

# Radcliffe Township Forum

Our Township Area Plan:  
2012-15

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# Welcome to Radcliffe Local Community Plan

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Thank you for taking the time to read the Radcliffe 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 Radcliffe.

Colin Jones  
**Chair,  
Radcliffe  
Township Forum**

# Who we are and what we do

Radcliffe 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.

Radcliffe 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 Radcliffe, 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 Radcliffe

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**Demography:** Bury has a population of 183,800. Of these, approximately 29,660 live in Whitefield and Unsworth.

Of the population of Whitefield and Unsworth, 69% are Christian. 11.6% are Jewish and 16.5% 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.

Whitefield and Unsworth has 3 super output areas in the top 10% for England. 2 of these are concentrated in Besses ward and one in Unsworth (bordering the Besses Ward). Conversely, Stand and Outwood are within the 15% least deprived SOAs in the country.

**Closing the gap:** Although Whitefield and Unsworth is generally seen as an affluent area, 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:** Whitefield and Unsworth has much to be proud of, it is a popular place to live, it has some beautiful parks and green spaces, and active and enthusiastic friends groups to ensure that these spaces are well maintained. The area is diverse and the interfaith group in Whitefield celebrates the different religions and cultures. Whitefield business group is a very active group, encouraging new businesses and helping existing ones to thrive. The business group actively promotes and leads on local events such as the Halloween festival. There are also thriving sports clubs, uniformed organizations, and active Tenants and residents groups that are well represented on the township forum, so all in all there is a lot to be celebrated in this area.

# Together we can achieve more!

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Radcliffe 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

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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 Area Plan?
<b>Residents</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</li><li>• Council departments</li><li>• Primary Care Trust/ Health Authority</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.



**RADCLIFFE**  
**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 1036 claimants in Radcliffe which is 22.4% of the total of claimants in Bury

Radcliffe South has the highest number of youth claimants (120) and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the Borough

Radcliffe as a Township accounts for 22.5% of the total youth claimants in Bury.

<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>
Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Radcliffe	Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme  Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the Radcliffe 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		
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 Radcliffe Works		

	<p>Recruit young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to attend Prince's Trust programmes in Radcliffe area</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</p> <p>Groundwork</p>	<p>Funding secured though Hopwood Hall college</p> <p>Announcement of funding bid in April 2012</p>	<p>90 young people attending accredited learning programme as a pathway to work in 2012/13</p> <p>Estimated 20 young people NEET through Construction Skills Certificate Scheme over three years commencing 2012/13</p>
	<p>Subject to funding bid deliver Youth Contract programme</p>	<p>Groundwork</p>	<p>Part of recently announced government initiative</p>	<p>Outputs to be agreed subject to funding announcement</p>
	<p>Single work Programme contract</p>	<p>Groundwork</p>	<p>5 year funded work programme support commencing in 2012/13</p>	<p>TBC</p>

# Outcome: Crime/Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Youths Involved in Anti Social Behaviour (ASB). Community Concerns Regarding Drug Use and Acquisitive Crime, Crime Prevention the need to make Radcliffe Safer

Current Position: Youth Anti Social Behaviour is an issue in some areas of Radcliffe; Drug related acquisitive crime is on the increase

<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>
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.	Continued Work with St Andrew’s Church, Police and ROC Centre to deliver weekly sessions to help to reduce ASB  Friday Night Football Scheme  Ainsworth Football Scheme	Churches Together/ ROC Centre / Police/ Volunteers  Township Co-ordinator to report progress  Radcliffe Police  Gordon Hartley Advisory Group Member & Ainsworth Community Association Hon Sec/PC Lupson	The Formal Launch took Place on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2012. The ROC Café runs every Thursday from 6.30pm to 9pm and offers a range of activities.  Scheme now up and running 120 youths registered  PC Lupson looking into the possibility of expanding to Ainsworth or car share scheme from Ainsworth	Ongoing  Ongoing  September 2012
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention  Multi Agency Partnership	Regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	PC Lupson/ Inspector Williams  Youth Services/Education	Pre meeting held 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2012 to discuss format of the partnership meetings.	Meetings to be in place by April 2012

