

# **Radcliffe Township Action Plan**

**2012-13:**

**Performance Report**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Radcliffe Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Radcliffe Township Action Plan for 2012-13. The information provided has been gathered from a number of qualitative and quantitative sources including Bury Insight, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Area Profile Data and various local community intelligences.

1.2 There are currently 6 key thematic priorities contained within the Radcliffe Township Action Plan for 2012/13:

- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Improved Community Safety
- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities
- Improved Public Transport Links
- Improved Community Pride and Belonging

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery.

1.3 Where possible both quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Township Forum on each theme.

1.4 The detail of this performance report can be viewed on the Township Forum web pages at [www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums](http://www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums). If you require copies of the report please contact Christine Maksymowski on 0161 253 7941.

## IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- To raise Aspirations for 16-24yr within Bury West
- Support actions to help get young people into work
- Get young people/people ready and into work
- Increase number of Volunteering Opportunities

#### What We Did

- Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as "Backing Young Bury"
- Developed a multi-agency approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities

#### Successes to Date

- Approx 11 young people from Radcliffe have been supported into employment in partnership with Backing Young Bury.
- Apprenticeship Fair held at the Elizabethan Suite
- Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships
- 20 young people have completed Princes Trust programmes in Radcliffe
- 13 volunteering opportunities developed in conjunction with Groundwork

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued support of "Backing Young Bury" programme
- Promote Job Club and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work

<b>IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive work to establish the youth club at the ROC Centre</li> <li>• Establish Friday night football scheme</li> <li>• Set up Partnership meetings to identify and deal with potential offenders</li> <li>• Make Radcliffe Safer (MRS) campaign</li> <li>• Streets of Community Spirit - Build Capacity in Radcliffe to tackle crime issues</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported the ROC centre to set up the youth club</li> <li>• Worked with police inspector and partners to set up joint partnership meetings</li> <li>• Joint partnership work with the police to set up the MRS campaign</li> <li>• Developed a multi-agency approach to raise awareness of Streets of Community Spirit</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 2012 ROC youth club</li> <li>• Football scheme established Jan 2012, 120 youths now registered</li> <li>• Joint partnership meetings commenced 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012</li> <li>• Safe plating and property marking days set up</li> <li>• Mobile police unit located monthly on Metrolink car park Oct to Dec 2012</li> <li>• 25 residents recruited to the Streets of Community Spirits Scheme</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support with the ROC Youth club at the ROC centre</li> <li>• Re-establish partnership meetings under the new area policing arrangements</li> <li>• Continue with the MRS campaign</li> <li>• Feasibility of mini ROC in Ainsworth</li> </ul>

<b>IMPROVED HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint working with Children’s Centres</li> <li>• To develop a partnership approach to up-skilling families and helping to build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within Radcliffe communities</li> <li>• To encourage more families to get active and take part in health related activities</li> <li>• To set up and support a Guardian Angel and shopping services</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visits to Children’s Centres to establish links</li> <li>• Worked directly with community groups and individuals to deliver accredited paediatric training courses</li> <li>• Supported the set up of the Guardian Angel scheme and neighbourhood shopping scheme</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Groups for the Radcliffe Children’s Centres Cluster</li> <li>• 1 accredited paediatric training course delivered</li> <li>• 28 families signed up and taking part in health related activities</li> <li>• 2 neighbourhood shopping schemes set up in July 2012</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work with the Children’s Centres to tackle health inequalities</li> <li>• Work to reduce obesity levels in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Get Radcliffe active</li> <li>• Promote healthy eating across Radcliffe</li> </ul>

<b>IMPROVED EDUCATION ATTAINMENT/LEARNING</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure children in Radcliffe are 'school ready' by supporting parents and encouraging reading from an early age</li> <li>• Promote learning opportunities for Radcliffe Residents and Businesses</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent out book start information to people registered on the TF database</li> <li>• Contacted TF Councillors and Advisory Group members to ask for a volunteer to represent Radcliffe on the Community Learning Partnership</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading materials have been distributed to the identified families in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Community Learning Partnership has been set up with Bury Adult Learning to develop a range of learning opportunities across the borough. Radcliffe Advisory Group member is a representative on the partnership</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work to ensure that the children living in Radcliffe are 'school ready'</li> <li>• Continued support of the Community Learning Partnership</li> </ul>

IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT LINKS	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To look at the lack of transport links from Ainsworth to the Tottington Health Centre</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Township Forum Advisory Group representative raised the issue with Transport for Greater Manchester via the Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF)</li> <li>Streetsafe (SS) initiative presented to the TF Forum</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing work with Transport for Greater Manchester but not much progress being made at the moment</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor public transport issues</li> <li>Work with Highways to identify areas for the SS initiative</li> </ul>

<b>IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE and BELONGING</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active promotion of activities and groups in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Maintain and update the Radcliffe contact database</li> <li>• To encourage residents to take pride in their area</li> <li>• To encourage more young people to take part in community activities</li> <li>• To actively support the Radcliffe Portas Pilot bid</li> <li>• Support Radcliffe Empty Properties initiative</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information shared with all members on the TF database</li> <li>• Advisory Group members update now a standard agenda item</li> <li>• 220 contacts currently on the Radcliffe database</li> <li>• Developed a multi-agency approach to encourage residents to take part in clean ups</li> <li>• Encouraged young people to get involved in community</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Group Members actively involved in the Township forum.</li> <li>• All events have been shared with the Communication Team and members of the Township Forum</li> <li>• 15% increase in the number of contacts on the database</li> <li>• Streets of Community Spirit have organised 4 clean ups across Radcliffe</li> <li>• 2 mini Olympics held in Radcliffe during summer 2012</li> <li>• TF members actively involved with the Portas Bids, unsuccessful but awarded £10,000.</li> <li>• Radcliffe Town Team status achieved</li> <li>• Empty property pilot embedded in the Township Area Plan</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous promotion of the Radcliffe area</li> <li>• Further increase numbers on the database</li> </ul>



activities

- Members of the TF worked on both the Portas Bids
- Empty Properties Pilot presented to the Township Forum

- Continuous support of the Radcliffe Town Team
- Continuous support of the empty properties pilot

## Summary of Township Forum in 2012-13

### Area Plan

Over the past year, Radcliffe Township Forum produced a Township Plan, to identify priorities where, by working together with local councillors, community representatives, residents, local groups, and partner agencies, they can make a difference to improve life for all residents. The Township Plan includes an annual action plan that has been reported on at Township Forum meetings. This action plan includes the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year which contribute towards delivery of the over arching local priorities agreed by the Township Forum.

The Township Plans was developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both Councillors and Advisory Group members. 'Round table' discussions were held to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. This will be repeated for 2013-14

### Attendance

Radcliffe Township Forum figures for attendance are below.

<b>Radcliffe</b>	<b>Nov 2011</b>	<b>Jan/Feb 2012</b>	<b>March 2012</b>	<b>May 2012</b>	<b>July 2012</b>	<b>Sept 2012</b>	<b>Nov 2012</b>	<b>Jan 2013</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Average</b>
	15	20	15	6	7	9	7	15	2	11

## **Advisory Group involvement:**

Each Township Forum appoints Advisory Group members to contribute and speak on relevant issues. They help to improve the range of knowledge and expertise on the Township Forum and provide an inclusive approach to improving the outcomes for each area. In particular, they champion or lead projects within Township Plans.

## **Presentations / Consultation with Township forums**

The value of the Township Forums is recognised in major public consultation exercises. During 2012/13 this has included:

- Plan for Change
- Council Budget
- Presentations on major changes to health services in the borough (Clinical Commissioning Groups and Health and Wellbeing Board)
- Council Tax Support Scheme
- Welfare Reform
- Recycling and waste management updates
- Streetsafe – proposed introduction of 20mph zones

## **Community Fund**

The Council continues to allocate £1,000 per ward each year to support the work of voluntary and community groups. Individual grants to the 'ward fund' are available for a maximum of £250. Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £13,000 is available for 'cross-ward' applications from third sector organisations, with a maximum individual grant of £750. Small grants funds are also available for grants of up to £12,000.