



Ageing in Place **Persona**

Making Bury age-friendly, together



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A photograph of three men standing in a community kitchen. The man on the left has a beard and glasses, wearing a light blue shirt and khaki trousers, with his arms crossed. The man in the middle is older, with white hair and glasses, wearing a white polo shirt and dark trousers, with a black strap over his shoulder. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue shirt, a brown cap, and has a beard. They are all smiling. In the background, there is a kitchen counter with various items, a red clock on the wall, and a whiteboard with a sign that says 'Any Ideas? Suggestions? Possible Solutions?'.

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.*

Meet the Team

Steven Greason - Community Engagement Manager



I've worked in the health and wellbeing sector for over 10 years and I'm passionate about helping people live happier, healthier lives, that's why the Ageing in Place Pathfinder was a perfect fit for me.

Growing older shouldn't be a barrier to staying a part of your community and with this project we can make Bury an age-friendly place to live.

Hannah Crompton - Community Connector

You might see me cycling from place to place, as well as trying new crafts and drinking lots of tea!

Being involved in your community really does change your life for the better. It keeps you happier and healthier for longer, which is something we all hope for.



Violetta Rigby - Community Connector



I love looking after others, which is why being a part of Ageing in Place means so much to me. Supporting people and helping them thrive is a passion of mine.

I know it's important to have accessible places close to home; I'm a self-proclaimed foodie and love trying new places to eat in Bury and going for walks.

Board Meetings

Bury East

We held our second board meeting at Walnut Allotments.

We were joined by residents from East Ward Growing Together, Walnut Allotments, Topping Fold TRA along with local councillors and council representatives.

In each board meeting we discuss:

- issues in the area
- feedback
- ideas for improvement



Elton

Our first board meeting was at Brandlesholme Community Centre where we talked what matters most to residents and any feedback from our questionnaires.

We created a display board together listing the issues we talked about:

- parking
- transport
- lack of activities & awareness of them



We're going to focus on issues around community, communication and loneliness first.

If you are interested in coming to a board meeting, contact us via the back page

Our Memories Projects

In phase one of Ageing in Place, residents told us their stories and showed us their pictures of Moorside over the years. We used everything they shared to create a booklet.

The project meant a lot to residents so we wanted to give more people the opportunity to get involved in phase two.

Whitefield

The new Live Well Centre has opened in Whitefield, where we have a new café too - we hope to see you there soon!

On the day the centre opened, we started work on our Whitefield Memories project. We spoke to residents about changes that have happened in the area. We heard a lot about the old cinema, bus station and shops, and a resident shared a picture of the flats where they once lived.

From this, we created a 'Times Gone By' memory board.



We have started to record resident's memories and pictures.

Prestwich

We're working with Julie Marshall, a social prescriber and Margaret Smith, treasurer of Church Lane Community Centre, where we held our first Prestwich Memories session.



If you'd like to contribute to our memories projects, please keep an look out for upcoming events.



Our Memories Projects

Elton

Residents shared their memories of Elton and Brandlesholme with us across three events at:

- Elton Liberal Club
- Brandlesholme Methodist Church
- Brandlesholme Community Centre



We asked residents to tell us about:

- changes in the area
 - what it was like in the past
 - what's better now
- and to bring in photos.

During one of our sessions, we uncovered the mystery of a jug that Sandra had found around 40 years ago that named a lost pub. The jug was marked “Thomas Hoyle, Church Inn, Elton, Bury, Lancashire.”

No one could remember a pub named Church Inn until a phone call with a resident’s dad told us: “The Church Inn was listed in the Bury Archive in 1840. It was still recorded in 1924, but it had gone by 1932!”



Elton & Brandlesholme Memories is in partnership with:

- Connections for Life CIC
- All Saints Church

Events

Ramsbottom

Our work has started in Ramsbottom and we've been talking with residents about different things they need and what they already have in the area.

Residents joined us at Ramsbottom Community Centre for our first event to discuss what matters to them and the changes they'd like to see.

Whitefield

We have started to host a weekly coffee morning event, Friends Round Friday, at the Live Well Centre. This is in collaboration with Persona's short stay service Elmhurst and is the perfect opportunity for people to catch up with friends and meet new people.



The Green Café

Reopened in Ageing in Place phase 1



We hosted an event at the café to celebrate Age Without Limits Day.

We asked people to think about what they would tell their younger or older selves, as well as offering the opportunity for a hand or head massage.

Events



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Bury East

At Walnut Allotments we've started our own brain teasers club!

The club gives people a place where you can exercise your brain, meet new people and enjoy a hot drink with a cake.



It's also the perfect place to try something new, like our community connector, Hannah, who did her very first Sudoku!

For the rest of the year, we'll be hosting a Learn & Share craft event on the first Saturday of the month at Topping Fold Community Centre.

We hope to give residents the opportunity to share their skills or learn something new.

All creations will be sold at the centre's Christmas Fair, or taken home for a small donation.

If you'd like to join us, you can find more information here:

tinyurl.com/EventsCaIP

Community Improvements

Walkability Assessments

Bury East

We have been working with residents to assess the accessibility of the streets and pavements and how easy they are for older people to walk on.

Some of the issues we found were:

uneven surfaces

obstructions on pavements

poor lighting

a lack of:

- maintenance e.g. overgrown bushes

- signage

- benches & places to stop



overgrown brambles



parked cars and bins

Community Improvements

Noticeboards

Bury East

We have bought a noticeboard for East Ward Growing Together.

This will have information on upcoming events.

Elton

We're buying some new noticeboards for the area, which you will start to see soon.

If you'd like to advertise an event on one of our noticeboards, please contact us via the back page.

Steering Groups

We work with steering groups to remove the barriers you've told us about.

If you'd like to get involved, our next meetings are:

Prestwich – Thursday 22nd October

Radcliffe – Thursday 29th October

Contact us for more information
- see the back page for details.

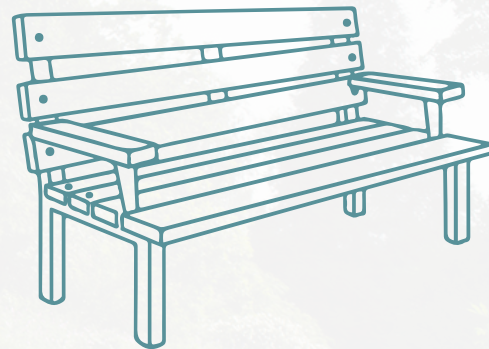
Good News

Prestwich

We have donated a bench to Church Lane Community Centre.

It's been great to hear from regular visitors to the centre how much of an impact this bench has had, especially during the summer.

Everyone now has somewhere to sit and enjoy the sunshine.



The Green Café

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There's plenty of good news at The Green Café!

We've been recognised as being a **carer-friendly community** by the Carers Hub, who have given us some artwork to display.



- 'Carers Take a Moment'



- 'Carer Friendly Garden'



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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

To get involved & to join our mailing list for news, email:

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

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