

Radcliffe Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

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Welcome to Radcliffe Township Plan

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 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

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 venues 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

Some facts about Radcliffe

Demography: Bury has a population of 185,100. Of these, approximately 33,183 live in Radcliffe. Radcliffe has a high proportion of the total population 23,800 (71.7%) who are of working age, well above the borough average of 63.9%. Jobseeker Allowance Claimants (JSA) in Radcliffe account for 20% of the total claimants in the borough.

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.

Within Radcliffe there are 7 out of the 20 LSOAs in the 25% most deprived in the country. Radcliffe Borough FC/Coronation Road is the most deprived LSAO in Radcliffe. It is within the 5% most deprived in the country overall. There is polarity within the township and deprivation is spatially concentrated around the centre of Radcliffe. Bradley Fold LSOA is within the 20% least deprived LSOA in the country.

Closing the gap: Radcliffe has some affluent areas but also pockets of deprivation and high levels of unemployment leading to 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: Radcliffe has some beautiful parks and green spaces including Close Park and Outwood Forrest with active and enthusiastic friends groups to ensure that these spaces are well maintained. Radcliffe participates in Radcliffe in Bloom and last year was awarded a gold medal. It has a newly built health centre servicing the whole of Bury. There are active Tenants and Residents Association and Voluntary Organisations that are well represented on the Township Forum.

Together we can achieve more!

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

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Radcliffe West has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants (140) and is the 3rd highest in the Borough. Radcliffe as a Township accounts for 22.5% of the total youth claimants in Bury.

Improve 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

Improved Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

Key Issues identified: To help improve the health and wellbeing of Radcliffe residents and work across the Children's Centre broad agenda to support children and families.

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Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities

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Community Pride and Belonging

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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 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?
Residents and 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 outcomes 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 • Other parties views and 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.



RADCLIFFE
Our Action Plan for
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?
Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Radcliffe	<p>Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme</p> <p>Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the Radcliffe area with their agreement</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Bury Businesses</p> <p>Training Providers</p> <p>Bury Connexions</p> <p>Job Centre Plus</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Members of the Township Forum</p>	<p>TF Co-ordinator informed TF members of forthcoming Apprenticeships fair</p> <p>Apprenticeships fair held at Elizabethan Suite</p> <p>Radcliffe young peoples names to be submitted for consideration for the scheme</p> <p>Confirm number of young people from Radcliffe accepted on the Backing Young Bury Apprentice Scheme</p>	<p>29th May 2012</p> <p>13th June 2012</p> <p>October 2012</p> <p>Date from Tracey</p>
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities	<p>Groundwork</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>B3SDA</p> <p>Sports Development</p> <p>Communities Team</p>	Radcliffe area number to be increased by 40	End March 2013

<p>Support young people into work</p>	<p>Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work.</p> <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 & Bury Council to deliver accredited construction training for young people NEET as part of Empty Homes project</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Connections Township Co -ordinator</p> <p>Groundwork Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Groundwork With Support From: Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>O2 offering 6 young people 2 weeks work experience at their office in Radcliffe. Target of 2 for Radcliffe</p> <p>Funding secured through Hopwood Hall College</p> <p>90 young people attending accredited learning programme as a pathway to work in 2012/13</p> <p>TF Co - ordinator to help promote the scheme via the contacts database</p> <p>TF Co -ordinator emailed details of the scheme to Radcliffe Contacts 25/07/2012</p> <p>Estimated 20 young people NEET through Construction Skills Certificate Scheme over three years commencing 2012/13</p> <p>Approx 5 specific to Radcliffe</p>	<p>September 2012</p> <p>Scheme commences in Radcliffe on 3rd September 2012</p> <p>Funding secured Programme commences 2nd part of the year</p>
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	Subject to funding bid deliver Youth Contract programme (Target 16 to 17 year olds)	Groundwork Township Co-ordinator	Funding secured programme starts in August 2012. 100 starts for Bury Approximately 25 specific to Radcliffe	August 2012
	Single Work Programme – delivering the Work Programme within Seetec’s supply chain (Tier 1 & 2). Mandatory jobs for medium to long term unemployed	Groundwork	5 Year funded work programme commencing in 2012/13. Approximately 150 referrals for Radcliffe.	Details to follow

