

# **Bury West Township Forum**

**Our Township Plan:  
2012-15**

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# Welcome to Bury West Township Plan

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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 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 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 centres, 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 persons' 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](mailto:c.maksymowski@bury.gov.uk)

# Some facts about Bury West

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**Demography:** Bury has a population of 185,100. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> highest life expectancy for women (82.1 years) of all the Bury Townships and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 LSOA 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 Township Plan aims to help 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 an Allotment Society that are well represented on the Township Forum.

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## **Together we can achieve more!**

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### **Key Outcomes:**

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

#### **Improved employment opportunities**

Key Issues identified: How to help reduce the number of benefit claimants, how to increase the number of apprenticeships and pathways to work and how to create further employment locally, especially for young people.

Current Position: May 2012 there were 404 claimants in Bury West which is 8.8% of the total of claimants in Bury. 31.5% of total claimants are aged 16 – 24, in Church Ward 39.3% of claimants are aged 16 – 24 which is the highest in the borough.

#### **Improved Community Safety**

Key Issues identified: Some young people involved in Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

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

#### **Improved Health and Wellbeing**

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

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#### **Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities**

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

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

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## **Improved road safety and public transport**

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Current Position: Residents have raised concerns about the volume and speed of cars on Bury West roads and inconsistency in bus services.

## **Improved 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: Some residents have raised concerns about the lack of events taking place in Bury West.

**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 plans will be shared at each Township Forum meeting)
- Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the above outcomes (presented

# Everybody's Involved

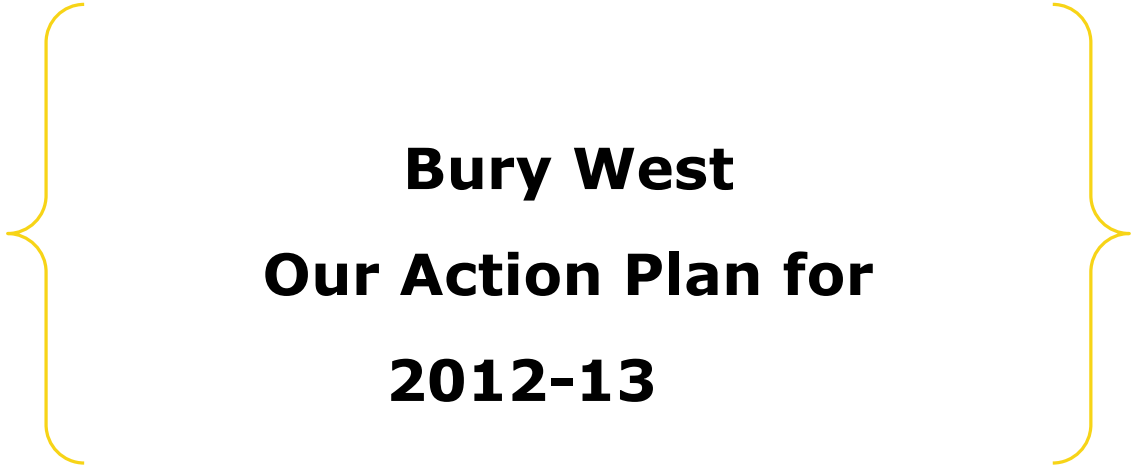
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Our Township Area Plan has been drawn together in a number of ways. We have used our knowledge of local people's priorities to focus on those issues which matter most to local people.

Key Group	How have they influenced the Township Plan?
<b>Residents and 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 outcomes 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</li> <li>• Council departments</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust/ Health Authority</li> <li>• Other parties views and 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.



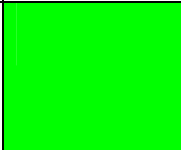
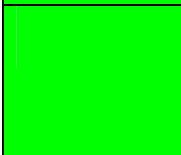

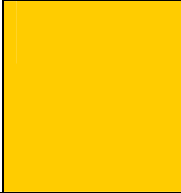



**Bury West  
Our Action Plan for  
2012-13**

# Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

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Increase number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Bury West	Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme	Economic Development Team	TF Co-ordinator informed TF members of forthcoming Apprenticeships fair	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	   
	Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the Bury West area with their permission	<b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Bury Businesses Training Providers Bury Connexions Job Centre Plus Councillors Members of the Township Forum	Apprenticeships fair held at Elizabethan Suite	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	
	Bury West young peoples names to be submitted for consideration for the scheme	October 2012	Confirm number of young people from Bury West accepted on the Backing Young Bury Apprentice Scheme	March 2013	
	40 Volunteering opportunities to be developed over the next 12 months	March 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> Township Co-ordinator	40 Volunteering opportunities to be developed over the next 12 months	March 2013	

