

# Bury West Township Forum

Our Township Plan:  
2015-18

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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 185,060 (2011 Census Data), of these, approximately 21,809 live in Bury West. Bury West has an older population profile than Bury overall, with fewer under 35 year olds. Bury West has the 3rd highest life expectancy for women (82.4 years) and men (80.0 years) of all the Bury Townships.

**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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## **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.

Position at: June 2014 there were 282 claimants in Bury West which is 9.1% of the total of claimants in Bury. 35.5% of claimants are aged 16 – 24; Elton Ward has 60 claimants who are aged 16 – 24 and Church has 40.

### **Improved Community Safety**

Key Issues identified: Some young people involved in Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).  
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### **Improved Health and Wellbeing**

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

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## **Improved 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 plans 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

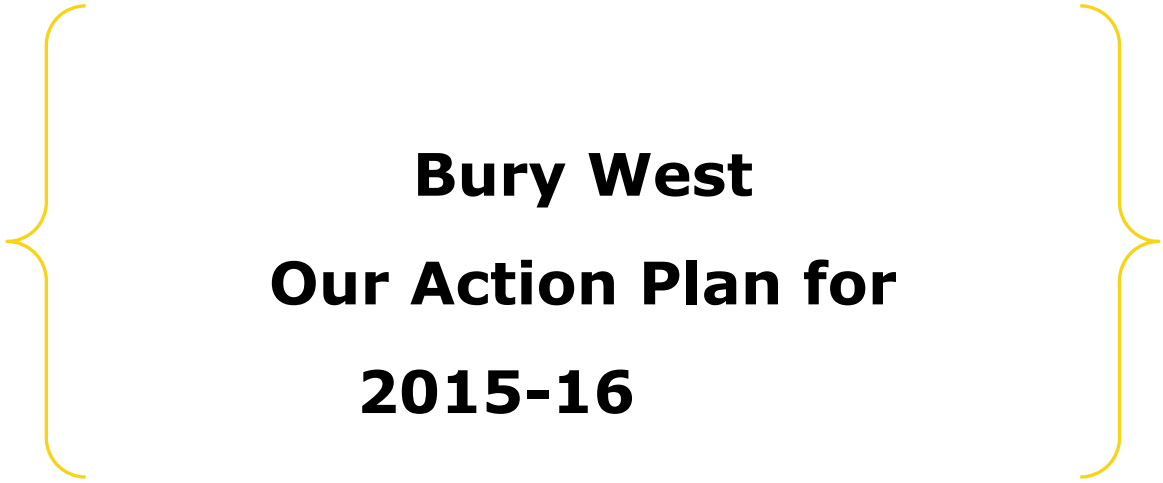
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Our Township Area Plan has been drawn together in a number of ways. We have used our knowledge of local people's priorities to focus on those issues which matter most to local people.

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**  
**2015-16**

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Helping young people in Bury West to get into work	Raise awareness amongst young people of the apprenticeship vacancies available	Bury Connexions <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator	Send out weekly email showing the apprenticeships that are available	June 2015  Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
Support young people into work	Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work.	Bury College <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator	Collected material and emailed to Bury West database contacts  Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Jobs Fair	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015  8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	GREEN

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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  Youth club runs fortnightly on a Thursday evening	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	GREEN
	To look at the possibility of setting up a youth club in Church Ward		Talks underway with Redeeming our Communities (ROC)	July 2012	GREEN
	Weekly Joint Enforcement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.  Report to Township forums re actions and successes with partner work.  Name changed to Joint Engagement Team	Police <b>With Support From:</b> Anti Social Behaviour team  Youth Services/Education  Six Town Housing  Township Co-ordinator	Monthly Partnership Action Group Meetings replaced by weekly JET Meetings July 2014  Township Co-ordinators invited to join the group and attends weekly meetings at the police station	1 <sup>st</sup> full meeting held 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2014.  Attended from 06/08/2014  Ongoing	GREEN
	Completed 17th January 2013	GREEN			
Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER				

	November 2014			throughout the year 2015/16	AMBER
	More school visits with pupils aged 13-16 via Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Police <b>With Support From:</b> School & Partner Agencies Community Safety Team Township Co - ordinator	Preliminary Meeting held  Be Safe Be Cool events	18/06/15	GREEN
				October 2015	AMBER
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.	To look at the possibility of setting up joint PACT (Police and Communities Together) and Township Forum Meetings	Police <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co - ordinator Township Forum Members Members of the public	Discussions held with Police and PCSO's 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2012  1 <sup>st</sup> joint meeting to take place 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2012	Completed  Completed  No more joint PACT meetings due to changes in policing structures.	GREEN
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.	To look at the possibility of setting up Market Place prior to Township Forum Meetings. Inviting Police, Community Organisations and Local Authority Departments	Police Organisations <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co - ordinator Township Forum Members Members of the public	Discussions held with Chief Inspector held 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2015  Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of meeting	Completed	GREEN
				1 <sup>st</sup> Market Place 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015	AMBER

To inform the residents on how to stay safe, target hardening, door step crime and safety of Young People	Awareness Raising/Leafleting – informing and providing advice to residents on how to stay safe,	Police <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co – ordinator Township Forum Members Members of the public	Dark Nights Project Leaflet and distribution of light timers. Increased uniform and covert patrols in Bury West area.	Autumn 2015	AMBER
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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 joint Advisory/Management Group	January 2012 Completed	GREEN
			Meetings to be arranged with CC Leads	September 2015	AMBER
			Action Plan Agreed	November 2015	AMBER

