

BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM

# Bury East Town Plan

2015 - 2018



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# Welcome to Bury East Township Plan

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Thank you for taking the time to read the Bury East 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 few months we have held 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 inclusion in our action plan for 2015/16.

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 East.

Lesley Wildeman  
**Chair,**  
**Bury East**  
**Township Forum**

# Who we are and what we do

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

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**Demography:** Bury has a population of 186,500. Of these, approximately 34,047 live in Bury East. Of the population of Bury East 57.1% are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion or do not say what religion they are.

**Deprivation:** In terms of measuring deprivation, England is split into small areas called 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 LSOAs. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOAs. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Many areas of Bury East are consistently in the 20% most deprived super output areas in the country (52.3%). Bury East has 5 LSOA's in the top 10% of most deprived LSOA's in Bury and 4 in the top 10% of most deprived in England. Chesham Fold is in the 1% most deprived nationally.

**Closing the gap:** Deprivation levels are a major concern to us and recent data shows conclusively that Bury East suffers higher than average levels of health inequalities compared with the other Townships in Bury. Inequalities between our neighbourhoods mean poorer health, lower levels of education and skills, higher crime and unemployment for people living in Bury East. Our Township Plan aims to close the gap so that the lives of those in the most deprived areas are improved.

**Our Assets:** Bury East has much to be proud of, it is a popular place to live; it has some beautiful parks and green spaces such as Openshaw Park and active and enthusiastic Friends Groups. The area is diverse and different religions and cultures are celebrated. The area has also seen significant levels of investment in recent times, in particular around the Pimhole area.

We seek to harness the many strengths and assets we have in place here in Bury East, including local groups, strong community networks, talented young people, charities, voluntary groups and community buildings, so that together we can work as a strong and committed partnership.

# Together we can achieve more!

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Bury East 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:

## **Key Outcomes:**

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

### **Improved Employment Opportunities**

Key Issues identified: The need for more apprenticeships and improved pathways to work for younger residents (16-24yr olds).

Current Position: June 2014 figures show there are 960 JSA claimants in Bury East, accounting for 31% of the total claimants in Bury.

Bury East has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants (285)

### **Educational Attainment/Learning**

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

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

### **Improved Health and Wellbeing**

Key Issues identified: Main issues identified focus on Town Centre alcohol issues and hospital admissions related to alcohol. Areas of concern also exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue.

Current Position: Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975). East ward has the highest proportion of ESA claimants in the borough and figures show that 43% of ESA claims are due to mental health issues.

### **Improved Community Safety**

In Bury East significant issues exist around alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB), with the main concentration around the Town Centre. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure people.

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### **Community Pride & Belonging**

In Bury East we have a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions.

The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan has now been agreed and published. We have limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Bury East.

### **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 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 &amp; 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 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 (Engagement)</li> <li>• Council departments (Views &amp; Input)</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust/ health authority</li> <li>• Other Partners (Views &amp; 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 East Township Forum

Our Township Plan:

2015-16

(September 2015 Update)

# Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

Current Position: In June 2014 there were 960 job seekers allowance claimants in Bury East, which accounts for 31% of the borough total. Bury East also has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants in the borough (285), 32% of the borough total.

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
Assist young people in East Bury who face barriers to entering into employment	<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>	Connecting Provision on hold	Ongoing 2015/16	
Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Bury East	<p>Raise awareness amongst local business of the “Backing Young Bury” Scheme</p> <p>Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people 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</p>	Publicity information delivered locally	Ongoing 2015/16	

		Members of the Township Forum			
Encourage new Business Start up opportunities	Encourage more business start ups in East Bury  Match people wanting to start a businesses in a mentoring capacity – expertise needed from Local enterprise partnerships (LEP’s)	Economic Development Team Manchester Business Growth Hub <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Meeting to be scheduled with Bury Council Business Growth Manager	Ongoing 2015/16	
Get young Bury East 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.	Economic Development Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator	Collected material and emailed to Bury East contacts database	Ongoing 2015/16	
	Support and promote Bury Works via Township Forum		Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Jobs Fair	Ongoing 2015/16	

## Outcome: Educational Attainment / Learning

**Current Position:** A particularly high proportion of the population of Bury East have no qualifications (30%), and a comparatively low proportion are qualified to degree level or above (Level 4 and above).

