

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

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Welcome to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Local

Thank you for taking the time to read the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor.

Cllr Dorothy Gunther
Chair,
Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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.

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor, 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 David Thomas, Township Co-ordinator on 061 253 7455, or by email at d.thomas@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

Demography: Bury has a population of 183,800. Of these, approximately 31,462 live in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor. Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor has an older population profile than Bury overall, with fewer 20-35 year olds. Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor has the 2nd highest life expectancy for women (82.2 years) of all the Bury Townships and the highest life expectancy for men at 81 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's. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOA's. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Shuttleworth is the most deprived LSOA in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor, it is within the 35% most deprived in the country overall. Holcombe Road/Greenmount LSOA is in the 1% least deprived in the country, which demonstrates the polarity that exists within the Township.

Closing the gap: Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor is generally seen as an affluent area. Despite this perception there are pockets of deprivation which adversely affect the life chances of many people who live in these parts of the township. 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: Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor is a popular place to live, it has some beautiful parks and green spaces such as Holcombe Moor, with active and enthusiastic friends groups to ensure that these spaces are well maintained. There are active Tenants and Residents Associations that are well represented on the Township Forum.

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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:

Together we can achieve more!

Key Outcomes:

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: Increasing trend in number of benefit claimants. Particular issues exist around young people struggling to find employment. The need to develop more apprenticeships and pathways to work.

Current Position: In July 2012 there were 416 claimants in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor which is 8.52% of the total claimants in Bury. 30.2% of total JSA claimants in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor are aged 16 – 24.

Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

Current Position: Youth Anti Social Behaviour is an ongoing issue in Town Centres

Rural & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified: Bury Rural Inequalities Forum have identified a key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages. Greater Manchester has been allocated £990,000 intervention funding for designated areas (basic broadband below 2mbps).

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Improved Health & Wellbeing

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Improved Community Cohesion & Integration

Key Issues identified: A need for promotion of integration & Cohesion within our communities. The need to encourage involvement from faith groups in the Township Forum/Advisory Group

Current Position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion plan is currently being reviewed and updated. We have very limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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 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.

**Ramsbottom, Tottington &
North Manor
Our Action Plan
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?
An increase in number of apprenticeships for Young People In Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Develop links between local businesses and the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme	Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Ramsbottom Business Group	Apprenticeships fair held at Elizabethan Suite Friday 13 th June 2012.	Ongoing
	Township Forum Advisory Group to promote the scheme to their respective groups and put forward details of young people interested in the scheme	Township Co-ordinator With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group Ramsbottom Business Group	The event was promoted at the RTNM Township Forum 30 th May 2012 and Advisory Group members agreed to promote opportunities at their respective groups	Ongoing

Raise Aspirations among 16-24yr olds within our Township	Pilot mentoring scheme with local businesses for 16-24yrs to gain knowledge and advice on employment & training	Township Co-ordinator Strategy & Resources Officer With Support From: Ramsbottom Business Group Economic, employment & Skills Lead	Initial planning meeting to be held between Township Coordinator and Strategy & Resources Officer. Decisions to be made on how to promote ideas to Ramsbottom Business Group	August 2012
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and of volunteering opportunities	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum SAPAS	40 volunteering opportunities to be developed over the next 12 months. Final numbers for Bury East to be agreed with Groundwork.	March 2013
Get young people work ready	Recruit young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to attend Prince's Trust programmes in RTNM area	Groundwork With Support From: Township Coordinator	Funding secured though Hopwood Hall college 90 young people attending accredited learning programme as a pathway to work in 2012/13 – Number for RTNM to be confirmed with Groundwork Township Coordinator to promote details of the scheme to RTNM Contacts	July 2012 September 2012 August 2012 Completed

	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	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Estimated 20 young people NEET through Construction Skills Certificate Scheme over three years commencing 2012/13 Final Numbers for RTNM to be confirmed with Groundwork	Funding secured. Programme commences in the second half of 2012
	Deliver Youth Contract programme (Target 16 to 17 year olds)	Groundwork With Support From: Township Coordinator	Funding secured. Programme commences in August 2012 100 starts for Bury – Final	July 2012 August 2012 August/September 2012

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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.	Insp Williams (GMP) With Support From: Township Coordinator	Initial discussions with Insp Bryn Williams Issue is to be discussed at the September Township Forum.	July 2012 Completed September 2012
Increased perceptions of Crime & ASB amongst local residents	Use PACT meetings to address concerns and promote success stories	PCSO's With Support From: Councillors Township Co-ordinator	Discussed with RTNM PCSO's and agreed that specific issues around perception of crime will be addressed at the next PACT meeting	Ongoing 2012
	Promotion of positive news stories and trends in local ASB through Bury council Communications team	Township Coordinator With Support From: Communications Team	Meeting arranged with Communications Team to discuss strategy.	September 2012
Raise awareness of ASB amongst school aged children	Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Police	Preliminary Meeting to discuss project planning	May 2012

