



Ageing in Place **Persona**

Making Bury age-friendly, together



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Welcome to our newsletter!

Whether you met us at one of our events, through a questionnaire, or you're completely new here, thank you for being here!

Your voice is at the heart of all we do.

What is Ageing in Place?

We're dedicated to making Bury an age-friendly place and to helping people aged 50+ stay connected in the communities they love.



Our project is based around three key questions:

- **What is it like to live in your area?**
- **What could be better?**
- **How can we work together to make these improvements happen?**

Your answers to these questions are what influence the work we do in your area.

*We're working with Greater Manchester Combined Authority
as part of Live Well in Later Life.*

Board Meetings

Bury East

We held our first board meeting at Topping Fold Community Centre. Residents, volunteers and Bury East Councillors all came together to improve the area.

We discussed:

- issues in the area
- feedback
- ideas for improvement



The key issue we identified was a lack of communication and information.

We're working with our steering group and volunteers to make communication work better.

Board members told us they would like a lunch club, so we created one which alternates between Topping Fold Community Centre and Bury Active Women's Centre.



The Lunch Club aims to break down barriers while being a safe space to meet new people and enjoy a healthy lunch.

Our first lunch was held at Bury Active Women's Centre; the chicken curry was a hit and one person said the dal was the best they have ever tasted!

Board Meetings

Radcliffe

The board met for the first time with a relaxed coffee morning at Growing Together Radcliffe Centre.



While enjoying cakes and coffee, we discussed community concerns and what improvements residents would like to see.

We're excited to share our plans for improving green spaces and community gardens in the near future!

Board meetings are great opportunities to share your ideas and see how you can contribute to your community.

If you're interested in getting involved, contact us via our details on the back page or keep an eye on this page for more events coming soon: tinyurl.com/EventsCalP

Our next board meeting will be for Elton on Friday 10th July.
Click here for more information: tinyurl.com/56s3953k

We look forward to welcoming new faces as we work together to enhance our community spaces!

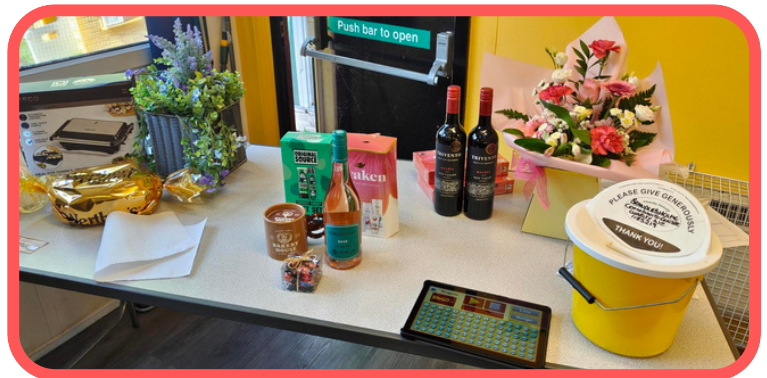
Past Events

Elton

We had a fun morning at Brandlesholme Community Centre for Bingo and a raffle!

With lots of prizes, many generously donated by local shops, such as:

- a bouquet of flowers
- a chippy tea
- wine
- chocolate
- a voucher for a haircut



Hannah, community connector, and Beth from the centre, did an amazing job calling the numbers, then ended the morning with a raffle. Of all the prizes, the one most people wanted was the chippy tea!

The event was such a success, we're hoping to run more Bingo events here in the future.



Past Events

We worked with Hazel from Connections for Life during her Moments That Matter session, where we enjoyed crafting activities at Elton Liberal Club. People could try scratch art or participate in a quick lesson on ring making.

It was a great opportunity for everyone there to chat with Hazel and Hannah about Ageing in Place, and we can't wait to work together again over the summer.

Events like this mean we get to hear from you, so we set up a community board to decide what you need next.

Do you want to help us shape the future of Elton?
Come to our event on 10th July!

Click for more information: tinyurl.com/56s3953k



Prestwich

Following talks with Happier and Healthier Prestwich, plans are now in place for a new bench to be installed outside Church Lane Community Centre. The groundwork has already been completed, and we hope to install it in the summer.

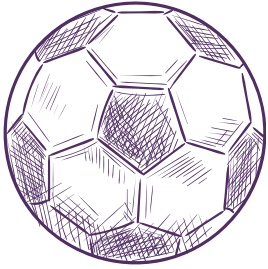
The new bench will provide a comfortable spot for people to sit, chat and enjoy the outdoors. We're looking forward to seeing it become a well-used feature.



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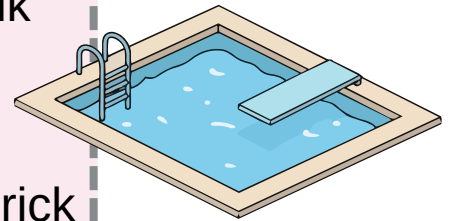
Across the Borough

We hosted an event at The Green Café, where people could share stories and reflect on what community means to them. Here are two memories we heard:



One woman in her 70's shared memories of growing up near Gigg Lane in Bury: "I loved to hear the roar of the crowd from the football ground; you knew that Bury FC had scored – it was great."

Another person spoke about their desire to walk through Radcliffe, retracing the paths of their childhood: "I would love to walk down memory lane. To see the old swimming baths and the brick and coal works."



We also heard of places people enjoy to go to now and would like to go to in the future:

"The Green Café is my go-to place on a Thursday, as you're made to feel welcome. I would like to visit Queens Park in Heywood." Highlighting the importance of community spaces.

"I would love a day in Burrs Wood, and I would love to keep St John's Church cemetery tidy, as most of my husband's family are there." This emphasises the significance of our connections to places and the importance of preserving them.

These stories remind us that community is not just about where we are now, but where we've been, the memories we carry, and the connections that continue to shape us.

What We're Doing Now

Bury East

We believe improving accessibility to our public spaces not only encourages healthier lifestyles, but also enables stronger community connections.

That's why we're focusing on improving areas in **Pimhole** and **Fishpool**. We want to prioritise removing barriers and creating more inviting and accessible spaces for everyone to enjoy. Whether it's adding age-friendly benches, improving sidewalk conditions, or increasing green spaces, your ideas can help us make a significant impact.

During our previous project in Moorside, we identified accessibility issues from The Lido car park to Clarence Park. High kerbs meant anyone with mobility issues had to take a longer route to reach the café and the park. With help from the highways team, we lowered the kerbs on the most direct route, removing barriers for visitors. This was made possible with the help of residents in Moorside.

Together, we can ensure that everyone in Bury East has the chance to enjoy the outdoors and all their community has to offer.



Please share suggestions via the back page.

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HELP US SHAPE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



Join your local
community
steering group

Volunteer to assess
accessibility where
you live

Share ideas to
make Bury more
age-friendly

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**THANK YOU FOR READING
AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON**

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