

Bury North Updates:



Welcome to our weekly update letter circulated to local partners, organisations, and groups across Bury North.

These e-mails aim to keep you up-to-date with the work of the council and its partners across Bury. They will include information about free training events, funding, local events, and other support available. Please take time to review the details of the e-mail to ensure you can make use of what is available in the Borough.

PLEASE CONTACT BURY COUNCIL FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU CAN REACH ME AT HILJA.JEFFERY@BURY.GOV.UK

Cost-of-Living Support

Get help during tough times

Cost of Living Showcase

Wednesday 6 December 12pm-4pm
The Mosses Centre, Edward Street, Bury, BL9 0RZ

Come along and find out more about support available with the cost of living including help finding work, managing your money, energy advice and support from mental health services

A range of community groups, faith groups, voluntary sector organisations and the council will be available to offer support and advice



Housing costs



Food



Support



Money worries



Energy

United Utilities Hardship Hub – United Utilities:

United Utilities have set up at 'Hardship Hub', which is a website containing information on the support services offered by a wide range of organisations. Some of these services are open to applications from the public and some require a referral from an approved agency. For unregistered users, United Utilities provide contact information to services that welcome applications from the public. For other services, United Utilities will direct you to someone who can help arrange a referral.

Visit 'United Utilities Hardship Hub' [The Hardship Hub](#)

North West Hardship Hub

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Getting you the help you need

It can be very worrying if you're struggling with money and debt issues, finding out where you might be able to get help and support is sometimes very difficult.

That is where the Hardship Hub comes in, if you live in the North West we are

HEAT

YOURSELF NOT YOUR HOUSE!

Before considering heating your home, consider whether you really need additional heating at all.

The first thing to consider is how you can stay warm in your home without having to turn up the thermostat or putting more fuel on the fire.

A few simple tips and tricks to keep you warm indoors are:

- 🔥 Put on a jumper - wear layers of clothing
- 🔥 Keep your feet warm with some slippers or thick thermal socks
- 🔥 Do some physical activity to keep your blood flowing
- 🔥 Make full use of heat generated by cooking e.g. leave oven door ajar after cooking to let the heat out into the room
- 🔥 Eat healthy, hearty meals to fuel your body and stay warm
- 🔥 Put extra blankets on your bed and use throws to snuggle up when you are relaxing in your living space
- 🔥 Use a hot water bottle to provide localised heat when relaxing in your home
- 🔥 Keep your hands toasty with hand warmers
- 🔥 Invite friends around and enjoy a hot drink together

Of course, there will still be times when additional heating is required. Trying these tips above should help reduce the frequency and duration of energy expenditure that is required to keep your home warm.

Updates for Older People

Heat yourself and not your house this winter! – visit the [Keeping Warm in Winter | The Bury Directory](#) for further tips and tricks to keep you warm indoors. Visit <https://youtu.be/g6ZYeRhH1wY> for a short video on how to heat yourself also.

Worried about your energy bills?

Despite the Price Cap falling by 7% in October, energy bills are still staggeringly high, leaving many people struggling.

Age UK have an Information and Advice service that supports people to apply for Pension Credits and Attendance Allowance. Since the service started in 2013, the service has put over £12 million back in the pockets of older people in Bury. The service is also offering free advice on energy to help people keep warm this winter.

To book a free appointment, please email info@ageukbury.org.uk or call 0161 763 9030, Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 4pm.

General Updates & Funding

Social Media Drop-In Session from the Bury Voluntary, Community, and Faith Alliance:

Monday 4th December 2023 (Various times available)
Bury VCFA, Market Place Bury BL9 0ND

Our new 1-2-1 drop in sessions will explore the social media channels your group uses and to help promote your service through growing your engagement. We can cover whatever you like in your drop-in, including: Creating your groups Social Media Account for Facebook, Twitter (X), Instagram. How to use social media analytics and schedule social media posts and more. Booking slots available for 45 minute or 30 minute sessions. For full details and to book your timeslot visit our [Eventbrite page](#)

Bury Council Calls for Fair Funding Deal with Central Government:

Local residents, businesses and voluntary groups are encouraged to get behind the campaign for a fairer funding deal for Bury. The Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector in Bury is facing an ongoing increase in demand for its services as well as rising costs as it continues to support residents. Find out more including a link to the Council's petition on our [news stories page](#)

Does your Christmas Fair need a licence from Bury Council?

There are local regulations about holding a 'fair' which are covered in Bury Council's Licencing Regulations for Temporary Markets and Car Boot Sales.

If you are holding a Christmas Fair, please check the requirements at [Bury Council Temporary Market and Car Boot Sale Licence](#) or contact Bury Markets Management, 1 Murray Road, Bury, and Lancs. BL9 0BJ.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Let's Do It! Community Fund

We have now opened applications for the Let's Do It! Community fund.

Bury North has been allocated a total of £20K to support local voluntary and community groups to deliver against our Borough's LET'S strategies within Bury North. Each community organisation can apply for up to £2000.

Fill [in an online application form here](#). This is exactly the same as the form attached, and it will be publicised on the Council's website by the end of next week.

You do not need to do both.

The deadline for applications is 10am on Monday the 11th December 2023. Decisions of successful applicants will be made before Christmas.

Two 'Meet the Funder' sessions have been arranged should groups have any questions you wish to discuss. These will be delivered on Microsoft Teams at the following times:

- Tuesday 21st November, 12 noon-1pm: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Thursday 30th November, 6pm-7pm: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Any other questions, please let me know by e-mailing
hilja.jeffery@bury.gov.uk

Bury Standing Together - Youth Led Grants:

Standing Together up to £500 for youth-led projects – come and pitch your idea to us in person or online! The grant is for Bury-based youth led groups to deliver activities during GM Hate Crime Awareness Week (6th – 12th February 2024) which aim to raise awareness of community safety and things young people can do to be safe.

