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## Tackling anti-social behaviour TOGETHER

New Charter has been nationally recognised by the Home Office for its pioneering work on tackling Anti Social Behaviour.

The Government invited New Charter to the national launch of **Together**, the reaffirmed commitment to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Two of our employees, Sue Hird and Sue Holden represented us, further endorsing our position as leading practitioners in this field.

The **Together** campaign is a package of financial and practical measures to support the various agencies involved in tackling ASB issues. It is linked to the current passage through parliament of the Anti-Social Behaviour Bill.

Tony Powell, New Charter's Director of Tenancy Services said, "We see **Together** as a positive Government commitment in support of the ASB Bill. The Prime Minister, Home



Secretary and Home Office Minister and Salford MP Hazel Blears among others attended the campaign launch. It's great to be recognised by these people for our excellent work."

New Charter was the second housing association in the country to obtain an Anti Social Behaviour Order, following the powers granted to associations and others in December 2002. We have followed this with many successes against perpetrators of unacceptable behaviour affecting our neighbourhoods. These include prison sentences for those breaching Orders, three year bans from estates, action on parents of youth offenders, acceptable behaviour contracts and injunctions on tenants to control their visitors.

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. 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. With a turnover of £49million 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.
2. We contribute to the work of the Government's Anti-Social Behaviour through our founder membership of the Social Landlords Crime & Nuisance Group.
3. You can see evidence of our active approach in our press releases issued this summer (see our website [www.newcharter.co.uk](http://www.newcharter.co.uk) for archive).
4. Find details of the Anti Social Behaviour Bill at [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/docs2/asb\\_bill.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/docs2/asb_bill.html)
5. (Our employees) Sue Hird is Tenancy Compliance Manager and Sue Holden is Head of Legal Services.

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