



## **ALABARÉ PLACE STAFF AND RESIDENT QUOTES**

Since the demolition of Alabaré's previous hostel at the beginning of the new development, Alabaré has supported around 90 people in homes around the city. Some of these will be moving into Alabaré Place at the end of October, and current residents are looking forward to the facilities that will be on offer there.

### **A, current Alabaré resident,**

"I came to live at Alabaré after my life reached a point where I took an overdose and went to jump off a bridge. I am really looking forward to moving into the new Alabaré Place, and in particular having a garden and music groups to go along to."

### **B, current Alabaré resident,**

"After two months of staying at friends I ended up going having to go to the homeless department at the Council. From the last month I could never be happier. I've got the shelter I need and I really appreciate it. I am looking forward to the new place and love the ideas of having a gym, music room and WiFi café to search for jobs."

### **J, current Alabaré resident,**

"I am living with Alabaré because they took me in when I had nowhere to go when I left jail. I am looking forward to moving into Alabaré Place and doing a bit of gardening and maybe some furniture spraying and if possible start the gym."

### **Stewart Mustard, Alabaré Senior Operations Manager & Project Manager of the Alabaré Place development,**

"We are delighted to have developed a very successful relationship with GreenSquare Group and our partner funders in order to deliver this state-of-the-art new hostel. Alabaré Place has been built to address the agenda of the Places of Change programme, meaning that we have created a hostel which will go beyond merely meeting the accommodation needs of our residents. Instead, the new building incorporates facilities to allow them to engage in skills learning and leisure activities, ultimately boosting morale and helping them integrate effectively back into their communities. Our excellent staff team will be on hand to support them through this process."

### **Sue Gumbleton, Alabaré Wiltshire (Accommodation) Area Manager – responsible for operational management of Alabaré Place,**

"Alabaré Place is a bright and spacious building in which we will be able to offer a warm welcome to all our residents. The new training and leisure facilities will be a massive asset and enable us to provide a stimulating environment with lots of activities happening and opportunities for residents to get involved. Improving health and wellbeing are key, but we will also be providing tenancy skills training for residents, equipping them for their lives after Alabaré Place."

### **Hannah Bruford, Alabaré Place Manager – responsible for the day to day running of Alabaré Place,**

"The staff team are all very excited to be moving into such a wonderful new building. Part of the Places of Change ethos revolves around the excellence of the staff team and we have invested in new training and updating of skills to ensure that our staff in the new hostel will be providing first class support to the residents we are helping. The vast majority of residents are facing an extremely traumatic and emotional time in their lives, and our staff are best placed to provide structured, yet flexible, support to help them re-establish their lives."