

RAMSBOTTOM TOTTINGTON NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM

# RTNM Town Plan

2015 - 2018



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# Welcome to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Local

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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 Dorothy Gunther  
**Chair,**  
**Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor**  
**Township Forum**

# Who we are and what we do

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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](mailto:d.thomas@bury.gov.uk)

# Some facts about Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

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### **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 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%) and North Manor has the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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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 Area Plan?
<b>Residents</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 objectives 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> </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.



# Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum

Our Township Plan:

2015-16

(Update September 2015)

# Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

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**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

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>BY WHEN?</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
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<p>Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor (RTNM)</p>	<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 area with their agreement</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></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>Publicity information delivered locally</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p>AMBER</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>Economic, employment &amp; Skills Lead</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Connecting Provision on hold</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/15</p>	<p>RED</p>
<p>Encourage new Business Start up opportunities</p>	<p>Encourage more business start ups in Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor</p> <p>Match people wanting to start a businesses in a mentoring capacity – expertise needed from Local enterprise</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p>Manchester Business Growth Hub</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Forum</p>	<p>Meeting to be scheduled with Bury Council Business Growth Manager</p>	<p>November 2015</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p>AMBER</p>

	partnerships (LEP's)				
Get young Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor residents work ready and into work	Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs at local venues and ways to help prepare people to get into work.	Bury College Economic Development Lead <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Collected material and emailed to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor database contacts  Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Jobs Fair	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	GREEN
				8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	GREEN

## 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

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Reduce Anti Social Behaviour in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor communities through early intervention	Weekly Joint Engagement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	Neighbourhood Policing Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Various partner agencies	Township Coordinator key member of Joint Engagement Team management group	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
Address perceptions of crime within Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor communities – particular focus on elderly and vulnerable residents	Report to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum re actions and successes delivered through the Joint Engagement Team.	Neighbourhood Policing Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator	Evidence report and stats to be produced quarterly for Township Forum members	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
Raise awareness of Anti-social behavior / personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst school age children	More school visits by police and partner agencies to pupils aged 13-16 to raise awareness of the disruptions caused by ASB, Alcohol and Drugs - via Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Neighbourhood Police <b>With support from:</b> Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing	Preliminary planning meeting held	June 2015	GREEN
			Be Safe Be Cool workshops due to commence in mid October 2015.	October 2015	AMBER
Improve access to key statutory agencies for members of the community in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	To look at the possibility of setting up a 'Market Place' prior to Township Forum Meetings. Inviting Police, Community Organisations and Local Authority departments	Neighbourhood Police <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator Township Forum Members	Discussions held with Chief Inspector 23rd June 2015  Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of	Completed  First meeting in September	GREEN

		Members of the public	meeting	2015	AMBER
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	Highways Department <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes  Banners now being displayed outside schools	2013-2015 ongoing	GREEN
				January 2014 and ongoing	GREEN
School Parking Issues	Encourage schools to participate in `Safer Schools Parking Charters`	Highways Department <b>With Support From:</b> Road Safety Teams Township Forum	Successful implementation of charters	April 2015 and Ongoing 2015/16	GREEN

## Outcome: Improved Educational Attainment/Learning

**Key Issues identified:** The need to ensure that Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take	MIESTONES	By When?	
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be achieved	towards addressing this issue?	responsibility?			Current Status
Ensure children are "school ready" in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative	Children Centre <b>With Support From:</b> Reaching Families Bury Library Service Health Visitors	Materials have been delivered to the Children's Centre and distributed.	June 2012 Completed	GREEN
	BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage	Township Co-ordinator / Forum	Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator	September 2014 and Ongoing 2015/16	GREEN
Promote learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Residents	Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally	Adult Learning <b>With Support From:</b> 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 Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
	Map current provision		Increase in number of learning venues in communities	April 2015	AMBER
	Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible		Venue audit being undertaken	December 2014	RED
	Community Learning				

	opportunities Offer taster courses Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities				AMBER
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## Outcome: Rural Issues & Outlying Areas

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**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.



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Limited access to High Speed Broadband (HSBB) amongst rural villages	Support the residents of rural areas to access HSBB	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum <b>With Support From:</b> Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	To be agreed.	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
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 <b>With Support From:</b> BRIF Holcombe Society Residents	To be agreed.	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
Review Future Focus of Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Identify new ambitions for 2015-16	BRIF Members With Support From: Township Coordinator	Township Coordinator to attend next BRIF meeting	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
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 <b>With Support From:</b> TfGM Township Forum	To be agreed	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER

## Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

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**Key Issues identified:** Work across the Children's Centre broad agenda to support Children and Families

**Current Position:** Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards have a mixed picture when compared to the Bury average for child obesity. Tottington Ward has the 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%)

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By When?</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Tackle Childhood obesity in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Maximise impact of IWIYW Phase 2 Promote £1,000 funding available 2015/16	IWIYW Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Publicity distributed to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor contacts database	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
Reduce Fuel Bills for those most in need within Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor communities	Promote Little Bill £7,000 scheme to enable local residents to access energy efficiency measures. Promote opportunity of £12,000 to become show home	Awardable Warmth Team Referrals to GM energy Advice Service 0800 009 3363 or via <a href="mailto:getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk">getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk</a> <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Results at end of financial year re number of measures and savings	March 2015	AMBER
To increase participation in sport and physical activity amongst women and girls aged 14 plus across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Deliver activities which engage with local communities and attract more people into regular physical activity	IWIYW Team <b>With Support From:</b> Sports and Physical Activity Service (SAPAS) Township Forum	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding	June 2014 Completed	GREEN
			I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER

<p>Help promote understanding and awareness of welfare reforms</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 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 on a regular basis</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p>AMBER</p>
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**Outcome:** Community Pride & Belonging in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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**Key Issues identified:** There is a desire from residents to see Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By When?</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Promote Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor as a positive place to live, work and visit	A range of Positive Activities taking place in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	All Township Forum members	Advisory Group members to update each forum meeting on new events/activities	Introduced 2014	GREEN
	Active promotion of activities and groups within the Township	Township Coordinator/Chair		Ongoing 2015/16	
	Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination. Engage groups in the Township Forum	Township Coordinator/Chair		June 2015	AMBER
	Emphasise the Positives of the township by notifying the Communications Team of Local events	Township Coordinator		Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
	Maintain and update the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor contacts database to increase communication & engagement	Township Coordinator		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	

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 <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Members TRA's Local residents	Increase recycling rates across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor to contribute to the 55% target for Bury	March 2015	GREEN
			Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	GREEN
			Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	GREEN
			Road shows to promote Recycling Promotion in Schools Promotion of waste	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER

Support for Parks Groups/ protection of parks and conservation areas	Increase membership and participation in parks forums-encourage young people's involvement	Friends of parks Groups <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Members Township Coordinator	Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
	Advertise events taking place in our parks  Report to Township Forum on progress			Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum	Ongoing 2015/16
Improve engagement of young people on key issues and improve attendance at forum meetings	Increase number of young people attending forum meetings	Township forum members <b>With Support From:</b> Schools/Colleges Partner Agencies	Exploratory meeting with partner agencies to look at implementation of a 'Youth Committee'	October 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER

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