Deadline for applications: 12pm 6th December 2023.

For full details and application form, visit our [grants page](#)

WEA Greater Manchester Community Grants - Essential Life Skills

WEA (Workers Educational Association) and GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority) are pleased to launch the first round of funding, across 2 strands, for the £5m GMCA Community Grants Programme. This funding will enable local voluntary and community organisations and Housing Associations to bid for funding up to £100k to carry out projects in localities, and to mobilise disadvantaged or excluded unemployed and inactive people to enable their progress towards further education and inclusive employment. The fund is looking for new and innovative ways of engaging with our residents, and supporting them in further skills provision – although targeting English, Maths and IT skills, this could be any skills provision, except ESOL [Find out more via our website](#).

Other selected funding opportunities:

- [The Nature Hubs Fund](#) - Funding opportunity for local green spaces
- [GM Walking and Wheeling Fund](#) - Grants of up to £5,000 to VCSE organisations to deliver projects to get more people walking and wheeling this autumn/winter. (Closes 6th Dec)
- [GMCVO Social Investment](#) - Funds for organisations or business trading for social good and looking to grow activities.

Bury's Libraries:

There are so many services that are available in our libraries - beyond just books! See below for some ideas of what our local library:

- Books (in print including Large Print books)
- Talking Books (books on CD)
- Free computer, internet and Wi-Fi access
- Access to online resources
- Access to eBooks and eAudiobooks, e magazines (BorrowBox) – fiction and non-fiction (health related topics available in all formats)
- Assistance to submit Blue Badge application
- Supernova (Magnification & Speech computer software for Visually Impaired people)
- Electronic TV Magnifiers (for VI customers)
- Dyslexia overlay sheets
- Ball Loan
- Menopause Talks
- Replacement Hearing Aid Batteries for NHS Hearing Aids issued by Bury Audiology – in all our libraries
- E-audiobooks on USB by post for people registered as Visually Impaired (in partnership with Bury Blind Society and Adult Care)
- Council Information Point
- Library Home Delivery Service – for housebound residents
- Care Leavers – Project for those leaving council care, providing them with access to data and some equipment.
- Breastfeeding group (Parent & Baby)
- HAF (Holiday, Activity & Food programme) (Families)
- Books for people with Dyslexia (Adults)
- Reading Friends (Adults – to help combat loneliness)
- Warm Spaces
- Meeting room and function room hire
- Heritage Centre
- Local Publications for sale (RM)
- Gallery space for exhibitions (RM)
- Self-service machines for loans, returns and renewal of items
- Photocopying

Libraries (continued):

- Bury Archives Service
- Card Class (Adults)
- Colouring Group (Adults)
- Author events (Adult)
- Employment and training support agencies (Adult)
- Reading Groups (Adult)
- Book Chat Online Reading Group (Adult)
- Prestwich Writers group (Adult)
- Friday afternoon Tea and Tales (Adult)
- Handmade card crafts (Adult)
- Hooked on crochet (Adult)
- Creative writing (Adult)
- Digital Buddies (Adult)
- Craft Club (Adult)
- Knit 'n' Natter (Adult)
- Trace your family history (Adult)
- Radcliffe Heritage Society (Adult)
- Family History sessions (Adult)
- National Careers Service (Adult)
- Digital Skills Courses – internet, email etc. (Adult)
- Friends against scams (Adults)
- Meet the author (Adults)
- Book promotions – e.g. Eating Well on a Budget (Adults)
- BFI Replay – National Film Archive (Adults)
- World Book Day (Children)
- Health Watch - drop ins (Adults)
- Holocaust Memorial Day (Adults)
- Black History Month (Adults & Children)
- Shoot your own heritage project – capturing your life and neighbourhood to archive for future generations (Adults)
- Poetry and Painting (Adults)
- National Poetry Day (Adult & Children)
- Rhyme & Chat Time (Child & Parent/Carer)
- Crafty Crew (Children)
- Lego Clubs (Children)
- Summer Reading Challenge - books and crafts (Children)

Community Noticeboard:



Christmas Fayre **Saturday 2nd December** **10am to 4pm**

Craft stalls



Handmade Christmas

gifts & cards

Books & Jigsaws

Tombola & Raffle

**Tea Room open for tea/
coffee & cakes**



Police and Communities Together Meeting - Brandlesholme



Come and meet your local neighbourhood policing team to learn about current priorities and contribute to the work of the Police in Bury North.

When? Tuesday the 21st of November, 2023 at 18:00-20:00

Where? Brandlesholme Community Centre,
Brandlesholme

Anyone from Brandlesholme, Tottington, Summerseat, Ramsbottom and surrounding villages is invited to attend the meeting.

Leaf Clearing at Greenmount Sidings:

Greenmount Village Community Association is organising a leaf clearing event off The Lines in Greenmount Sidings. Making this a safe and pleasant place to walk during the winter months.

If you would like to join the team of volunteers for a general tidy up, then meet at 10am on Friday 1st December at Station Road Entrance to Greenmount Sidings.

If we get the job done in time, there will be the opportunity for a coffee and a chat.





Christmas

CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

SUNDAY 19TH OF NOVEMBER
10.30AM-2.30PM



Gifts & Local crafts



Santa's Grotto



Homemade bakes



Decorations



Mulled Wine & Mince Pie



Cafe Area & live singer

RAMSBOTTOM CIVIC HALL

ENTRY DONATION 50P (OAP & UNDER 5'S FREE)

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