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
Improve information sharing between local community and central organizations re learning needs locally	Community Learning Partnership representative to take Bury East issues to CLP meetings	Township Forum members <b>With Support From:</b> Adult learning	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people	Ongoing 2015/16	
A full understanding of what current provision exists in Bury East communities	Map current provision to identify gaps in learning /Identify assets of community value	Adult learning <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Increase participation in adult learning locally	November 2014	

Deliver more learning opportunities in the Bury East community to make learning more accessible	Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities Offer taster courses	Six Town Housing	Increase in number of learning venues in communities	Ongoing 2015/16	
Ensure children are "school ready" Encourage reading	Book start programme for 2-3 year olds BOO project for nursery children-transition stages	Children's Centres	Delivery of projects via the Children's centres and updates on progress to township Forum	September 2014	
Increase understanding of the vital role healthy eating, sleep and exercise play in being ready to learn	Engage women and teenage girls in sport and fitness Implementation of IWIYW Phase 2	I Will If You Will Team <b>With Support From:</b> Sport and Physical Activity Service	More women and girls taking part in regular physical activity	Phase 2 ongoing 2015/16	

# Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

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**Current Position:** Areas of concern exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue. Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975).

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Consistent reductions in alcohol related health inequalities for Bury East residents	Develop a programme of activity aimed at reducing alcohol related hospital admissions	Township Forum <b>With Support From:</b> Community Alcohol Partnerships DAAT Home Office Drug & Alcohol Team	Meeting scheduled with colleagues from Community Alcohol Partnerships and the Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	November 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	
Tackle Childhood obesity in Bury East	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 Bury East contacts database	Ongoing 2015/16	
Reduce fuel bills for those residents most in need within Bury East	Promote Little Bill £7,000 scheme to enable Bury East residents to access to 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	Ongoing 2015/16	
To increase participation in sport and physical activity amongst women and girls aged 14 plus across Bury East	Ensure appropriate activities are delivered in Bury East venues to engage women and girls Encourage existing sessions/activities to become IWIYW branded	IWIYW Team <b>With Support From:</b> Sports and Physical Activity Service (SPAS) Township Co-	I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Bury East via various community venues  Township Co-ordinator	Ongoing 2015/16  Ongoing 2015/16	

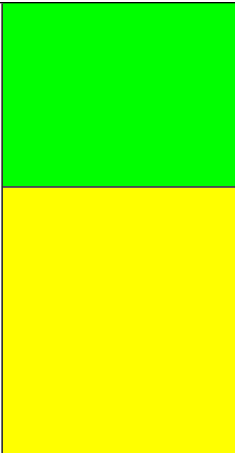
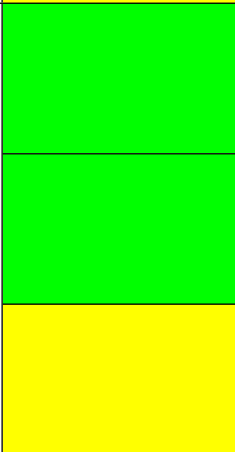
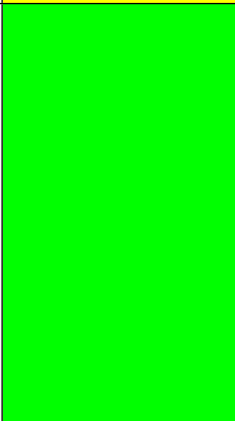
	<p>as part of IWIYW phase 2</p> <p>Develop links between sports groups and IWIYW team via Township Forum</p>	<p>ordinator Township Forum</p>	<p>is a member of the Bury East IWIYW Locality Group</p> <p>Bury East Consultation event to be delivered before end 2015 – engaging 14 – 24yr olds</p>	<p>December 2015</p>	
<p>Help promote understanding and awareness of 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 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>	

## Outcome: Improved Community Safety

**Key Issues identified:** We have seen reductions in anti-social behaviour across all 3 wards over the last 12 months, but there is still work to be done. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure residents.



