

Bury Prevent Newsletter

 Hello and welcome to our December Review of Prevent in Bury.

As we approach the end of 2025, we take a moment to reflect on a year of progress, collaboration and vital community safeguarding work.

The focus of Prevent is to safeguard individuals from all forms of hateful extremism - by creating environments where concerns can be recognised early, and support offered before harm occurs.

Prevent forms part of the Government's wider counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST, and works towards three main goals:

-  tackle the ideological causes of terrorism.
-  intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation.
-  enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and support behaviour change.

Together, through awareness and early action, we can protect vulnerable people and strengthen our communities against all forms of radicalisation.

Standing Together in Strength and Solidarity

"December: A month of lights, snow, coziness, and feasts; time to make amends and tie up loose ends; finish what you started and make your wishes come true."

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Season's Greetings!

As the year wraps up, we celebrate the many traditions that bring our diverse communities together. Whether you mark Christmas, Hanukkah, the Solstice, or simply enjoy the break, we wish you peace, warmth, and a bright start to the New Year! Festive wishes to all!

December Highlights Preview

This December, we'll be looking back at the standout moments of 2025—celebrating key achievements, community successes, and the progress we've made together throughout the year. Stay tuned for our top highlights and a festive wrap-up to close the year.

You can contact Roy by email to prevent@bury.gov.uk or call 07581020228
Or for further information go to:
<https://www.bury.gov.uk/privacy/service-privacy-notices/prevent-and-channel-panel-privacy-notice>



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✓ 2025: Key Achievements & Milestones

Expanded Training and Community Engagement

- ① This year, Bury Council rolled out a refreshed tiered training programme, offering a variety of levels depending on the role — from volunteers to public-facing staff.
- ① The new popular Home Office level 3 Advanced workshop continued to be delivered across schools, colleges and community organisations. This helped many people understand what Prevent is, how radicalisation can happen, and how to make a referral when worried. This has been delivered to 295 individuals in 2025!
- ① Face-to-face sessions returned alongside online workshops — offering better interaction, questions and clarity.

Strengthened Safeguarding and Venue-Hire Policies

- ① A major highlight was the introduction and dissemination of guidance around “Responsible Event Booking / Reducing Permissive Environments”. This provides clear advice to groups hiring public venues, so they don’t inadvertently give a platform to extremist views or ideologies.
- ① Alongside this, the council produced practical resources — for example a new booklet on safe supervision of 3D printers in educational settings, emphasising innovation and safety and information booklet on Reducing Permissive Environment ensuring our public venues are not used as a platform for promoting and inciting hate.

Community and Multi-Agency Collaboration

- ① Throughout the year, Prevent in Bury worked closely with local partners (statutory and voluntary), other boroughs, and law-enforcement to support safeguarding efforts across Greater Manchester.
- ① Together, these collaborations helped build community resilience — equipping individuals, groups and institutions with knowledge and tools to prevent radicalisation.



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Outreach and Awareness: Dispelling Myths

- ⌚ The monthly newsletters helped debunk misconceptions — for example clarifying that Prevent isn't targeted at specific religions or communities, but at vulnerability to extremist influence regardless of background.
- ⌚ Public awareness campaign efforts (via newsletters and partner organisations) contributed to fostering an environment where people feel safe to speak up, ask questions, and make referrals when needed.

Looking Ahead — 2026 Priorities

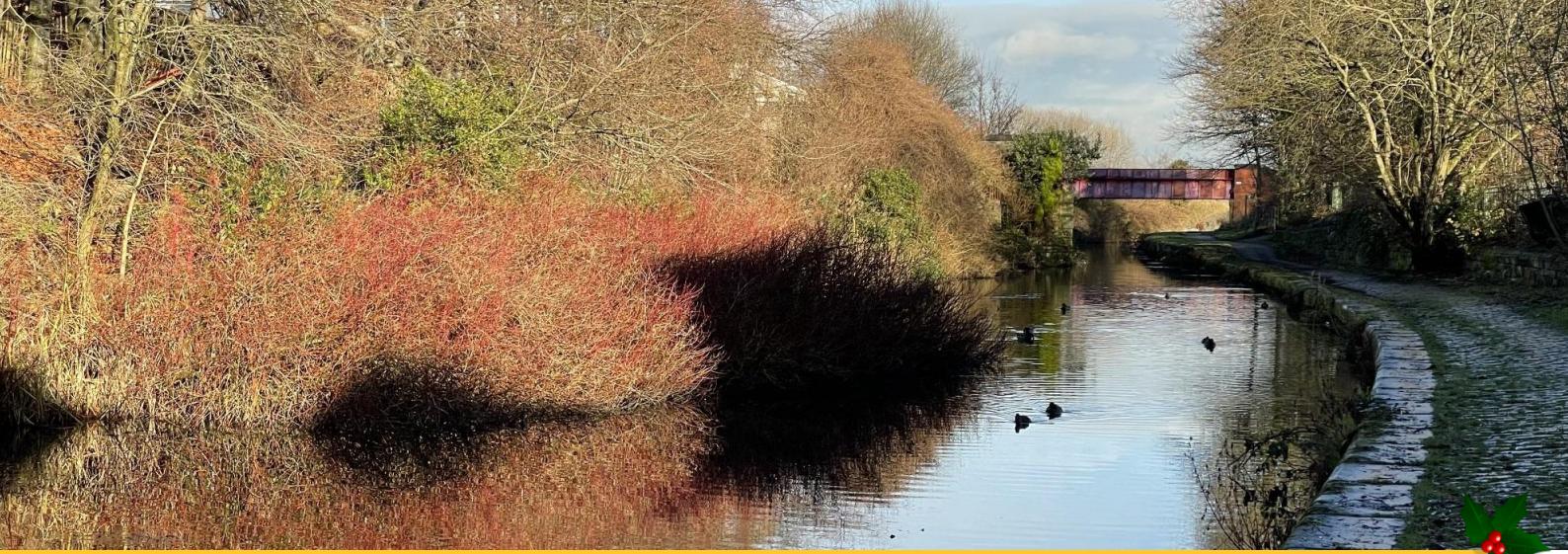
- ⌚ A new 12-month training and advanced training programme, ensuring more people across Bury community organisations, schools and public services are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities.
- ⌚ Maintain rigorous venue-hire checks and monitoring to prevent misuse of public spaces for extremist messaging or recruitment.
- ⌚ Strengthen partnerships across agencies — education, health, policing, local charities — to ensure any risks of radicalisation are spotted early and referred appropriately.
- ⌚ Keep communication open: ensure newsletters remain regular, informative and accessible to all — helping residents understand what Prevent is and how to get in touch if they have concerns.

