

## Friends of Downe Orchard constitution

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### ARTICLE 1 : NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

The name of the organisation shall be The Friends of Downe Orchard (the "Group")

The legal status of the Group is an unincorporated "not for profit" organisation where its Committee members are responsible for any contracts entered into.

The Group shall operate in the area(s) known as Downe orchard (the "orchard") - between Rookery Road and North End Lane, Downe

### ARTICLE 2 : AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Group will be as follows:

- To help with practical conservation through voluntary action for the benefit of wildlife and the community under the supervision of the London Borough of Bromley (LBB) and its professional officers.
- To help to secure and promote the conservation and protection of the orchard.
- To monitor its plants animals and wildlife habitats and maintain and improve its biodiversity
- To promote its use as a place for quiet, informal enjoyment, recreation and study.
- To foster a sense of Downe community ownership of the orchard
- To assist in providing an educational experience for the general public in the history, natural history and biodiversity of the orchard.

With a view to maintaining a sound financial base and seeking other funding or donations to further activities which meet the above aims and objectives.

### ARTICLE 3 : POWERS

To further these aims and objectives the committee shall have the power to:

- Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Group.
- Associate with LBB, voluntary organisations and those with an interest in the orchard in a common effort to carry out the aims of the Group.
- Permit the Committee to enter into contractual arrangements.
- To have its own bank account.
- Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Group.

### ARTICLE 4 : MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be open to anyone interested in promoting the aims of the Group. Applicants for membership shall normally become members upon receipt of a voluntary donation.

Membership will be for one year from the date of the annual meeting. There will be one level of membership known as 'household' and this will be subject to a voluntary donation. There will be no pre-set minimum amount for any voluntary donation. This means membership is open to all who agree to abide by the constitution in return for rights given in the constitution. Membership will be