To increase participation in sport and physical activity amongst women and girls aged 14 plus across Bury West	<p>Ensure appropriate activities are delivered in Bury West to engage women and girls</p> <p>Encourage existing sessions to become IWIYW branded incorporate increase awareness and benefits and participants</p> <p>Ensure appropriate activities are delivered in Bury West to engage with women and girls</p>	<p>I Will If You Will team</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Sports and Physical Activity Service (SAPAS)</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Township Forum</p>	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding	June 2014 Completed	GREEN
			I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Bury West via the Children Centre and other venues	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
			Township Co-ordinator is a member of the Bury West IWIYW Locality Group		AMBER
			Fun Day to be held October 2015. Details to be confirmed	October 2015	AMBER
Help promote understanding and awareness Welfare Reform	<p>Support the work of Bury's Welfare Reform Board, including implementation of the Borough's Poverty Strategy.</p> <p>Invite relevant speakers to talk to the township forum on key aspects of the reform agenda</p>	<p>Bury Welfare Reform Board</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Township Forum</p>	Members of the Team attend Welfare Reform Board Meetings	April 2014 Ongoing	GREEN
			Presentation to the TF forum on Welfare Reforms	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	GREEN
				Ongoing 2015	AMBER

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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	Children Centre <b>With Support From:</b> Reaching Families Bury Library Service	Material have been delivered to the Children's Centres and distributed.	June 2012	GREEN
	BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage	Health Visitors Township Co-ordinator / Forum	Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator	March 2016	AMBER

Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents	Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible	Adult Learning <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum members	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people	April 2016	RED
Joint learning for Bury West residents	Look at the feasibility of setting up an IT Intergenerational project with Elton High School	Elton High School <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum members Members of the public	Meeting to be arranged with the Head Teacher of Elton High School to discuss the project	September 2015	RED

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To address traffic issues and repairs on the roads in Bury West	Re – establishment of the Highways Sub Group	<p>Chair of the Highways sub group</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Highways Section</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Advisory Group</p> <p>Democratic Services</p>	<p>Discussion to be held at the Township Forum Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 regarding re establishing the sub group.</p> <p><b>Note</b> It was agreed to resurrect the group</p>	<p>July 2012 then ongoing throughout the year</p>	AMBER
			<p>Cllr Walker was nominated as chair and Cllr Southworth said she would like to join the group.</p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 Completed</p>	GREEN
			<p>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting to be arranged in July 2012</p>	<p>16/07/12 Completed</p>	GREEN
			<p>Cllr Walker to give an update from the first meeting at the Bury West TF meeting in July</p>	<p>Completed</p>	GREEN
			<p>Next Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012</p>	<p>Completed</p>	GREEN
			<p>8<sup>th</sup> January 2013</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> May 2013</p> <p>October 2013</p> <p>February 2014</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> June 2014</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> September 2014</p>		GREEN
<p>January 2015</p> <p>June 2015</p> <p>October 2015</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	AMBER			

<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 The network planner reported that from October bus numbers 472 and 474 would be less frequent in the afternoon to try and improve punctuality First Buses said that an extra 98 bus would be put on the route to ensure buses run to time Monitor bus changes and report issues via the TF Forum and Highways Sub Group</p>	<p>September 2012 then ongoing  October 2012  November 2012  March 2014  Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p>GREEN          AMBER</p>
<p>Speeding traffic in residential areas</p>	<p>Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of</p>	<p>Highways <b>With Support From:</b></p>	<p>Successful implementation of 20mph schemes</p>	<p>2013-15</p>	<p>AMBER</p>

School Parking Issues	Streetsafe 20mph in residential areas	Township Co-ordinator Highways sub group Road Safety Teams	Banners now being displayed outside schools	January 2014	GREEN
	Encourage schools to participate in "Safer School Parking Charters"	Township Forum members	Successful implementation of charters	Ongoing 2015	AMBER

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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	GREEN
Land adjacent to		Township Co -			

Woodbank cricket club reported as overgrown.	Contact Community Payback (CP)	ordinator	<p>Site meeting arranged May 2012.</p> <p>CP agreed to clear the footpath and pruned the bushes at the side of Woodbank Cricket Club</p> <p>Area accessible again to members of the public</p> <p>Ongoing project throughout the year</p>	<p>May 2012</p> <p>20/21 July 2012</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>AMBER</p>
Encourage residents to take pride in their neighbourhood by increasing recycling rates in Bury West	Working with community groups and individuals to take part in the Right Stuff Right Bin Campaign	<p>Recycling Team</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>TRA's</p> <p>Local residents</p>	<p>Increase recycling rates across Bury West to contribute to the 55% target for Bury</p> <p>Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database</p> <p>Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum</p> <p>Road shows to promote recycling</p> <p>Promotion in Schools</p> <p>Promotion of waste collection services with local businesses</p> <p>Specific action in hotspot low performing</p>	<p>March 2015</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> August 2014</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> September 2014</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p>AMBER</p> <p>GREEN</p> <p>GREEN</p> <p>AMBER</p>

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