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History of the Alabaré Place development

- Alabaré purchased the original Damascus House hostel in 1995. A former nurse's hostel, it accommodated up to 42 vulnerable or homeless men and women at any one time.
See Clipping A and Photo B overleaf.
- In 2006 work began to facilitate the building of a new hostel to replace the now out-dated Damascus House. The new hostel would be based on the Places of Change model (www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/placeschange).
- In 2007 a partnership was agreed with housing group GreenSquare, and work began on raising the necessary funding.
- In June 2009 planning consent was granted for the new development.
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/PressrelDHgoahead29June09.php>
- In September 2009 Wiltshire Council agreed to provide £500,000 towards the new hostel and will help fund the running for the project once it is in operation. A further £1.4million was secured from the Places of Change programme via Wiltshire Council as well.
- In December 2009 Homes and Communities Agency agreed £2million funding for Alabaré Place.
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/Damascus4MillionRelease.php>
- In January/February 2010, current residents at Damascus House are moved to other Alabaré housing around Salisbury. They continue to receive the full levels of support that they need.
- In April 2010 with main funding secured the project is declared "live".
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/PRDamascus.php>
- In May 2010, demolition of the old hostel began.
See PHOTO 1 overleaf:
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/PRDamascus140510.php>
- In August 2010, work on the foundations of the new hostel started.
See PHOTO 2 overleaf:
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/pressreleasenewhostelfoundations.php>
- In February 2011, the main steel frame is erected on site.
See PHOTO 3 overleaf:
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/NewhosteltakesshapePR.php>

- In May 2011, the new hostel is up and a Topping Out ceremony is held with Salisbury MP John Glen.
See PHOTO 4 overleaf:
<http://www.alabare.co.uk/PR951AlabarePlace.php>

CLIPPING A: Alabaré purchases Damascus House

PHOTO B: Damascus House



PHOTO 1 below: May 2010 - Demolition of Damascus House
L to R: Andrew Lord (Alabaré CEO), John Proctor (Alabaré Chairman), Vic O'Brien (GreenSquare Group Development Director) and Cllr John Thomson (Deputy Leader of Wiltshire Council).



PHOTO 2 below: August 2010 -Work on the foundations begins
Alabaré Ambassador and Lord Lt of Wiltshire John Bush joins representatives from the partner agencies on site to see the foundation works take shape.



PHOTO 3 below: February 2011 - the steel frame is erected



PHOTO 4 below: May 2011 - Topping Out at Alabaré Place
L to R: Chris Dowle (Morgan Sindall Site Manager), (back) Cllr John Brady (Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & Housing), (front) John Proctor (Alabaré Chairman), Jo Curson (GreenSquare Head of Development) and John Glen MP (Member of Parliament for Salisbury).



PHOTO 5 below: October 2011 - Alabaré Place is completed



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