are aged 16 – 24 the highest in the borough.

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?
Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Bury West	Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the Bury West area	Bury Council Bury Businesses Training Providers Bury Connexions Job Centre Plus Councillors Members of the Township Forum Township Co-ordinator		
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities	Groundwork B3SDA Sports Development		

Outcome: Crime/Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Youths Involved in Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

Current Position: Youth Anti Social Behaviour is an issue in some areas of Bury West

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?
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.	To look at the possibility of setting up a youth club at the Elton Centre to deliver weekly sessions to help to reduce ASB	Churches Together/ ROC Centre / Police/ Volunteers/Councillors Township Co-ordinator		On Hold
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention Multi Agency Partnership working to identify young people who are at risk of offending	To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	Sgt Oakley/Inspector Williams Youth Services/Education Township Co-ordinator		Sept 2012
More school visits target 13-16	Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Police School & Partner Agencies Community Safety Team	Preliminary Meeting held 29/05/12	October 2012

Outcome: Health and Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Work across the Children’s Centre broad agenda to support Children and Families

Current Position: Bury West has the 3rd highest level of obesity in Reception Year and the 3rd lowest level in Year 6 pupils. About 1 in 11 (9%) of Reception Year Children are classified as obese. Almost 1 in 7 (15%) of Year 6 children are classified as obese

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?
Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families		Children’s Centre Leads		Ongoing

Outcome: Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities

Key Issues identified: The need to ensure that children are school ready.

Current Position: Nursery School Children are well below the expected standards and have poor communication skills

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?
Ensure children 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
Libraries are still important but need investment in more modern practices where distance learning via the internet must be a priority in terms of service users by provision of relevant material and equipment of hardware / software.	To be approved by Township Forum Put forward by Ian Pilling			Ongoing

Outcome: Housing/Environment/Living Conditions/Public Transport

Key Issues identified: **Need to decide as a group what the achievable priority is for this area**

Current Position:

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?
To address traffic issues on the roads in Bury West	Re – establishment of the Highways Sub Group	Councillors Township Co-ordinator Advisory Group Democratic Services	Discussion to be held at the Township Forum Meeting on 30 th May 2012 regarding re establishing the sub group 1 st Meeting to be held on	July 2012

Outcome: Community Cohesion Community Pride and Belonging

Key Issues identified: To promote the positive side of Bury West. To make more use of the parks and open spaces.

Current Position:

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?
Instil pride and responsibility in the Bury West area to address issues such as litter, graffiti and fly tipping	Identify and reporting of litter and grot spots Work with community payback team Report to the Township Forum	Advisory Group Members Councillors Residents Township Co – ordinator Community Payback Team		