Radcliffe Township Forum

Our Township Plan:

2012-15

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Welcome to Radcliffe Township Plan

Thank you for taking the time to read the Radcliffe 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 Radcliffe.

Colin Jones
Chair,
Radcliffe
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

Radcliffe Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The forum meets at local venues such as community venues 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.

Radcliffe 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 the business community, 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 Radcliffe, 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 <u>Township Forums</u> or contact Christine Maksymowski, Township Co-ordinator on 061 253 7941, or by email at c.maksymowski@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Radcliffe

Demography: Bury has a population of 185,060 (2011 Census Data), of these, approximately 34,189 live in Radcliffe. Radcliffe has a high proportion of the total population 23,800 (71.7%) who are of working age, well above the borough average of 63.9%. Jobseeker Allowance Claimants (JSA) in Radcliffe account for 27.7% of the total claimants in the borough.

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.

Within Radcliffe there are 7 out of the 20 LSOAs in the 25% most deprived in the country. Radcliffe Borough FC/Coronation Road is the most deprived LSAO in Radcliffe. It is within the 5% most deprived in the country overall. There is polarity within the township and deprivation is spatially concentrated around the centre of Radcliffe. Bradley Fold LSOA is within the 20% least deprived LSOA in the country.

Closing the gap: Radcliffe has some affluent areas but also pockets of deprivation and high levels of unemployment leading to 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: Radcliffe has some beautiful parks and green spaces including Close Park and Outwood Forrest with active and enthusiastic friends groups to ensure that these spaces are well maintained. Radcliffe participates in Radcliffe in Bloom and last year was awarded a gold medal. It has a newly built health centre servicing the whole of Bury. There are active Tenants and Residents Association and Voluntary Organisations that are well represented on the Township Forum.

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Together we can achieve more!

Key Outcomes:

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

Improved employment opportunities

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Radcliffe West has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants (120). Radcliffe as a Township accounts for 28.4% of the total youth claimants in Bury.

Improve Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Youths Involved in Anti Social Behaviour (ASB). Community concerns regarding drug use and acquisitive crime, crime prevention the need to make Radcliffe Safer.

Current Position: Youth Anti Social Behaviour is an issue in some areas of Radcliffe. Drug related acquisitive crime is on the increase

Improved Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

Key Issues identified: To help improve the health and wellbeing of Radcliffe residents and work across the Children's Centre broad agenda to support children and families.

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Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities

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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 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 Plan?
Residents and Community Groups	 Consultation activities Township Forums- open forum issues and round table discussions PACT meetings
Councillors	 Direct involvement in the development of the outcomes for this plan Consultation activities Township Forums
Research and Demographic Information	 National research and intelligence Local Health Data Ward profiles Intelligence gathering
Partner Organisations	 Police and partner meetings Six Town Housing Council departments Primary Care Trust/Health Authority Other parties views and input

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.

RADCLIFFE Our Action Plan for 2013-14



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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?	CURRENT STATUS	
Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Radcliffe	Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the Radcliffe area	Economic Development Team With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Bury Businesses Training Providers	TF Co-ordinator informed TF members of forthcoming Apprenticeships fair Apprenticeships fair held at Elizabethan Suite	29 th May 2012 13 th June 2012		
	with their agreement	With their agreement Bui Job Cou	Bury Connexions Job Centre Plus Councillors Members of the	Radcliffe young peoples names to be submitted for consideration for the scheme	October 2012 then ongoing	
		Township Forum	Confirm number of young people from Radcliffe accepted on the Backing Young Bury Apprentice Scheme 11 at end March 2013 ? at end March 2014	End March 2013 & 2014 Ongoing		

Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities	Groundwork With Support From: B3SDA Sports Development Communities Team	Radcliffe area number to be increased by 20	End March 2014	
Support young people into work	Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work.	Economic Development Team With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Connections		March 2014	

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Reduce Anti Social Behaviour through Early Intervention and Prevention.	Continued Work with St Andrew's Church, Police and ROC Centre to deliver weekly sessions to help to reduce ASB Details of sessions below	ROC Centre With Support From: Churches Together Police Volunteers Township Co- ordinator to report progress	The formal launch took Place The ROC Café runs every Thursday from 6.30pm to 9pm and offers a range of activities.	2 nd February 2012. Completed Continuous throughout the year	
	Friday Night Football Scheme	Radcliffe Police	Scheme established 120 youths registered	January 2012 Continuous throughout the year	
	Ainsworth Football Scheme	Police With Support From: Advisory Group Member & Ainsworth	Police looking into the possibility of expanding to Ainsworth or car share scheme from Ainsworth	March 2014	