		B3SDA Sports Development	Numbers for Bury West to be agreed with Groundwork		
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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	ROC Centre <b>With Support From:</b> Churches Together Police Volunteers Councillors Township Co-ordinator	Funding forms and draft constitution emailed  Joint partnership formed between St Stephens & Bolton Road Churches to move the project forward  The youth centre to be up and running by end January 2013	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2012  July 2012  31 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Green Green Yellow
	To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	Police Inspector <b>With Support From:</b> Youth Services Education Township Co-ordinator	Decision to be taken on the next steps	September 2012	Red
	More school visits with pupils aged 13-16 via Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Police <b>With Support From:</b> School & Partner Agencies	Preliminary Meeting held Be Safe Be Cool Completed	29/05/12  October 2012	Green

		Community Safety Team Township Co - ordinator			
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Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families	Agree action plan with Children’s Centre lead	Children’s Centre Leads <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Township Co-ordinator is a member of the Advisory Group and Management Group  Meetings to be arranged with CC Leads  Action Plan Agreed	January 2012 Completed  October 2012  March 2013	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families – reducing obesity	To look at the possibility of delivering a series of gym sessions at Christchurch Ainsworth and St Stephens	Children’s Centre Leads <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum Sports and Physical Activities Service (SPAS)	Gym sessions to commence at St Stephen’s School on 8th February 2013 for 5 weeks  TF Co-Ordinator to obtain update via the Management Group Meetings	March 2013	<div style="background-color: #FFD700; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>

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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 and distributed. <b>Completed</b>	June 2012	
Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents	Explore access to learning resources available in the library  Contact Brandlesholme Library	Local Councillor <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Meeting to take place with the library	November 2012	

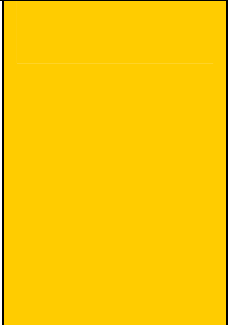
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To address traffic issues on the roads in Bury West	Re – establishment of the Highways Sub Group	Chair of the Highways sub group <b>With Support From:</b> Councillors Township Co-ordinator Highways Section Police Advisory Group Democratic Services	Discussion to be held at the Township Forum Meeting on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 regarding re establishing the sub group. <b>Note</b> It was agreed to resurrect the group Cllr Walker was nominated as chair and Cllr Southworth said she would like to join the group. 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting to be arranged in July 2012 Cllr Walker to give an update from the first meeting at the Bury West TF meeting in July Next Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	July 2012 then ongoing throughout the year 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 Completed 16/07/12 Completed	



<p>To address the issues of the availability and frequency of bus services within Bury West</p>	<p>Raise concerns with the bus companies about the infrequency of bus services in Bury West</p>	<p>Chair of Township Forum  <b>With Support From:</b>  Councillors  Township Co-ordinator  Advisory Group</p>	<p>Invite First Buses to attend the township Forum meeting in September 2012  Invitation issued 10/7 and 27/07/12 agreed to attend</p>	<p>September 2012 then ongoing</p>	
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Promote 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	All members of the Township Forum Advisory Group Members Councillors Residents Township Co – ordinator Community Payback Team	Milestones to be agreed	September 2012	

<p>Land adjacent to Woodbank cricket club reported as overgrown.</p>	<p>Contact Community Payback (CP)</p>	<p>Township Co - ordinator</p>	<p>Site meeting arranged May 2012. CP agreed to clear the footpath and pruned the bushes at the side of Woodbank Cricket Club Area accessible again to members of the public  Ongoing project throughout the year</p>	<p>May 2012  20/21 July 2012  Completed</p>	
<p>Forces and Forties Extravaganza Promoting Bury West by holding a 3 day charity event on Burrs Country Park. The event will raise the profile of Bury West and raise money for the Mayor's Charity</p>	<p>To promote the positives of Bury West</p>	<p>Events By Us <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum Advisory Group PCT</p>	<p>Event date  Township Co – ordinator met with Tony Todd on  Funding forms and draft constitution emailed  Township Co – ordinator invited PCT to attend the event to promote cancer awareness.  TF Co-ordinator designed a poster for the event.  Events By Us gave a verbal presentation at the Bury West TF meeting.</p>	<p>25/26/27 August 2012  3/7/12, 24/7/12, 25/7/12, 9/8/12, 14/8/12  24/07/12  04/07/12  09/07/12  16/07/12  Completed</p>	

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