

Bury West Township Action Plan

2013-14:

Performance Report

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Bury West Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Bury West Township Action Plan for 2013-14. 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 Bury West Township Action Plan for 2013/14:

- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Improved Community Safety
- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities
- Improved Road Safety and Public Transport
- 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. If you require copies of the report please contact Christine Maksymowski on 0161253 7941.

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Increase the number of apprenticeship for young people in Bury West
- Support actions to help get young people into work
- Get young people/people ready and into work

What We Did

- Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as "Backing Young Bury"
- Supported the Backing Young Bury Career and Skills Event
- Daisyfield Children's Centre has set up a job club at their centre. Staff members trained to deliver the job club and provide help with completing application forms, CV writing and interview techniques

Successes to Date

- 3 young people from Bury West have been supported into work in partnership with Backing Young Bury. All 3 secured 6 month paid placements
- Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships
- Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills event held in March 2014. Approx 532 young people attended the event.
- Daisyfield's job club has supported 19 families to date

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

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

IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

What We Promised

- Proactive work to re-establish the youth club at the Elton Centre
- More school visits to address anti social behaviour (ASB)
- To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders
- Invite the police to attend Township Forum Meetings

What We Did

- Chair and Township Co-ordinator attended scoping meetings with Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) regarding setting up the youth Club
- Supported the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Worked with Local Police Inspector and ASB team to establish partnership meeting to address ASB

Project Updates

Successes to Date

- ROC youth club still up and running
- Be Safe Be Cool Initiative delivered in Bury West Schools during October 2013
- TF Co-ordinator attends monthly Bury North Partnership Action Group meetings to discuss individuals causing ASB
- Police regularly attend Township forum meets to give updates on crime trends

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued support with the ROC Youth club at the Elton Centre
- Continue to support the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Continue to attend monthly partnership meetings to address issues of ASB
- Work with Anti Social Behaviour Team on the Safe4Summer scheme targeting young people in Bury West

IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Joint working with Children's Centres
- Reduction in obesity figures for Bury West children
- Promote healthy eating in Bury West area
- Promote 'ECO Toasty 2013' a campaign to reduce fuel poverty and its affects

What We Did

- Regular visits to Children's Centres to maintain good working relationships
- Analysed obesity figures for children living in Bury West. Worked with Sports and Physical Activities Service (SPAS) to see if a mobile gym and healthy eating initiative could be delivered
- Bury West residents informed of the ECO Toasty 2013 campaign via the Bury West database.

Successes to Date

- Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Groups for Daisyfields and Woodbank with Elton Children's Centres
- TF Co-ordinator is a member of Daisyfields Governance Group
- Mobile gym and healthy eating initiative ongoing at St Stephens school
- Weekly fruit and vegetable scheme set up at Daisyfield's and Woodbank with Elton Children's Centre

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work with the Children's Centres
- Monitor obesity levels in Bury West
- Promote healthy eating across Bury West
- Awaiting figures for the 'ECO Toasty 2013' campaign

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

IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY and PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Re establish the Highways Sub Group
- Highlight concerns with the Bury West bus service
- Address traffic issues in Bury West
- Promotion of the Safer School Parking Campaign
- Implementation of the Streetsafe Initiative

What We Did

- Added HSG updates to the Township Forum agenda
- Invited representatives from First Buses to attend a Bury West TF meeting
- Disseminated information on the School Parking Campaign
- Streetsafe initiative presented to the TF Forum

Successes to Date

- Highways Sub Group (HSG) re-established July 2012
- Community representative attends (HSG)
- Regular feedback from (HSG) to TF
- Extra 98 bus put on route to alleviate timing issues from November 2012 ongoing
- 472/474 less frequent in the afternoons to address timing issues
- Red, amber and green advisory banners being displayed outside schools
- Streetsafe 20mph zones implemented across areas of Bury West

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work with Highways team and HSG
- Monitor public transport issues
- Work with Highways to identify further areas for the Streetsafe initiative
- Parents still parking on the zigzag lines outside school in front of the banners

IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE and BELONGING	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote pride and responsibility a round litter, graffiti and fly tipping to promote Bury West as a nice place to live. • Identify and report areas of concern • Promote the positives of Bury West by advertising and supporting events to raise the profile of the areas <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacted and discussed issued raised by TF members with the Community Payback Team • Supported groups wanting to put on events in Bury West • Information shared with all members on the TF database 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Payback Team available to carry out work in the Bury West area as and when required • TF members supported various events across Bury West both by funding and attending • Events have been advertised to all Bury West TF members <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to report areas of concern • Support community groups putting on events • Promotion of the Bury West area • Signposting to funding

Summary of Township Forum in 2013-14

Area Plan

Over the past year, Bury West 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 2014-15

Attendance

Bury West attendance figures are detailed below.

Bury West	June 2013	July 2013	Sept 2013	Nov 2013	Jan 2014	March 2014	Average
	8	6	15	16	8	12	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 2013/14 this has included:

- Plan for Change 3
- Fire Service Operational Training and Community Safety Site
- Bury Core Strategy
- Bury Carer's Centre
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Joint Drug and Alcohol Strategy
- I Will If You Will
- Fostering Team
- Healthier Together
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

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.