		Community Association Hon Sec			
Reduce Anti Social	Ainsworth Mini ROC Cafe	Police	Explore the possibilities	March 2014	
Behaviour through Early Intervention and Prevention		With Support From:	of setting up a mini ROC Café in Ainsworth		
Trevention		ROC Centre			
		Churches Together			
		Volunteers			
		Township Co- ordinator			
Reduce Anti Social	Regular partnership	Police	Pre meeting held to	16 th April 2012	
Behaviour by Early Intervention meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders	_	With Support From:	discuss format of the partnership meetings.		
	Report to Township forums re actions and successes	Township Co- ordinator	Meeting to be in place by end April 2012	1 st full meeting held 18 th April 2012.	
	with partner work.	Youth		Completed	
		Services/Education		Meetings	
				Ceased August 2012	
		Police			
	To look at the possibility of		Decision to be taken on		
	setting up regular partnership meetings to	With Support From:	the next steps	September 2012	
	identify and quickly deal with potential offenders	Township Co- ordinator	Proposal put forward to Managers and Police	February 2013	
	under the new policing arrangements	Youth Services/Education	David Fowler & Mark Granby meeting to discuss the proposals	23rd April 2013	

	More school visits by police with pupils aged 13-16 to raise awareness of the disruptions caused by ASB, Alcohol and Drugs - via Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Police With Support From: School & Partner Agencies Community Safety Team Township Co - ordinator	Preliminary Meeting held Be Safe Be Cool events	05/06/13 October 2013	
To reduce the number of drug related (acquisitive) crimes in Radcliffe	Police initiative to be developed	Police With Support From: Township Forum	Details to be confirmed	ongoing	
Radcliffe Specific Campaign Making Radcliffe Safer (MRS) To inform the residents on how to stay safe, target hardening, door	Agree multi agency drive to make Radcliffe safer. Awareness Raising/Leafleting – informing and providing advice to residents on how	Police With Support From: Township Co- ordinator/Trading Standards/Housing Associations/Schools Township Forum	Meeting held with Police Inspector to agree the way forward Themed days to be arranged at the ROC Centre in Radcliffe Certificated Domestic Violence Awareness	24 th July 2012 Completed Autumn 2012	
step crime and safety of Young People	to stay safe,	Members Councillors	Training to be arranged Safe plating and property marking days to be set up Mobile Police Unit to be located at the Metrolink from October 2012 to offer security advice and information Look at the feasibility of continuing this project	Autumn 2012 Autumn 2012 3 rd October 2012 then ongoing, monthly Autumn 2013	

Build capacity in Radcliffe to tackle Local crime issues	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit) Streets of Community Spirit team working with targeted neighbourhoods to set up Neighbourhood, Homewatch or similar schemes	Groundwork With Support From: Township Co- ordinator	25 residents recruited to schemes	June 2012 then ongoing March 2014	
Speeding traffic in residential areas	Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe 20mph in residential areas	Highways With Support From: Township Co- ordinator Highways sub group Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes	2013-2015	
School Parking Issues	Encourage schools to participate in `Safer Schools Parking Charters`		Successful implementation of charters	April 2014	

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Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families	Agree action plan with Children's Centre lead	Children's Centre Leads With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Meetings to be arranged with CC Leads	February 2013	
			Action Plan Agreed	March 2014	
Up-skill families and help build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within their communities	Working directly with community groups and individuals to deliver accredited Paediatric training courses	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Programme accredited and on offer 1 in Radcliffe area	Autumn 2013 then ongoing throughout the year	
To encourage more families to get active and take part in health related activities	Families involved with health related activities	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Several different activities under development Feb 2012 - 28 Families Involved	March 2014	

A growth in participation 14-25 year olds and across adult population Childhood Obesity	Deliver activities which engage with communities and attract more people into regular physical activity	Sports and Physical Activity Service (SPAS) With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding Community Sports Activation Funding (CSAF) external funding Women and girls Activities	June 2014	
Help promote understanding and awareness Welfare Reform	Support the work of Bury's Welfare Reform Board, including implementation of the Borough's Poverty Strategy. Invite relevant speakers to talk to the township forum on key aspects of the reform agenda	Bury Welfare Reform Board With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum		April 2014	
Micro Alcohol issues ROC Cafe					
Reduce fuel poverty and its affects	Promote "ECO Toasty 2013" to enable Radcliffe residents access to energy efficiency measures	Awardable Warmth Team Referrals to GM energy Advice Service 0800 009 3363 or via getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Results at end of financial year re number of measures and savings Leaflet drop and advertising completed July 2013	April 2014	
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Ensure children are "school ready"	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading	Children Centre	Material have been delivered to the	June 2012	
	from an early age via Book	- With Support	Children's Centres	Completed	
	Start Initiative	Reaching Families			
		Bury Library Service			
		Health Visitors	50 packs received at the CC and are in the process of being distributed to families that have been identified by CC		
		Township Co- ordinator / Forum		March 2013 then ongoing	
			Each family receives 4 home visits and a pack of reading materials		
	BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage		Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator	September 2014	

opportunities for be	mprove information sharing				
Ma De op co	Map current provision Deliver more learning Deportunities in the Community to make learning Denote accessible	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	
Pa to m Id op Of	Community Learning Partnership representative to take Radcliffe issues to meetings Identify gaps in learning opportunities Offer taster courses Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities	Adult Learning Township Co- ordinator Township Forum	Increase in number of learning venues in communities Increase participation in adult learning locally	April 2014	

