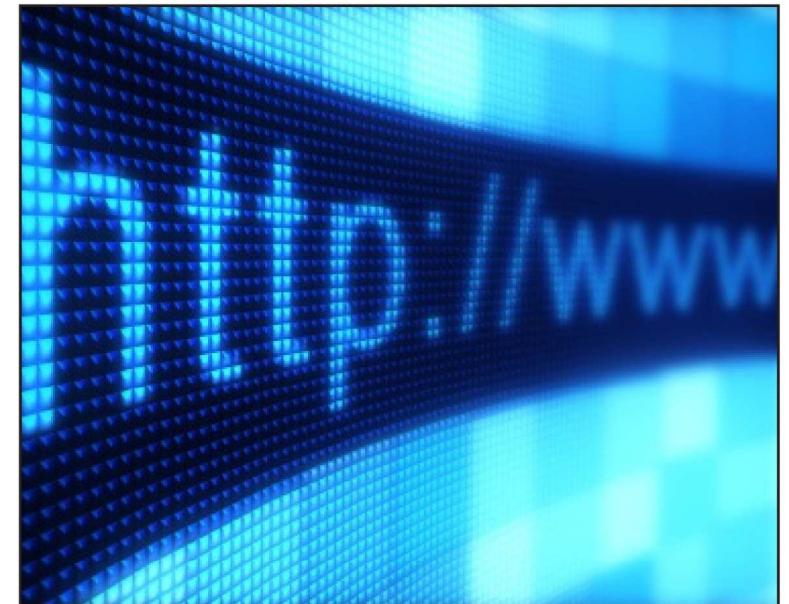


RTNM Town Plan

2012 - 2015



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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 Yvonne Wright
Chair,
Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

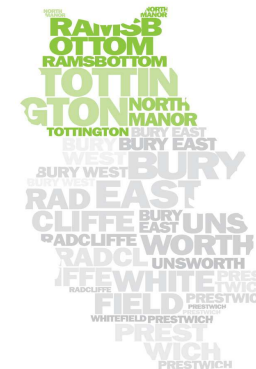
Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The forum meets at local venues such as community centre's, churches and schools. These meetings are public meetings and we strongly encourage everyone to come along. Discussions are fed 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 0161 253 7455, or by email at d.thomas@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor



Demography: Bury has a population of 186,500. Of these, approximately 31,362 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 (82.7 years) of all the Bury Townships and the highest life expectancy for men at 81.1 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. This 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: There is a need to develop more apprenticeships and pathways to work. In particular focus needs to be placed on helping young residents to access training & employment.

Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), concerns that this is linked to drug and alcohol misuse.

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

Rural & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified include: Bury Rural Inequalities Forum have identified a key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages.

Current Position: More publicity needed for the 'Village Link' walking routes.

Improved Health & Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Work across the Children's Centre broad agenda to support children and families. Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards have a mixed picture when compared to the Bury average for child obesity. Tottington Ward has the 9th highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%) and North Manor has the 3rd highest level of obesity in Reception Year at 11%.

Educational Attainment/Learning

Key Issues identified: The need to ensure that children are school ready.

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:

Current Position: Some Nursery School Children are well below the expected standards and have poor communication skills.

Community Pride & Belonging

Key Issues identified: A need for promotion of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor as a vibrant place to live, work and socialise. The need to encourage involvement from faith groups in the Township Forum/Advisory Group

Current Position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion plan for 2013-16 has been published. 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 Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

(Update September 2014)

Outcome: 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 November 2012 there were 415 claimants in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor which is 8.8% of the total claimants in Bury. 32.1% of total JSA claimants in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor are aged 16 – 24

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 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor (RTNM)	<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 RTNM 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>Names of RTNM based young people to be submitted for consideration for the scheme</p> <p>Confirm number of young people from RTNM accepted on the Backing Young Bury Apprentice Scheme</p> <p>Confirm number at the end of March 2015</p>	<p>October 2014 then ongoing</p> <p>End March 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Assist those young people who face barriers to entering into employment through Connecting Provisions Initiative</p>	<p>Pull together existing and funded provision across the borough into one coordinated activity.</p> <p>Focused activity on those who fall under the Supporting Communities Improving Lives criteria.</p> <p>6 weeks work placements, individuals will be offered a temporary job with training and/or a guaranteed interview should internal apprenticeships arise.</p> <p>At the end of 6 months assistance will be given to move them onto an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>Economic, employment & Skills Lead</p> <p>Bury Employment & Skills Task Group</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Connecting Provision on hold until Oct 2014</p>	<p>October 2014</p>
<p>Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities</p>	<p>Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and of volunteering opportunities</p>	<p>Groundwork</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Forum</p> <p>SAPAS</p>	<p>Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor number to be increased by agreed amount.</p> <p>Awaiting a list of area specific projects from Groundwork</p>	<p>End March 2015</p>

<p>Get young RTNM residents work ready and into work</p>	<p>Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work.</p>	<p>Economic Development B.E.A.S.T Group With Support From: Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Hold a Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills Event</p>	<p>2nd December 2014</p>
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Outcome: Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), including the misuse of alcohol.

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

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?
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention	Weekly Joint Enforcement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	Police With Support From: 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	1 st full meeting held 2 nd July 2014. Attended 06/08/2014 ongoing
Address perceptions of crime within RTNM communities – particular focus on elderly and vulnerable residents	Report to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum re actions and successes.	GMP & Township Coordinator	Evidence report and stats to be produced for Township Forum members	Ongoing 2014/15
Raise awareness of ASB/ personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst	BSafe BCool project to be delivered to year 9 pupils in	Neighbourhood Police	Next round of workshops due to commence in mid	October 2014

school age children	RTNM Schools	With support from: Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing	October.	
Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe 20mph in	Highways With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes Banners now being displayed outside schools	2013-2015 ongoing January 2014 and ongoing

Outcome: Improved Educational Attainment/Learning (New 2013)

Key Issues identified: The need to ensure that RTNM children are school ready.

Current Position: Some Nursery School Children are well below the expected standards and have poor communication skills

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?
Ensure children are "school ready"	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage	Children Centre With Support From: Reaching Families Bury Library Service Health Visitors Township Co-ordinator / Forum	Materials have been delivered to the Children's Centres and distributed. Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator	June 2012 September 2014
Promote learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Residents	Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally	Adult Learning With Support From: 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 2014

	<p>Map current provision</p> <p>Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible</p> <p>Community Learning Partnership representative to take RTNM issues to meetings</p> <p>Identify gaps in learning opportunities</p> <p>Offer taster courses</p> <p>Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities</p>		<p>Increase in number of learning venues in communities</p> <p>Increase participation in adult learning locally</p>	<p>April 2014</p>
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Outcome: Rural Issues & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified include: A key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages.

Current Position: More publicity needed for the 'Village Link' walking routes.

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?
Limited access to High Speed Broadband (HSBB) amongst rural villages	Support the residents of rural areas to access HSBB	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	To be agreed.	September 2014
Improve public awareness of Village Link walking routes	Ensure that routes are publicised on Township Forum webpages and through access to social media.	Township Forum With Support From: BRIF Holcombe Society Residents	To be agreed.	September 2014
Review Future Focus of Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Identify new ambitions for 2014-15	BRIF Members With Support From:	Township Coordinator to attend next BRIF meeting	Ongoing 2014/15

		Township Coordinator		
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

Outcome: Community Pride & Belonging in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

Key Issues identified: There is a desire from residents to see Bury East promoted as a vibrant place to work and live. Work required to encourage involvement from faith groups in the Township Forum/Advisory Group

Current Position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan has now been agreed and published. We have very limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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?
Encourage residents to take pride in their neighbourhood by increasing recycling rates in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Working with community groups and individuals to take part in the 'Right Stuff Right Bin' Campaign	Recycling Team With Support From: Township Forum Members TRA's Local residents	Increase recycling rates across RTNM to contribute to the 55% target for Bury Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	March 2015 18 th August 2014 17 th September 2014
Improve engagement of young people on key issues and improve	Increase number of young people attending forum	Township forum members	Increased numbers of young RTNM residents attending township forum	July 2014 Ongoing

attendance at forum meetings	meetings	With Support From: Schools/Colleges Partner Agencies		
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 Township Action Plan 2014-15	Township Coordinator With Support From: Township Forum Members	Initial contact has been made with partner organisations and key Advisory Group members regarding their involvement Next steps and groups to be established	May 2013 October 2014

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