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Reduce Anti Social Behaviour through Early Intervention and Prevention.	<p>Continued Work with St Andrew’s Church, Police and ROC Centre to deliver weekly sessions to help to reduce ASB Details of sessions below</p> <p>Friday Night Football Scheme</p> <p>Ainsworth Football Scheme</p>	<p>ROC Centre With Support From: Churches Together Police Volunteers Township Co-ordinator to report progress</p> <p>Radcliffe Police</p> <p>Police With Support From: Advisory Group Member & Ainsworth Community Association Hon Sec</p>	<p>The formal launch took Place</p> <p>The ROC Café runs every Thursday from 6.30pm to 9pm and offers a range of activities.</p> <p>Scheme established 120 youths registered</p> <p>Police looking into the possibility of expanding to Ainsworth or car share scheme from Ainsworth</p>	<p>2nd February 2012. Completed</p> <p>Continuous throughout the year</p> <p>January 2012 Continuous throughout the year</p> <p>September 2012</p>

	Ainsworth Mini ROC Cafe	Police With Support From: ROC Centre Churches Together Volunteers Township Co-ordinator	Explore the possibilities of setting up a mini ROC Café in Ainsworth	March 2013
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention	Regular partnership meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders. Report to Township forums reactions and successes with partner work.	Police With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Youth Services/Education	Pre meeting held to discuss format of the partnership meetings. Meeting to be in place by end April 2012	16 th April 2012 Completed 1 st full meeting held 18 th April 2012. Completed Ongoing throughout the year
To reduce the number of drug related (acquisitive) crimes in Radcliffe	Police initiative to be developed	Police With Support From: Township Forum	Details to be confirmed	ongoing
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	Agree multi agency drive to make Radcliffe safer. Awareness Raising/Leafletting – informing and providing advice to residents on how to stay safe,	Police With Support From: Township Co-ordinator/Trading Standards/Housing Associations/Schools Township Forum Members Councillors	Meeting held with Police Inspector to agree the way forward Themed days to be arranged at the ROC Centre in Radcliffe Certificated Domestic Violence training to be arranged Safe plating and property marking days to be set up	24 th July 2012 Completed Autumn 2012 Autumn 2012 Autumn 2012

<p>Build capacity in Radcliffe to tackle local crime issues</p>	<p>Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit) Streets of Community Spirit team working with targeted neighbourhoods to set up Neighbourhood, Homewatch or similar schemes Increased attendance at PACT meetings</p>	<p>Groundwork With Support From: Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Encourage residents to take part in the scheme and attend the PACT meetings 25 residents recruited to schemes 8 new residents attend PACT meetings</p>	<p>June 2012 then ongoing March 2013 March 2013</p>
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Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families	Agree action plan with Children's Centre lead	Children's Centre Leads With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Meetings to be arranged with CC Leads Action Plan Agreed	October 2012 December 2012
<p>Up-skill families and help build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within their communities</p> <p>To encourage more families to get active and take part in health related activities</p> <p>Set up Guardian Angel and shopping service programme to support vulnerable people</p>	<p>Working directly with community groups and individuals to deliver accredited Paediatric training courses</p> <p>Families involved with health related activities</p> <p>Help residents who have suffered an illness to take part in 'neighbourhood shopping days' as part of their recovery</p>	<p>Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team)</p> <p>With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum</p>	<p>Programme accredited and on offer 1 in Radcliffe area</p> <p>Several different activities under development 20 families involved</p> <p>Recruiting to programme 2 services set up</p>	<p>July 2012 then</p> <p>March 2013</p> <p>July 2012 Completed</p>