working to identify young people who are at risk of offending	Report to Township forums re actions and successes with partner work.	Township Co-ordinator	1 <sup>st</sup> full meeting held 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2012. 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 3 <sup>rd</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Ongoing
To reduce the number of drug related (acquisitive) crimes in Radcliffe		Police Campaign	Details to be confirmed	
Radcliffe Specific Campaign Making Radcliffe Safer (MRS) To inform the residents on how to stay safe, target hardening, door step crime and safety of Young People	Multi Agency Drive to Make Radcliffe Safer. Awareness Raising/Leafleting – informing and providing advice to residents on how to stay safe,	Police/Trading Standards/Housing Associations/Schools/ Township Co-ordinator Township Forum Members Councillors		Summer 2012
Streets of Community Spirit team working with targeted neighbourhoods to set up Neighbourhood, Homewatch or similar schemes  Increased attendance at PACT meetings	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team)  As above	Groundwork  Groundwork		25 residents recruited to schemes  8 new residents attend PACT meetings

# Outcome: Health and Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: The need to improve the Health and Wellbeing of Radcliffe Residents and work across the Children's Centre broad agenda to support Children and Families

Current Position: Radcliffe has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest level of obesity in Reception Year and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest level in Year 6 pupils. About 1 in 14 (7%) of Reception Year Children are classified as obese. Almost 1 in 6 (18%) of Year 6 children are classified as obese

<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>
Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families		Children's Centre Leads		
Delivery of accredited Pediatric training courses	Working directly with community groups and individuals	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team)	Programme accredited and on offer	1 in Radcliffe area
Families involved with health related activities	As above	As above	Several different activities under development	20 families involved
Set up Guardian Angel and shopping service programme to support vulnerable people	As above	As above	Recruiting to programme	2 services set up

## Outcome: Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities

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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

<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>
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

# Outcome: Housing/Environment/Living Conditions/Public Transport

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

**Priorities highlighted - OUTWOOD FOREST**

**BINS/RECYCLING**

**LINK FROM AINSWORTH TO TOTTINGTON**

Current Position:

<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>
Public Transport Link from Ainsworth to Tottington Health Centre	Continued discussions with Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM)	Gordon Hartley Hon Sec Ainsworth Community Association/ BRIF Transport for Greater Manchester Township Co-ordinator	Issues has been raised at the Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF) meeting with TFGM	

# Outcome: Community Cohesion Community Pride and Belonging

Key Issues identified: To promote the positive side of Radcliffe. To make more use of the parks and open spaces. The need to improve Community Engagement and Town Centre Regeneration

Current Position:

<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>A range of Positive Activities taking place in Radcliffe</p> <p>Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination</p> <p>Emphasise the Positives of Radcliffe</p>	<p>Active promotion of activities and groups</p> <p>Invite groups to the Township Forum</p> <p>Notify Communications Team of events</p> <p>Maintain and update the Radcliffe Contacts database to increase communication</p>	<p>All members of the Township Forum</p> <p>Chair/Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>		
<p>Young people involved in social action</p> <p>Improvement to community space</p> <p>Young people contributing to the community outside of their family/Social activity</p> <p>Young people 14 to 19years</p>	<p>Working with community groups and individuals</p>	<p>Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team)</p>	<p>Mini Olympics planned</p> <p>Weekly street activities on community space-Planned for summer months</p>	<p>2 in Radcliffe</p> <p>TBA</p>



contributing to community activities Community clean ups			Annual clean ups	4 clean ups
Support for Parks Groups/ protection of parks and conservation areas	Increase membership and participation in parks forums- encourage young people's involvement  Advertise events taking place in the parks  Report to Township Forum on progress	Friends of parks groups Radcliffe Ranger	Close Park Event Be-fit- tastic 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Close Park	Cancelled due to adverse weather
Town Centre Regeneration The Portas Review Town Team Bid	Work together to develop and submit a bid for Radcliffe Town Centre as part of the Portas Pilot Scheme  Obtain letters of support from Advisory Group and Township Forum members  Create a short video of the area as part of the submission	Ruth Shedwick Steven Lever Paul Allen Township Co- ordinator Radcliffe Business Group Township Forum Members Compiled by Lauren Warwick	Preliminary meetings held 20/02/12 & 27/02/12  Radcliffe vision meeting to be held on 06/03/12 5.30pm Radcliffe Civic Hall  Bid meetings 13/3/12, 20/3/2012 and 22/3/12	Bid has to be submitted by 30/03/12  Bid and video submitted by the deadline of 30/03/12  Winners announced on 26/05/12 Radcliffe unsuccessful in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase