

# 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**

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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**

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### **Improved Health and Wellbeing**

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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

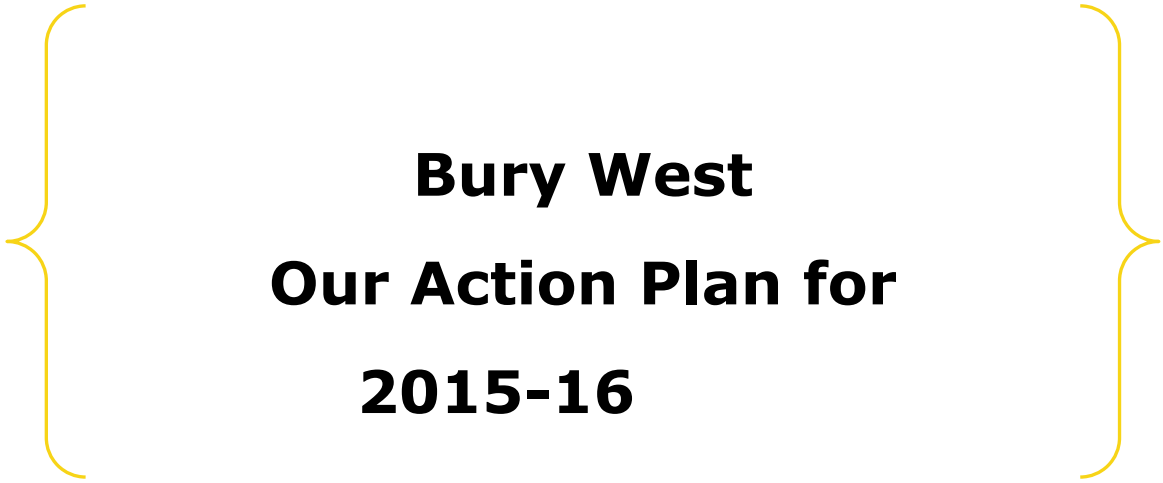
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Our Township Area Plan has been drawn together in a number of ways. We have used our knowledge of local people's priorities to focus on those issues which matter most to local people.

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	
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	

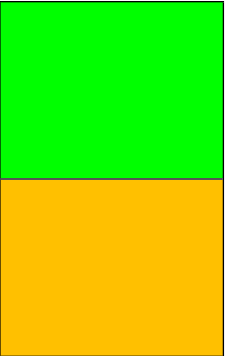
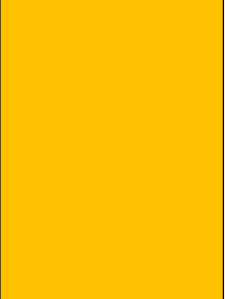
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Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.	To look at the possibility of setting up a youth club at the Elton Centre to deliver weekly sessions to help to reduce ASB	ROC Centre <b>With Support From:</b> Churches Together Police Volunteers Councillors Township Co-ordinator	Funding forms and draft constitution emailed	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	
			Joint partnership formed between St Stephens & Bolton Road Churches to move the project forward	July 2012	
			The youth centre to be up and running by end January 2013	Completed 17th January 2013	
	To look at the possibility of setting up a youth club in Church Ward		Youth club runs fortnightly on a Thursday evening	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Talks underway with Redeeming our Communities (ROC)		

	<p>Weekly Joint Enforcement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.</p> <p>Report to Township forums re actions and successes with partner work.</p> <p>Name changed to Joint Engagement Team November 2014</p>	<p>Police</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour team</p> <p>Youth Services/Education</p> <p>Six Town Housing</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Monthly Partnership Action Group Meetings replaced by weekly JET Meetings July 2014</p> <p>Township Co-ordinators invited to join the group and attends weekly meetings at the police station</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> full meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.</p> <p>Attended from 06/08/2014</p> <p>Ongoing throughout the year 2015/16</p>	
	<p>More school visits with pupils aged 13-16 via Be Safe Be Cool Initiative</p>	<p>Police</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>School &amp; Partner Agencies</p> <p>Community Safety Team</p> <p>Township Co -ordinator</p>	<p>Preliminary Meeting held</p> <p>Be Safe Be Cool events</p>	<p>18/06/15</p> <p>October 2015</p>	
<p>Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.</p>	<p>To look at the possibility of setting up joint PACT (Police and Communities Together) and Township Forum Meetings</p>	<p>Police</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co -ordinator</p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>Members of the public</p>	<p>Discussions held with Police and PCSO's 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> joint meeting to take place 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>No more joint PACT meetings due to changes in policing structures.</p>	

<p>Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention and Prevention.</p>	<p>To look at the possibility of setting up Market Place prior to Township Forum Meetings. Inviting Police, Community Organisations and Local Authority Departments</p>	<p>Police Organisations  <b>With Support From:</b>  Township Co – ordinator  Township Forum Members  Members of the public</p>	<p>Discussions held with Chief Inspector held 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015</p> <p>Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of meeting</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Market Place  21<sup>st</sup> July 2015</p>	
<p>To inform the residents on how to stay safe, target hardening, door step crime and safety of Young People</p>	<p>Awareness Raising/Leafleting – informing and providing advice to residents on how to stay safe,</p>	<p>Police  <b>With Support From:</b>  Township Co – ordinator  Township Forum Members  Members of the public</p>	<p>Dark Nights Project</p> <p>Leaflet and distribution of light timers.</p> <p>Increased uniform and covert patrols in Bury West area.</p>	<p>Autumn 2015</p>	

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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  Meetings to be arranged with CC Leads  Action Plan Agreed	January 2012 Completed  September 2015  November 2015	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 100%; width: 100%;"></div>
To increase participation in sport and physical activity amongst women and girls aged 14 plus across Bury West	Ensure appropriate activities are delivered in Bury West to engage women and girls  Encourage existing sessions to become IWIYW branded incorporate increase awareness and	I Will If You Will team <b>With Support From:</b> Sports and Physical Activity Service (SAPAS) Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding  I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Bury West via the Children Centre and other	June 2014 Completed  Ongoing 2015/16	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 100%; width: 100%;"></div>

	<p>benefits and participants</p> <p>Ensure appropriate activities are delivered in Bury West to engage with women and girls</p>		<p>venues</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator is a member of the Bury West IWIYW Locality Group</p> <p>Fun Day to be held October 2015. Details to be confirmed</p>	<p>October 2015</p>	
<p>Help promote understanding and awareness Welfare Reform</p>	<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>	<p>Members of the Team attend Welfare Reform Board Meetings</p> <p>Presentation to the TF forum on Welfare Reforms</p>	<p>April 2014</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> March 2014</p> <p>Ongoing 2015</p>	

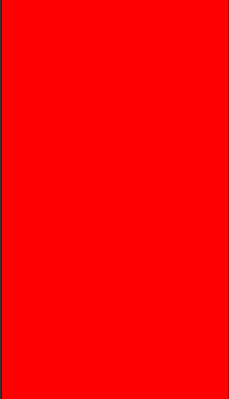
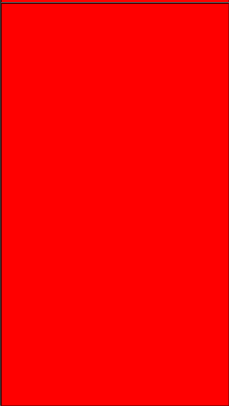
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Ensure children are "school ready"	<p>Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative</p> <p>BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage</p>	<p>Children Centre  <b>With Support From:</b>            Reaching Families            Bury Library Service            Health Visitors            Township Co-ordinator / Forum</p>	<p>Material have been delivered to the Children's Centres and distributed.</p> <p>Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator</p>	<p>June 2012</p> <p>March 2016</p>	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>

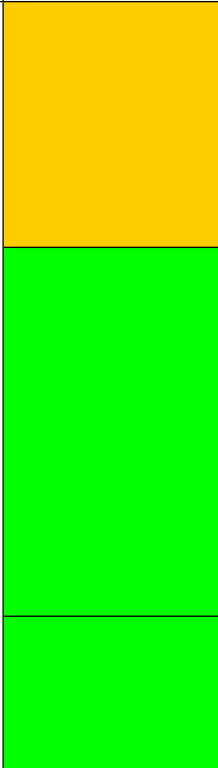


<p>Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents</p>	<p>Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally</p> <p>Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible</p>	<p>Adult Learning</p> <p><b>With Support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

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

			<p>October 2013 February 2014 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014</p> <p>January 2015 June 2015 October 2015</p>	Ongoing 2015/16	
To address the issues of the availability and frequency of bus services within Bury West	Raise concerns with the bus companies about the infrequency of bus services in Bury West	<p>Chair of Township Forum</p> <p><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</p> <p>Invitation issued 10/7 and 27/07/12 agreed to attend</p> <p>The network planner reported that from October bus numbers 472 and 474 would be less frequent in the afternoon to try and improve punctuality</p> <p>First Buses said that an extra 98 bus would be put on the route to ensure buses run to time</p> <p>Monitor bus changes and report issues via the TF Forum and</p>	<p>September 2012 then ongoing</p> <p>October 2012</p> <p>November 2012</p> <p>March 2014</p>	

			Highways Sub Group	Ongoing 2015/16	
Speeding traffic in residential areas	Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe 20mph in residential areas	Highways <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Highways sub group Road Safety Teams Township Forum members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes  Banners now being displayed outside schools  Successful implementation of charters	2013-15  January 2014  Ongoing 2015	
School Parking Issues	Encourage schools to participate in "Safer School Parking Charters"				

## Outcome: Community Pride and Belonging

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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	
Land adjacent to Woodbank cricket club reported as overgrown.	Contact Community Payback (CP)	Township Co - ordinator	Site meeting arranged May 2012. CP agreed to clear the footpath and pruned the bushes at the side of Woodbank Cricket Club Area accessible again to members of the public	May 2012 20/21 July 2012 Completed	

				Ongoing 2015/16	
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	Recycling Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Members TRA's Local residents	Increase recycling rates across Bury West to contribute to the 55% target for Bury	March 2015	
			Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	
			Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
			Road shows to promote recycling Promotion in Schools Promotion of waste collection services with local businesses Specific action in hotspot low performing areas Promotion of brown food recycling bins	Ongoing 2015/16	

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