



BURY LOCAL AREA GUIDE



Located on the River Irwell close to Manchester in England's North West, Bury has become a popular choice among commuters thanks to its easy links to the city. This bustling hub boasts a strong sense of community while still offering all the amenities that prospective buyers look for.

With its buoyant property market and convenient access to the Metrolink tram system, Bury could be the ideal place to make your home. Perfect for families, professional singles and couples alike, this town offers a welcoming and attractive environment. Our local area guide will help you see for yourself!



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Bury - A Popular and Thriving Commuter Town

Taking its name from the Old English word for “castle”, Bury has been a popular settlement since the days of the Roman occupation. Formed around its ancient marketplace, the town expanded hugely in the early part of the 19th century when the industrial revolution brought factories to the North West and established Bury as a textile manufacturing hub.

Today, Bury is best known as a popular commuter town. Over the past three decades, it has become a popular choice among those who are seeking a comfortable, small town lifestyle with easy access to the bright lights of the city.

Less than half an hour from both amazing scenery and Manchester city centre, Bury is the ideal location for a family home. From humble beginnings, Bury has

prospered and expanded over the years and is now a thriving town attracting new visitors keen to settle in the area.

- Bury is world famous for its black pudding and supplies it to Harrods!
- The band Elbow were formed and played their first gig in Bury
- Bury Football Club was formed in 1885. Their first game at Gigg Lane was against Wigan
- Cherie Blair was born in Bury in 1954





Property Types & Demographics in Bury

Thanks to its convenient location near Manchester, Bury is a popular commuter town and, as such, is home to many young professional singles and couples.

Nevertheless, many families make their homes here too due to the excellent amenities and family-friendly facilities.

All property types are represented here, from apartments and flats in the town centre to terraces and larger detached and semi-detached family homes at prices to suit all budgets.

“Sir Robert Peel, 19th century Prime Minister, is one of Bury’s most famous former residents.

Bury Market Overview



Average Asking Price £205,429*



Percentage Change in Last 12 Months +1.96%



Average Price Paid £202,076*



Average Rent £564pcm



Population 190,108

*Across detached, semi and terraced properties

Data from Zoopla



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Schools in Bury

Top Primary Schools

- Sunning Hill Primary School
- Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Primary School
- St Marie's Roman Catholic Primary School
- St Thomas Church of England Primary School
- Chantlers Primary School

Top Secondary Schools

- The Derby High School
- St Monica's RC High School
- Bury Church of England High School

Independent Schools

- Bury Catholic Prep School & Nursery
- Bury Grammar School Girls

Special State Schools

- Cloughside College
- Millwood Primary Special School

Families with children are keen to make Bury their home as the local schools have an excellent reputation.

Many of the primary schools in the area help their pupils to achieve above average results, and the town is also home to some excellent independent schools including Bury Grammar School.



Local Attractions

East Lancashire Railway

This restored heritage railway can be found in the heart of the town. Visitors can take a train ride through the local countryside. Both steam and diesel trains run here along 12 miles of track.

Fusilier Museum

This popular town museum helps visitors to learn more about the Fusiliers. Tracing over three centuries of their heritage, it can be found in the heart of town. Interactive galleries paired with temporary exhibitions offer a fascinating day out. There is also a shop and café.

Bury Transport Museum

Conveniently located in town, this museum is dedicated to celebrating vintage transport. It is housed in the Castlecroft Goods Warehouse which has been beautifully restored. Here, visitors can find a fascinating collection of memorabilia and vehicles. There are also interactive exhibits to enjoy.

Bury Sculpture Centre

The centre can be found in the cultural quarter of the town. An ideal day out for art buffs, it offers outstanding international culture and art. The space itself is a work of art, combining traditional Victorian architecture with modern details. The exhibitions themselves are a cultural spectacle, created by some of the most prominent sculptors of today.



Bury Art Museum

The Art Museum can be found next to the Sculpture Centre. It showcases some outstanding local and international art. It is also the perfect place for visitors to learn more about the rich history and heritage of Bury itself. An ideal indoor attraction for locals and tourists alike.

