

FRIENDS OF ALABARÉ – EXPLANATORY NOTES

NAME	The organisation will be known as Friends of Alabaré
AIMS	To support the work of the Alabaré family, currently, Alabaré Christian Community and Alabaré Christian Care Centres through prayer, finance or volunteering.
OBJECTS	To support Alabaré in the provision of special accommodation and ancillary services such as day centres and counselling, to support them in the relief of poverty, relief and prevention of sickness, disease and mental or physical disability and advancement of the Christian religion.
ELIGIBILITY	Open to anyone in sympathy with the aims and objects of the above organisations and the Christian ideals that motivate Alabaré•.
JOINING	By written application. Applicants may also be asked to give a short statement indicating why they wish to become a Friend. The decision of the Executive will be final.
MEMBERSHIP FEE	A fee of £10 per annum is payable to cover newsletters and correspondence.
BENEFITS	<p>You will be supporting dynamic and growing organisations working to make a difference in the life of vulnerable and marginalized people.</p> <p>Friends will be able to access the support, services and activities of the Alabaré Christian Community.</p> <p>Those who are practising Christians will also be eligible for nomination to become a voting member of Alabaré Christian Care Centres, which is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee.</p>

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP OF ALABARÉ CHRISTIAN CARE CENTRES

In the autumn of each year Friends will receive a list of all the eligible Friends from amongst which they can elect candidates to become voting members of Alabaré Christian Care Centres. Once the postal ballot is complete elected members will be asked to confirm their willingness to take up their position and only then will the results be notified.

The Board of Alabaré• Christian Care Centres will at their sole discretion set the number of Personal Members each year, up to a maximum of 50 members in total elected from among the Friends and set the basis upon which the election will take place. To these will be added the members of the Board and up to 10 Corporate Members if the Board so decide.

All nominees must confirm in writing that they are willing to stand prior to the election. Successful candidates will have to pay the membership fee of the charitable company, which currently stands at £3 and will hold office for up to three years. One third of Members will retire each year but will be eligible for re-election.

The Board of Alabaré reserve the right to veto nominations and to revoke membership in accordance with Article 8 of its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

When nominating and electing to membership of Alabaré Christian Care Centres Friends should try and ensure a fair representation in respect of age, sex and ethnic origin.

The Board of Alabaré• Christian Care Centres and not the Executive of the Friends will decide on the process of elections. However the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Alabaré• Christian Care Centres is being amended to state that the Personal Members will in future be drawn from the organisation of Friends of Alabaré•.

ADMINISTRATION

The Friends will appoint a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus two other together with the Chairman of Alabaré• Christian Care Centres and the chairman of the Alabaré• Christian Community (or their nominee) to form an executive to administer the organisation and approve membership applications. This group will have the power to co-opt two additional people to help them in their work.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The Friends will be administered as an unincorporated body, which will apply for charitable registration in due course.

REMOVAL

If a Friend at any time believes they cannot support the aims and objectives or ethos of both the above charities they should resign their membership. If the Directors or Trustees discover a Friend is not acting in the interest of the organisations they will make a request that their membership be withdrawn in accordance with the terms laid down in their governing document. In such circumstances, if the Friend has been elected to membership of Alabaré Christian Care Centres then that membership could well be revoked in accordance with Article 8 of its Articles and Memorandum of Association.

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the organisation ceasing to exist the funds will be split equally between the Alabaré• charities operating at that time.