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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 October 1, 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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Yes No

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NEWS RELEASE

Board of directors

Further to the announcement on 16th July 2004, the board of Gallaher Group Plc confirms the appointment, today, of Stewart Hainsworth to the board of the Company, and the retirement of Nigel Simon from the board yesterday (30 September 2004).

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Notes to Editors

Photographs of Messrs Hainsworth and Simon are available to download from the Group's website, in the media centre's picture library:

http://ir.gallaher-group.com/ir/media/picture_personnel.asp

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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: October 1, 2004 Title: Deputy Company Secretary