Want to get involved or learn more?

- ⌚ If you or your organisation would like to book WRAP training or want information about Prevent or safe venue hiring, contact prevent@bury.gov.uk.
- ⌚ For concerns about someone possibly being radicalised, or to submit a referral: you can call the relevant police Prevent line or email the council as outlined on the Prevent page.

A thanks to our community

This year's achievements would not have been possible without the commitment of community groups, schools, volunteers, and local individuals — together we've strengthened Bury's resilience against extremism. Let's carry that spirit into 2026 and continue working for a safer, more inclusive community for all.



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National Picture

Threat level

The threat to the UK from terrorism is currently substantial. This indicates that an attack is likely. It is the middle of the 5 levels of threat which terrorism is assessed against, with the level set by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre and the Security Service.

What is terrorism?

Terrorism is defined in **Section 1 Terrorism**

Act 2000 as the use or threat of action

designed to:

- influence the government or an international governmental organisation; or
- intimidate the public, or a section of the public.
- made for the purposes of advancing a political, religious, racial or ideological cause; and it involves or causes:
- serious violence against a person.
- serious damage to a property.
- a threat to a person's life.
- a serious risk to the health and safety of the public; or
- serious interference with or disruption to an electronic system.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/1>



Are you concerned about someone who is at risk of radicalisation?

If you have any concerns about someone and would like more advice you can contact:

For a pre-discussion and information and guidance around the suitability of submitting a referral for Channel you can contact CTPNW (Counter Terrorism Policing North-West). (CTPNW)

They can advise and support on whether the referral will be appropriate.

- ⌚ Tel: 0161 856 6362
- ⌚ Email: project@gmp.police.uk
- ⌚ Local Authority Prevent team: prevent@bury.gov.uk

Alternatively contact the police confidentially on the Anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321.

If you think the threat is imminent, please call the police immediately on 999.

Any information, advice or concern will be handled with sensitivity and where possible anonymity will be maintained.

For further information please visit www.bury.gov.uk/prevent or email prevent@bury.gov.uk



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Upcoming Training Opportunities

Our next Prevent training sessions are just around the corner!

Join colleagues across Bury to refresh your knowledge, share good practice, and strengthen community safeguarding.

New: Home Office Level 3 Prevent Training (Replaces WRAP)

The Home Office's new face to face Level 3 Prevent Training replaces the old WRAP course and is aimed at frontline professionals and community groups who have direct contact with young people and members of the public in a caseload or direct setting. Includes sectors like education, alternative education, holiday clubs, health, social care, housing, and justice.

This free, advanced session helps staff understand how to spot the signs of radicalisation and respond safely through a multi-agency approach.

What You'll Learn

By the end of the workshop, you'll:

- Understand what Prevent and Channel are.
- Recognise risk factors and signs of radicalisation.
- Know how Prevent applies to your role.
- Learn to use the Notice, Check, Share approach.
- Understand local risks and referral pathways.
- Feel confident about what to do if you're concerned.

Upcoming webinars by SAFE (Safety Advice for Everybody) through Community Security Trust

These workshops are a great chance to build awareness, ask questions, and strengthen community resilience.

For more information and to book onto sessions: [SAFE Events Hub \(zoom.us\)](https://events.zoom.us/ eo/AiMZc0RzletAMSzwOhVnGB5kjMCxcl3IY5p1WXT-9J2FJjr6sdw_~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg)
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Some useful links and documents can be found by scanning our Linktree





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Useful Resources

- www.protectuk.police.uk/ - counter terrorism support & guidance
- Public Consultation on New Laws – preparing and protecting against attacks
<https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/a9e085>
- Prevent and Channel factsheet - Home Office <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/>
- Signs of radicalisation? ACT Early
<https://actearly.uk/>
- Protecting charities from abuse for extremist purposes - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) – guide on how trustees, staff and volunteers can protect their charity from abuse by those encouraging extremism.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-charities-from-abuse-for-extremist-purposes>
- Radicalisation and child protection NSPCC Learning – online resource from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/radicalisation>
- Education colleagues – Prevent Education Handbook shared with Designated Safeguarding Leads

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