

PRESS RELEASE

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APPRENTICES ARRIVE



Group photograph available

Fourteen young people stepped out this week on careers that could take them to the top.

The youngsters, all school leavers, succeeded in getting the 14 modern apprenticeships offered by New Charter Housing Trust Group. They are already successful having beaten off competition from over 450 applications. The modern apprentices are destined for careers as administrators, gas fitters, plumbers, joiners, plasterers and environmental workers.

The apprentices' first day at work was Monday this week (1st September) and the morning consisted of an initial induction to the company, meeting the Group Chief Executive, getting their official identity cards and photographs, and their New Charter uniforms. Pictured are the fourteen who all live locally in the Tameside area.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. New Charter advertised these opportunities in early May 2003.
2. This is the third intake of modern apprentices. New Charter plans to recruit modern apprentices each year, usually after Easter.
3. New Charter formed in 1999 as the new landlords to own and manage nearly 16,400 properties transferred from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in Greater Manchester. Until September 2000, it was Britain's biggest Large-Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT). With a turnover of £49 million a year and a workforce of almost 800, New Charter is one of the twenty largest Registered Social Landlords (RSL's), and is regulated by The Housing Corporation, a Government watchdog.

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