

Bury Older Peoples Network Action Plan 2026-2027

The Bury Older People's Network is a forum for older people to have their voices heard on things that matter to them and to influence how services are designed, commissioned, and delivered. The ultimate aim is to create better outcomes for older residents in Bury.

The BOPN and the Older People and Ageing Well Board and Older People and Ageing Well Steering Group will oversee the action plan to ensure it progresses and achieves positive change.

Working Together – Ensuring the voice of older people is heard and acted upon (Nothing about us, without us)			Places – Older People can live, travel and enjoy the places and spaces of Bury		
Grow Continue to grow and develop the network so it is a representative voice of Older People in Bury	Represent Ensuring Older People are represented and heard in key spaces and places	Communication Improve communication and awareness about the network and its activities	Ageing in Place To work with key organisations to ensure Older People are aware (and can access) support to stay in their own homes as long as they wish	Community Safety Working with partners (inc. GMP) to raise the voice of older people and support prevention activities so that people feel safe at home or in the community	Age Friendly Places Ensuring older people can benefit from the benefits of Bury and the things that they enjoy from green spaces to local businesses and shopping
Work and Money – Ensuring Older People can remain financially independent			Ageing Well – Older People can access the help and support they need and are able to find information and activities to support their mental and physical wellbeing		
Digital Inclusion Work alongside Bury Council and other organisations to ensure the offer meets the needs of Older People and enhances their lives (not just digital first)	Financial Inclusion Raise awareness/ education of opportunities and support available such as pension credits and cost of living support		Primary Care Ensuring Older People can access quality Primary Care and are aware of the services available	Self-Care Ensure Older People can access information and advice on self-care within your local area	Social Care Ensuring Older People can shape local services, are aware of their options and are empowered to have conversations with those close to them

Bury Older Peoples Network (BOPN) Action Plan 2026-7			
	Tasks	Completion date	Lead(s)
1	Working Together		
1.1	BOPN Facilitator to develop brief written descriptions of the key roles within the BOPN: - Chair - Vice Chair - Minute Taker - Meet and Greeters	30/06/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator Joanne Mawdsley, Chair
1.2	Formalise a process for the recruitment and remit of Associate Members	30/06/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator Joanne Mawdsley, Chair
1.3	Audit of the current membership list to identify representatives of BOPN who sit on other groups, networks, or forums. Offer opportunities for these members to feedback at BOPN meetings	31/12/2026	David Barnes , Facilitator
1.4	Engagement event/meeting to be arranged for Adult Social Care Providers	31/12/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator
2	Places		
2.1	BOPN chair to be involved in the Care at Home Re-Tender process	31/10/2026	Joanne Mawdsley, Chair Steph Boyd, Commissioning Manager, Bury Adult Social Care
2.2	The voice of BOPN members is included in the delivery of the Extra Care Housing Strategy 2026 – 2036	31/12/2026	Joanne Mawdsley, Chair

			Steph Boyd, Commissioning Manager, Bury Adult Social Care
2.3	To ensure the voice of BOPN members is included in the expansion plans of Ageing in Place Project (Live Well in Later Life)	31/12/2026	Steven Greason Ageing in Place Project Manager (Live Well in Later Life)
2.4	BOPN members to be 'mystery shoppers' of the Take a Seat Campaign	31/12/2026	Matt Peluch, Public Health
2.5	To ensure the voice of BOPN members is included within the Bee Network and GM Strategies including Ring and Ride	31/12/2026	Joanne Betts, Bury Council Transport Lead
2.6	To ensure the voice of BOPN members is included within the Community Safety Strategy	01/07/2026	Chris Woodhouse, Community Safety Cohesion Group
3	Work and Money		
3.1	To ensure the BOPN are involved in the development of an age-friendly digital inclusion offer borough-wide	31/12/2026	Ellie Marlow Bury Digital Inclusion Officer
3.2	To invite the Bury Council Care Link Service as a guest speaker to demonstrate options around technology enabled care	31/12/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator
4	Ageing Well		
4.1	To invite Healthwatch as a guest speaker to discuss how members can contribute to health care service improvements	31/12/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator
4.2	To ensure the voice of BOPN members is included within updates to the Bury Directory	31/12/2026	Matt Peluch, Public Health
4.3	To set up a task and finish group to develop a 'key services' information leaflet for people who are not digitally included, this will include financial information. To be updated every 12-months.	31/12/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator

5	Longer Term Actions		
5.1	Consider expanding the Take a Seat Campaign to include access to toilets and 'chatty spaces'	TBC	TBC
5.2	Bury Council to consider the development of a Home Improvement Agency and ensure the voice of BOPN members is included in the design and commission	TBC	Bury Council Officer
5.3	Develop a plan of inter-generational activities with post-16 high schools and colleges to build on work being undertaken by the Dementia Network	TBC	David Barnes, Facilitator
5.4	Develop a plan to co-produce a Bury Age-Friendly Charter	TBC	Matt Peluch, Public Health David Barnes, Facilitator
5.5	Develop co-production of support for groups working with people with experience of dementia as part of the development of a separate Dementia Coproduction Group	31/12/2026	David Barnes, Facilitator Nikki Ledger, Commissioning Manager, Bury Adult Social Care
6	Ongoing BOPN Tasks		
6.1	Provider to facilitate 10 meetings or events per year with guest speakers that tie into the action plan priorities	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.2	Provider to facilitate annual away day each January to review and refresh action plan which aligns with the Health and Adult Care Ageing Well Strategy 2025 - 2030	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.3	Action plan to be finalised by BOPN members each February	31/12/2026	BOPN

6.4	BOPN facilitator and chair to provide an update report to the Older People and Ageing Well Steering Group and the Older People and Ageing Well Board every March and September highlighting progress and challenges	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.5	BOPN facilitator to continually increase membership to ensure the BOPN develops into a diverse group of people from different communities across the borough	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.6	BOPN facilitator to review the Terms of Reference annually	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.7	BOPN facilitator to develop and maintain online presence	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.8	BOPN facilitator to develop and maintain physical marketing materials	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.9	BOPN facilitator to encourage members to attend other relevant meeting/ events where the Network can be celebrated and promoted	31/12/2026	BOPN
6.10	BOPN facilitator to ensure that key stakeholders are informed and updated about the Network's activities	31/12/2026	BOPN