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Ensure children are “school ready”	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age via Book Start Initiative	Reaching Families	Material have been delivered to the Children’s Centres	June 2012 Completed

Outcome: Improved Public Transport Links

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Public Transport Link from Ainsworth to Tottington Health Centre	Continued discussions with Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM)	Hon Secretary Ainsworth Community Association/ BRIF With Support From: Transport for Greater Manchester Township Co-ordinator	Issues to be raised at the Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF) meeting with TFGM Future Meetings planned	29 th March 2012 September 2012 then ongoing throughout the year

Outcome: Community Pride and Belonging

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Promote Radcliffe as a positive place to live, work and visit	<p>A range of Positive Activities taking place in Radcliffe</p> <p>Active promotion of activities and groups</p> <p>Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination. Invite groups to the Township Forum</p> <p>Emphasise the Positives of Radcliffe by notifying the 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>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Advisory Group members to give an update at the Township Forum Meetings highlighting what they have been doing</p> <p>Inform Communications team of events taking place in Radcliffe</p> <p>Collect contact details and add to the database</p>	<p>September 2012 and ongoing throughout the year</p> <p>March 2013</p> <p>March 2013</p>
Greater engagement and positive activities for young people	<p>Young people involved in social action</p> <p>Improvement to community space</p>	<p>Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team)</p> <p>With Support</p>	<p>Mini Olympics planned 2 in Radcliffe</p>	<p>July/August 2012</p> <p>Completed</p>

	<p>Young people contributing to the community outside of their family/Social activity</p> <p>Young people 14 to 19years contributing to community activities</p>	<p>From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Weekly street activities on community space-Planned for summer months</p>	<p>March 2013</p>
<p>Encourage residents to take pride in their neighbourhood</p>	<p>Working with community groups and individuals to</p>		<p>Community clean ups</p> <p>Annual clean ups to take place across Radcliffe</p> <p>4 clean ups</p>	<p>March 2013</p>
<p>Support for Parks Groups/ protection of parks and conservation areas</p>	<p>Increase membership and participation in parks forums-encourage young people's involvement</p> <p>Advertise events taking place in the parks</p> <p>Report to Township Forum on progress</p>	<p>Friends of parks groups</p> <p>Radcliffe Ranger</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Close Park Event Be-fit-tastic</p>	<p>29th April 2012</p> <p>Cancelled due to adverse weather</p>
<p>Town Centre Regeneration</p>	<p>The Portas Review Town Team Bid</p> <p>Work together to develop and submit a bid for Radcliffe Town Centre as part of the Portas Pilot Scheme</p> <p>Obtain letters of support from Advisory Group and Township Forum members</p> <p>Create a short video of the area as part of the submission</p>	<p>Bury Council Planning</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Steven Lever</p> <p>Paul Allen</p> <p>Radcliffe Business Group</p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>Compiled by Lauren Warwick</p>	<p>Preliminary meetings to be held</p> <p>Radcliffe vision meeting to be held at Radcliffe Civic Hall</p> <p>Bid meetings to be held</p> <p>Bid and video submitted by the deadline of 30/03/12</p> <p>Winners announced on</p>	<p>20/02/12 & 27/02/12</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>06/03/12</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>13/03/12, 20/03/2012 and 22/03/12</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Bid submitted 30/03/12</p> <p>Completed</p>

			<p>26/05/12 Radcliffe unsuccessful in the 1st Phase. Revised bid meeting held</p> <p>Re-submitting for 2nd Phase Revised bid and updated video submitted by 30th June 2012</p> <p>Winners announced 25/07/12 Radcliffe unsuccessful in 2nd phase.</p>	<p>12th June 2012 Completed</p> <p>30th June 2012 Completed</p>
Town Centre Regeneration	Further develop Town Centre Team and agree next steps	Bury Council Planning	Update to be obtained from planning	September 2012

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