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Public Transport Link from Ainsworth to Tottington Health Centre	Continued discussions with Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM)	Hon Secretary Ainsworth Community Association/ BRIF With Support From:	Issues to be raised at the Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF) meeting with TFGM	29 th March 2012	
		Transport for Greater Manchester Township Co- ordinator	Future Meetings planned	September 2012 then ongoing throughout the year	

Outcome: Community Pride and Belonging

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Promote Radcliffe as a positive place to live, work and visit	A range of Positive Activities taking place in Radcliffe Active promotion of activities and groups	All members of the Township Forum	Advisory Group members to give an update at the Township Forum Meetings highlighting what they have been doing	September 2012 and ongoing throughout the year	
	Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination. Invite groups to the Township Forum	Chair/Township Co- ordinator		March 2014	
	Emphasise the Positives of Radcliffe by notifying the Communications Team of events	Township Co- ordinator	Inform Communications team of events taking place in Radcliffe	March 2014	
	Maintain and update the Radcliffe Contacts database to increase communication	Township Co- ordinator	Collect contact details and add to the database	March 2014	

Greater engagement and positive activities for young people	Young people involved in social action Improvement to community space Young people contributing to the community outside of their family/Social activity Young people 14 to 19years contributing to community activities	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Co- ordinator	Mini Olympics planned 2 in Radcliffe Weekly street activities on community space- Planned for summer months	July/August 2012 Completed March 2014	
Encourage residents to take pride in their neighbourhood	Working with community groups and individuals to take part in the clean ups	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum Members TRA's Local residents	Community clean ups Annual clean ups to take place across Radcliffe 4 clean ups	March 2014	
Support for Parks Groups/ protection of parks and conservation areas	Increase membership and participation in parks forums- encourage young people's involvement Advertise events taking place in the parks Report to Township Forum on progress	Friends of parks groups Radcliffe Ranger Township Co- ordinator			
Town Centre Regeneration	The Portas Review Town Team Bid Work together to develop and submit a bid for Radcliffe Town Centre as part of the Portas Pilot	Bury Council Planning With Support From: Township Co- ordinator	Preliminary meetings to be held Radcliffe vision meeting to be held at Radcliffe Civic Hall	20/02/12 & 27/02/12 Completed 06/03/12	

	Scheme	Steven Lever	Bid meetings to be held	Completed	
from Tov Cre	Obtain letters of support from Advisory Group and Township Forum members Create a short video of the area as part of the submission	Paul Allen Radcliffe Business Group	Bid and video submitted by the deadline of 30/03/12 Winners announced on 26/05/12	13/03/12, 20/03/2012 and 22/03/12	
		Township Forum Members Compiled by Lauren Warwick		Completed Bid submitted 30/03/12 Completed	
			Radcliffe unsuccessful in the 1 st Phase.		
			Revised bid meeting held	12 th June 2012 Completed	
			Re-submitting for 2 nd Phase	30 th June 2012	
			Revised bid and updated video submitted by 30 th June 2012	Completed	
			Winners announced 25/07/12		
			Radcliffe unsuccessful in 2 nd phase.		
Town Centre Regeneration	Further develop Town Team and agree next steps	Bury Council Planning	Update to be obtained from planning	October 2012	
			Town Team meeting to be set up	26 th Feb 2013	
			Action group set up on 26 th Feb next meeting arranged 9 th April 2013	Ongoing	

			Leader of the Council presenting at the September Township Forum Meeting	19 th September 2013	
Radcliffe Empty Properties Initiative	Radcliffe Pilot to deal with the negative impacts of empty properties in Radcliffe	Bury Council	To bring 20 empty properties in Radcliffe	Project to be delivered over the	
Tropercies initiative		Regeneration and Housing Standards	back into use.	next 3 years	
		With support from:		2012 -2015	
		Township Forum Members			
		Local Residents			
Systematise and include	Review and support	B3SDA	Introduce / discuss	Next Township	
Community First in Community Plans and activities	Community First activity through Township Forum meetings	With support from:	Community First at next Township Forum meeting	Forum meeting 17 th July 2013	
		Communities Team	Review at subsequent	Ongoing	
		Township Forum Members	meeting	throughout 2014	
			Make panels self sustaining and able to deliver Community First as envisaged	Community First ends in March 2015	
Promote Radcliffe as a	To look at the possibility of	Adult Learning			
positive place to visit	developing a Radcliffe Festival in 2015 in conjunction with the	With Support From:			
	Radcliffe Carnival 50 th Anniversary Celebration	Radcliffe Carnival Committee			
	Sewing classes to make Costumes	Township Co- ordinator			
	Costume Competition	Township Forum members			
		Schools			

	Local Businesses		
Interfaith Group to be created	Communities & Neighbourhoods Team	March 2014	
	With Support From:		
	Faith Groups		

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