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
Consistent reductions in alcohol related anti-social behavior in Bury East communities	Sustain programme of activity aimed at reducing alcohol related anti-social behavior in identified hotspots	Township Forum Early Break Streetwise 2000 <b>With Support From:</b> Joint Enforcement Team (JET) Community Alcohol Partnership Home Office Drug & Alcohol Team	Streetwise 2000 and Early Break projects funded by BEAPS have secured further funding from other streams to continue in 2015  Meeting scheduled with colleagues from Community Alcohol Partnerships and the Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16  November 2015	
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour in Bury East 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	Ongoing 2015/16	
Address perceptions of crime within Bury East communities – particular focus on elderly and vulnerable residents	Report to Bury East 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	

<p>Raise awareness of Anti-social behavior / personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst school age children</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Police <b>With support from:</b> Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing</p>	<p>Preliminary planning meeting held  Be Safe Be Cool workshops due to commence in mid October 2015.</p>	<p>June 2015  October 2015</p>	
<p>Ensure Bury Town Centre is a safe, vibrant, appealing and well managed place to visit</p>	<p>Achieve and sustain 'Purple Flag' accreditation for Bury town Centre.</p>	<p>Purple Flag Board <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator New Economy Home Office Drug &amp; Alcohol Unit</p>	<p>Bury's Purple Flag application was registered on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014  Purple Flag accreditation for Bury Town Centre achieved  Review and renewal of accreditation for ATCM</p>	<p>March 2014  February 2015  October 2015</p>	
<p>Improve access to key statutory agencies for members of the community in Bury East</p>	<p>To look at the possibility of setting up a 'Market Place' prior to Township Forum Meetings. Inviting Police, Community Organisations and Local Authority departments</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Police <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator Township Forum Members Members of the</p>	<p>Discussions held with Chief Inspector 23rd June 2015  Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of meeting</p>	<p>Completed  First meeting in September 2015</p>	

		public			
Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Bury East	Work with schools and local communities in Bury East wards 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	
				January 2014 and ongoing	
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	

## Outcome: Community Pride and belonging in Bury East

**Key Issues identified:** There is a desire from residents to see Bury East promoted as a vibrant place to work and live. Bury East has a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions (57% of the population are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion). This diversity should be celebrated and promoted.

<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>
Improved links between older and younger residents within Bury East Communities	Work on Community Garden project and develop intergenerational initiatives through promotion of volunteering opportunities	Township Forum New Springs Community Project	Meeting between New Springs and Township Forum Coordinator regarding presentation at September forum	Ongoing 2015/16	
Promote Bury East as a positive place to live, work and visit	<p>A range of Positive Activities taking place in Bury East wards</p> <p>Promotion of activities and groups within the Township</p> <p>Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination</p> <p>Maintain and update the Bury East contacts database to increase</p>	<p>All Township Forum members</p> <p>Township Coordinator/Chair</p> <p>Township Coordinator</p> <p>Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Advisory Group members to give regular updates forum meetings</p> <p>Additional promotion via social media (Township Coordinator)</p>	<p>Introduced 2014 Ongoing 2015/16</p> <p>June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16</p> <p>June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16</p> <p>June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>

	communications team of local events				
Encourage Bury East residents to take pride in their neighbourhood by increasing recycling rates	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 East 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	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
			Road shows to promote recycling	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion in Schools	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion of waste collection services with local businesses	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Specific action in hotspot low performing areas	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion of brown		

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>	Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum	Ongoing 2015/16	
	Advertise events taking place in our parks  Report to Township Forum on progress	Township Forum Members  Township Coordinator	Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum	Ongoing 2015/16	
Increase attendance and involvement from BME community at Township Forum meetings	Meet with leaders of Mosques within Bury East to promote dates and explore agenda items	Township Coordinator <b>With Support From:</b> ADAB Township Forum Members Communications Team	Arrange suitable dates for visits with faith leaders.	Ongoing 2015/16	
Improve engagement of young people on key issues	Develop 'Youth Committee' for East Bury to link up with Township Forum	New Springs Community Project <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum Schools/Colleges Partner Agencies	Increased numbers of young Bury East residents attending township forum	November 2015	



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