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Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For March 18, 2004

# **Gallaher Group Plc**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Members Hill
Brooklands Road
Weybridge
Surrey KT13 0QU
England
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in the Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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□On 16 March 2004 Gallaher Group Plc issued 10,083 new 10p ordinary shares in the Company in respect of options that have been exercised under the Company's Savings Related Share Option Schemes. The shares were allotted at the following prices:

4,772 shares at £2.97 5,019 shares at £3.67 292 shares at £5.59

The total number of Gallaher Group shares in issue now stands at: 653,735,866 shares.

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#### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER Securities and Exchange Commission SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### **Gallaher Group Plc**

(Registrant)

By: <u>/s/ Alyson Morris</u>
Name: Alyson Morris

Date: March 18, 2004 Title: Deputy Company Secretary