

# Bury West Township Action Plan

2014-15:  
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 2014-15. 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 2014/15:
- 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](http://www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums). If you require copies of the report please contact Christine Maksymowski on 0161 253 7941.

Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)		Project Updates	
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of apprenticeship for young people in Bury West</li> <li>• Support actions to help get young people into work</li> <li>• Get young people/people ready and into work</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as “Backing Young Bury”</li> <li>• Supported the Backing Young Bury Career and Skills Event</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships</li> <li>• Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills event held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014. Approx 319 young people attended the event.</li> <li>• Daisyfield’s job club has supported 35 families to date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support of “Backing Young Bury” programme</li> <li>• Continue to promote the Job Club and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work</li> </ul>		
<b>IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>			

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)		Project Updates	
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive work to re-establish the youth club at the Elton Centre</li> <li>• More school visits to address anti social behaviour (ASB)</li> <li>• To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders</li> <li>• Invite the police to attend Township Forum Meetings</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative</li> <li>• Worked with Local Police Inspector and ASB team to establish partnership meeting to address ASB</li> <li>• In regular contact with the Bury West PC's and PCSO's</li> <li>• Promotion of the Dark Nights Project</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROC youth club still up and running</li> <li>• Be Safe Be Cool Initiative delivered in Bury West Schools during October 2014</li> <li>• TF Co-ordinator attends weekly Joint Engagement Team (JET) meetings to discuss individuals causing ASB</li> <li>• Police regularly attend Township forum meets to give updates on crime trends</li> <li>• Township Co-ordinator shared information with residents on the Dark Nights Project. Distributed leaflets at the Township Forum meetings</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support with the ROC Youth club at the Elton Centre</li> <li>• Continue to support the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative</li> <li>• Continue to attend weekly JET meetings to address issues of ASB</li> <li>• Work with Anti Social Behaviour Team on the Safe4Summer scheme targeting young people in Bury West</li> </ul>		
<b>IMPROVED HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>			

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)		Project Updates	
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint working with Children’s Centres</li> <li>• Reduction in obesity figures for Bury West children</li> <li>• Promote healthy eating in Bury West area</li> <li>• Promotion of the Big Bill to Little Bill Energy Scheme</li> <li>• Support and promotion of the I Will If You Will Scheme</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular visits to Children’s Centres to maintain good working relationships</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Bury West residents informed of the Big Bill to a Little Bill Energy Scheme campaign via the Bury West database.</li> <li>• Promoted the I Will If You Will campaign in the Bury West area</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Groups for Daisyfields and Woodbank with Elton Children’s Centres</li> <li>• TF Co-ordinator is a member of Daisyfields Governance Group</li> <li>• Weekly fruit and vegetable scheme set up at Daisyfield’s and Woodbank with Elton Children’s Centre</li> <li>• Leaflets outlining the Big Bill to Little Bill scheme distributed via the database and at Township Forum Meetings</li> <li>• I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Bury West via the Children Centre’s and other venues.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work with the Children’s Centres</li> <li>• Monitor obesity levels in Bury West</li> <li>• Promote healthy eating across Bury West</li> <li>• Little Bill Energy Scheme has been withdrawn</li> <li>• Continued support of the I Will If You Will scheme during Phase 2</li> </ul>		
<b>IMPROVED EDUCATION ATTAINMENT/LEARNING</b>			

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)		Project Updates	
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure children in Bury West are 'school ready' by supporting parents and encouraging reading from an early age</li> <li>• Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent out book start information to people registered on the TF database</li> <li>• Course information shared via Township Forum database</li> </ul>		<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching Families – work to encourage reading from an early age. Reading materials have been distributed to the identified families in Bury West</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work to ensure that the children living in Bury West are 'school ready'</li> <li>• Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents</li> </ul>	



## 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

#### What We Promised

- 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
- Promote recycling in Bury West to help increase the recycling rate across Bury

#### What We Did

- 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
- Supported the recycling team by sharing information wit the Bury West residents

#### Successes to Date

- 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
- Recycling rates across the Bury have increased in the past 12 months

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continue to report areas of concern
- Support community groups putting on events
- Promotion of the Bury West area
- Signposting to funding
- Continued promotion of the benefits of recycling

## Summary of Township Forum in 2014-15

### 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 2015-16

### Attendance

Bury West attendance figures are detailed below.

<b>Bury West</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Sept 2014</b>	<b>Nov 2014</b>	<b>Jan 2015</b>	<b>March 2015</b>	<b>Average</b>
	12	53	16	12	8	20

## **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 2014/15 this has included:

- Waste Management
- Healthier Together
- The Bury Directory
- Healthwatch Bury
- 2015/16 Budget Consultation
- Children's Centre Consultation
- I Will If You Will

## **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. A new process will be in place for 2015/16.