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Robber copped



Photographs of handover at Cavendish 249 including mock arrest of burglar available

Two new police cars from New Charter were put to immediate use as officers made their first 'arrest'...

But the villain was an impostor - the event was staged to show the latest boost to neighbourhood policing.

Making communities safer is at the heart of the partnership between New Charter and Greater Manchester Police.

New Charter has contributed half the cost of two new police cars to patrol neighbourhoods, and attend to incidents. Tenants and residents in Hyde, Longdendale, Mossley, Stalybridge and Dukinfield saw the new vehicles on their streets from the Bank Holiday weekend.

The vehicles wear the livery of New Charter and Greater Manchester Police, and can accommodate four officers – and two prisoners.

Director of Tenancy Services at New Charter, Tony Powell officially handed over the cars to Inspector Terence Finn. As he handed over the keys, Tony said: "Our customers tell us they want even better policing, and I know our local force is striving to meet expectations. We're prepared to actively help our partners deliver better services to protect our massive investment in homes and neighbourhoods. We've already provided the force with cameras to collect evidence; and alarms to install in burglary hotspots."

Inspector Terence Finn said: "Our partnership with New Charter is more than just sharing information. Extras such as this help us increase our presence and put visible policing into neighbourhoods. I want to provide reassurance for the vast majority of residents that we're



working together to deter and detect crime. I'm delighted that New Charter has reinforced our alliance in such a practical way."

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. New Charter formed in 1999 as the new landlords to own and manage homes transferred from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in Greater Manchester. With a turnover of £48million a year and a workforce of 800, New Charter is one of the country's largest Registered Social Landlords, and is regulated by The Housing Corporation, a Government watchdog. By incorporating Aksa Housing Association recently, the Group owns 15,000 homes.
2. The vehicles are the third and fourth to be supported by New Charter and complete the coverage of the Tameside Division for Greater Manchester Police.
3. **iN business for neighbourhoods** is a long-term project highlighting housing associations' performance. As social businesses, housing associations do not make profit. They offer homes for rent and sale at prices local people can afford. Housing associations provide more than homes - they help create places where people want to live. Wherever you see the **iN business for Neighbourhoods** sign, something great is happening in the area. Housing Associations who display this logo are committed to their customers, the neighbourhoods they work in and strive for excellence in everything they do.

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