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## Cain more than able!



Photographs available of presentation and Adam Cain

Adam Cain of our Building Company has been named as gas fitting apprentice of the year at North Trafford College.

He's worked for New Charter for just a year and started a three-year apprenticeship with day release at North Trafford. Calor Gas sponsor the award and Steve Foulkes, their Plant and Customer Engineering Manager presented Adam with the shield and some vouchers. Our own Group Chief Executive Ian Munro attended the presentation and congratulated Adam on his achievement in being selected ahead of 300 other apprentices.

Adam was educated at St Matthews in Moston and lives in Newton Heath. "As I was finishing school, I wanted to be an electrician", he recalled. "But I started working for my



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dad, a self-employed plumber and gas fitter, so I really have followed in his footsteps. Unfortunately my dad then had a serious illness, which forced me to look around for a career. I rang New Charter as I thought there was a long-term future working here, and I've never looked back".

That story has a happy ending as Adam's dad, Paul, has made an excellent recovery and is back in work.

Adam acknowledges his father's help in winning his award. "I did all right in my exams, but the practical skills come more easily to me because of the time I spent working alongside my dad". Customers of New Charter may well have been visited by Adam who works mainly on repairs, but his apprenticeship also means he has helped put new central heating in as well as servicing appliances in tenants' homes.

Andy Stafford, Group Director of Building said, "This is the latest in a line of awards and recognition for the quality of our workforce, and especially our apprentices. At a time when the construction scene is booming, it's important we maintain the high standards of quality which the industry needs. I'm delighted Adam has been recognised in this way".

## **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 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. New Charter Building Company has a turnover of £26million and specialises in responsive repairs, cyclical maintenance, and the planned refurbishment of homes. It concentrates chiefly on work for New Charter, but has several other clients including private, public and housing associations across the North West.
3. **iN business for neighbourhoods** is a major new campaign, through which housing associations and companies across England are demonstrating the positive difference they make to people's homes, communities and quality of life. New Charter is one of over 420 housing companies and associations supporting the initiative. We've made a commitment to neighbourhoods, customers and excellence. Our commitment to neighbourhoods includes working with local people and responding to local needs. For our customers, we promise to listen to them and respond to their views. New Charter aims to be landlord, employer and partner of choice

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