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New Charter Named Installer of the Year

NEW Charter Housing Trust's Building Company has fended off stiff competition from across the UK to be named Gas Installer of the year.

Representatives from the Building Company, attended Corgi's awards ceremony at the Ricoh Stadium, Coventry where they were named North of England Installer of the Year.

But as the awards drew to a close organisers' had an extra surprise in store - the company, based in Dukinfield, Greater Manchester, was also handed the prestigious national award.

The independent panel of judges looked at customer service, health and safety, sustainability, training and value for money before deciding on the winner, said Building Company Director John Corr, who collected the award.

John estimated that since being set up 10 years ago the Building Company has installed around 11,000 heating systems in homes owned by its parent company New Charter, as well as in contract work for other social landlords and private businesses.

He said: "When my name was called out to accept Best Installer in the North award on behalf of the Building Company, we were absolutely over the moon.

"But when it was called out a second time to receive Best Installer in the UK, we just couldn't believe it, especially as we faced competition from specialists like CM Oxendale, HIS Northwest and Premier Energy Solutions who have won the award in the past.

"This is an outstanding achievement for everyone at the Building Company and everyone in our heating and installation section. It was a real team effort."

The Building Company was set up in March 2000 to support the biggest housing stock transfer in the country at the time, when 16,400 homes were transferred from Tameside Council.

As well as carrying out maintenance and building work on all New Charter homes, the company's contract work throughout the Northwest generates £22 million turnover annually.

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I. New Charter formed in 1999 as the new landlords to own and manage homes transferred from Tameside council in Greater Manchester. With a turnover of £70million a year and a workforce of 880, New Charter is one of the region's largest registered providers of social housing, and is regulated by the Tenant Services Authority, a Government watchdog. The Group owns 18,600 homes. It was named at 6th place in The Sunday Times 100 best companies to work for in 2010.

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