Irwell Sculpture Trail

The perfect outdoor day out, the Irwell Sculpture Trail is the North West's biggest public arts scheme. It features 30 different sculptures created by national, international and regional artists. All celebrate the unique landscape and heritage of the area. Not only can visitors enjoy the works of art, they can also enjoy the scenic landscape.





Local Attractions

Peel Monument

This monument to commemorate Sir Robert Peel, former town resident and 19th century Prime Minister can be found on the West Pennine Moors. Views from this vantage point are especially impressive. Measuring 40 metres in height, this tower in the Gothic Revival style was erected after Peel's death in 1852. On a heritage day, it's possible to climb the 148 steps to the top.

Whitehead Gardens

This neat and compact formal park is just outside the centre of town. The gardens were created to commemorate Walter Whitehead, a leading 19th century surgeon born in the town. The clock tower is a focal point of the park, surrounded with colourful flowerbeds. It's a lovely place to enjoy a stroll.

Clarence Park

Clarence Park is Bury's biggest municipal park. Just a mile outside the centre of town, the park first opened in 1888. It is now a proud Green Flag winner thanks to its excellent facilities. Adults and children alike will enjoy the lido where model boats can be sailed, and the community café.

Heaton Park Tramway

This 1km long heritage tram line is a fun day out for adults and children. Here, visitors can take a trip on a vintage rail coach or tram dating back to the early days of the 20th century. Located on part of Heaton Park's original tram line, this attraction runs between the Boating Lake and Middleton Road. There are three vehicles serving the line, and others are on display at the depot.





Bury Shopping & Leisure

Shopping

There are two shopping centres in Bury – the Millgate Centre and the Rock shopping centre. In these can be found a range of popular big-name stores. The outdoor markets are also a popular shopping spot thanks to their impressive range of stalls. There are also numerous independent and boutique-style retailers around the centre of town.

Eating Out

Bury is home to some fantastic eateries to suit all budgets. Popular chain restaurants can be found in abundance at the Rock retail centre. Meanwhile, there are a number of independent award-winning establishments serving a broad spectrum of cuisines. Whether you love tapas, pizza, pub food or fine dining, there's something to enjoy in Bury.

Cinema

The Rock retail complex is home to a multiplex cinema where all the latest blockbusters are released.

Theatre

The Met is a popular Bury entertainment venue. It hosts many comedy, music and theatrical shows all through the year. Several famous comedians have performed here before becoming famous including Eddie Izzard and Peter Kay.

Gym & Health

Fitness buffs will be delighted to discover there are several gyms in Bury. The Village Gym, PureGym and Anytime Fitness are just three of the options that workout fans can choose from.

For relaxation, head to The Last Drop Village Hotel and Spa in nearby Bolton, with its range of treatments and leisure facilities.

Entertainment

Bury has its own roller rink, which represents a fun day out for the young and young at heart. The Rock retail complex is also home to a ten pin bowling alley.





Upcoming Developments

Many property developers are building new homes in Bury thanks to its popularity as a commuter town.

One luxury upcoming development is Hawthorn House, an estate of large detached family properties.

The Tudor Grange development is another popular estate aimed at families wanting 3 and 4 bedroom homes.

For those looking for new-build affordable apartments, the Wharfside Mill development is ideal, offering 1, 2 and 3 bed properties.

A 100% affordable housing development has also been given the green light at Millett Street, and is aimed at young professionals.

Between 2020 and 2037, almost 5000 new homes will be built in Bury and over 1000 will be affordable



Travel Connections

Bury is well-linked to other major towns and cities in the Greater Manchester area. The Metrolink system allows convenient access to central and south Manchester while there are reliable and regular bus services.

For drivers, it couldn't be easier to get around thanks to the proximity of the M6, M66 and M60 motorways.



The nearest city which is Manchester. can be reached via the Metrolink tram within 30 minutes.



Excellent road links. Bury is within easy reach of the M6, M66 and M60 motorways.



Many bus services run between Bury and Manchester including the 92 and 93 services. There are also services to Bolton such as the 480, and Blackburn, such as the 481.



It's possible to reach Manchester International Airport by road from Bury within 30 minutes.



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