



St Margarets Alliance

Benefiting the whole St Margarets Community

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CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The Association shall be called "The St Margarets Alliance" and in this Constitution shall be called "The Alliance".

2. Type of Association

The Alliance shall be an unincorporated association.

3. Objects

The Alliance shall have the following purposes:

- 3.1. To reach an ongoing understanding of those economic, social and environmental well-being needs, desires and priorities of the people who live, work and enjoy St Margarets.
- 3.2. To formulate proposals based on that understanding and to seek their agreement and adoption by the St Margarets Community; culminating in a Community Action Plan (CAP).
- 3.3. To work on the implementation of the CAP following best practice and encouraging community events/activities, by placing the residents first. To offer advice relating to the setting up of groups that might become participants.

4. Powers

- 4.1. To stimulate interest and produce/publish materials.
- 4.2. To conduct research and develop schemes for community agreement.
- 4.3. Raise funds, purchase and employ, where necessary to meet these objects.
- 4.4. Lobby/work with all organisation to meet the objects.
- 4.5. Represent local people to help get their voice heard.
- 4.6. Follow best practise with advice from the Environmental Law Foundation ELF.

5. St Margaret

St Margaret's shall mean the administrative boundary of the ward, plus the wider St Margarets, including St Stephens, Marble Hill, Montpellier, Lebanon Park, Twickenham Park and any other associated area.

6. Steering Group

The Alliance seeks to encourage anyone interested in its purposes and living, working or enjoying St Margarets to participate in its activities. To that end it recognises the following categories of Participant. Participants who are not Individuals shall appoint representatives to act on their behalf and attend Meetings of the Alliance. It is the role of the steering group to ensure the highest standards of representation and applicability for the activities of the Alliance. The steering group will advise on the design and distribution of surveys to collect the views of residents.

6.1. Residents' Associations

The Alliance will recognise a Residents Association if:

- 6.1.1. It covers a finite geographical area within St Margarets.
- 6.1.2. It is properly constituted, or has an active committee.
- 6.1.3. It keeps in contact with its members by means of a newsletter at least twice a year.
- 6.1.4. A Residents Association may have Observer status (where applicable).

6.2. Business and Traders' Associations

Any Association which represents businesses in St Margarets.

6.3. Other Bodies

Charities and "Churches" and/or "Faith communities" other bodies which represent minorities, single issue pressure groups or under-represented groups.

6.4. Schools

To include, Orleans Infants, St Stephens, St Mary's and Orleans Park.

6.5. Police

A participant appointed by the local police.

6.6. Individuals

People who live, work, or enjoy St Margarets

6.7. Associate Member

Councillors, Officers of Statutory Bodies and Non Governmental Organisations. Associate Members should participate where requested.

7. Observers

Anyone with an interest in St Margarets but not part of the Steering Group whether representing others or not. Observers should participate where requested.

8. Officers

8.1. The Alliance shall have the following officers, who collectively are the Executive. Their responsibilities are set out in the following table:

Title of Officer	Main Function
Chair	To chair Meetings of the Alliance and to represent it when the Alliance engages with other bodies. To be a community champion, without compromise, placing residents first.
Secretary	To ensure the proper administration of Meetings of the Alliance and to receive and send correspondence.
Treasurer	To oversee the financial arrangements of the Alliance and to present regular reports of its assets and liabilities including an Annual Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account.
Press and Publicity Officer	To handle relations with the press and to promote the Alliance within the community.
Liaison Officer	To encourage participation in the Alliance, particularly under-represented groups, and to encourage their active involvement in the Purposes.

8.2. Any Participant or representative of a Participant may offer themselves as a candidate for an Officer post at any, but nominees must agree to follow the aims of the Alliance.

8.3. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving notice to Secretary or any other Officer and at the next Meeting of the Alliance.

8.4. The Executive is responsible for all day-to-day administration and decision making.

9. Meetings

The Alliance shall have meetings notified by the Secretary which will usually be on a monthly basis.

10. Conflicts of Interest

Any Participant who has a direct or indirect personal interest in any matter under discussion at any Meeting of the Alliance over and above their interest as a member of the community or as a representative for a Participant shall declare it and not participate relating to such matter.

11. Delegation

The Alliance may set up *ad hoc* working groups of Participants and/or Observers to take forward matters within its Purposes, which must report to the Executive prior to any actions.

12. Assets, Contracts and Funding

- 12.1. The Assets of the Alliance are held upon trust for the Purposes
- 12.2. The Alliance will not enter into any liability which exceeds the value of its Assets.
- 12.3. The Alliance aims to fund its activities from donations, memberships and grants

13. Communications

Communications by email shall have the same status as communications in writing.

14. Underlying Values

This resident's representation must be based on research data, residents' association views and community agreement. (Under no circumstances will a dominant personal, or party political input be acceptable).

- 14.1. The Alliance shares the values set out to promote the sustainability of the St Margaret's Community.
- 14.2. The Alliance in its operation will sustain and support the principle of equal treatment for all, irrespective of disability, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion/belief.
- 14.3. The Alliance supports diversity and operates within a community with differing values, priorities and needs and will work for cohesion and unity through consensus and mutual understanding wherever possible and will follow the majority view of collected survey data unless unlawful or unwise.
- 14.4. The Alliance will operate in non party political manner consistent within these Underlying Values.
- 14.5. The Alliance is a member of Richmond United Group (RUG) and follows the aims, objectives and advice of this group.
- 14.6. The Alliance accounts are available from the Treasure upon request. Minutes are available to the steering group.