(13-16)		With Support From: School & Partner Agencies Community Safety Team	phase Next Steps to be agreed	Completed September 2012
Build capacity within RTNM communities to tackle local crime issues	Streets of Community Spirit (SOCS) team working with targeted neighbourhoods to set up Neighbourhood Homewatch or similar schemes	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Project is currently operating in Fir Street and surrounding streets Set up a Guardian Angel and shopping service programme to support vulnerable people, residents taking part in 'neighbourhood shopping days'.	Ongoing 2012 September 2012

Outcome: Rural Issues & Outlying Areas

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Limited access to High Speed Broadband (HSBB) amongst rural villages	Support the residents of Affetside to access BDUK funding	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	Draft letter to ascertain if the GM procurement process will only intervene where residents access speeds below 2mbps	September 2012
Identify which funding streams BRIF will access for the Affetside project	Clarify the criteria for the BDUK funding process	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Township Coordinator Economic,	Discussions to take place at the next BRIF meeting to decide next steps regarding funding	September 2012

		employment & Skills Lead		
Improve and expand public transport systems	Work with 'The Local Link' to look at potential new routes throughout outlying areas & Villages	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Transport for Greater Manchester Township Forum	Current issues have been raised around fare confusion to Transport for Greater Manchester. TFGM representative has addressed this issue by visiting the HQ and instructing carefully; including making sure there is a notice of single/return fares posted in their office.	August 2012

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Lack of Physical exercise among young children to be addressed through schools	A new initiative to encourage young residents to take up regular exercise – Mini-Olympics initiative	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Event to take place at Fern St Park in Ramsbottom, which includes activities and games for local families	July 2012 Completed
Up-skill families and help build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within their community	Working directly with community groups and individuals to deliver accredited Paediatric training courses	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Forum	Programme accredited and on offer 2 People from RTNM have undertaken training Target of 5 more residents to be trained up	Ongoing 2012 July 2012 Completed September/November 2012
	New offering of non-accredited First Aid sessions to years 5/6 in local schools	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team)	Complete delivery to Years 5/6 at Peel Brow School (Fir Street)	July 2012 Ongoing 2012/13

		With Support From: Township Forum		
Set up Guardian Angel and shopping service programme to support vulnerable people	Help residents who have suffered illness to take part in 'neighbourhood shopping days' as part of their recovery	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Forum	Currently recruiting to programme	September 2012
Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families	Various Services to be delivered through Children's Centre	Children's Centre Leads With Support From: Township Forum	To be agreed with Childrens Centre Managers	Ongoing 2012

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Improved understanding between members of the community and varying faith groups	School twinning project to be developed to encourage children to share perspectives & backgrounds	Community Cohesion Officer With Support From: Township Coordinator ADAB Neighbourhood Police Team Local School Heads	Initial planning meeting with ADAB to discuss how to engage schools and which schools would be most appropriate Meeting with Inspector to discuss involvement of Neighbourhood Policing Team	August 2012 September 2012
	Partnership project group to be established to act as a steering group for twinning initiative	Township Forum Community Cohesion Officer	Key Stakeholders to be contacted with requests for input and attendance for planning meeting	September 2012

Improved attendance and involvement from community in Township Forum	Formal invitations to be developed to invite 3 rd sector organizations & faith groups to forum	Township Coordinator With Support From: ADAB Township Forum Members Communications Team	Formal invitation currently being designed in partnership with ADAB.	September 2012
Promote pride and belonging within RTNM and encourage community to help shape the RTNM area	Develop a series of thematic groups to manage delivery of priorities within T.A.P	Township Coordinator	Initial contact has been made with partners organisations and key Advisory Group members regarding their involvement Next steps and groups to be established	September 2012 October 2012
	Promote volunteering within parks to assist Rangers	Ranger Service With Support From: Township Forum	Targets to be agreed with Caragh Teague.	Ongoing 2012
Foster cohesion within targeted hotspots	Streets of Community Spirit team working with targeted neighbourhoods/streets to set up community groups and joint interest groups	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Mini-Olympic events taking place throughout July & August to bring community together Activity to be introduced around Homewatch	July/August 2012 October 2012

			initiative to engage residents in establishing their own groups.	
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