GALLAHER GROUP PLC Form 6-K January 07, 2004

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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 December 31, 2003

Gallaher Group Plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F

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.

Form 40-F

Yes No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b).

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"On 30 December 2003 Gallaher Group Plc issued 888,389 new 10p ordinary shares in the Company. These shares were allotted at a price of £5.96 per share to BWCI Trust Company Limited and will be used to satisfy Awards made under Gallaher's Deferred Bonus Plan and Performance Share Plan for the performance period 2003-2005.

The total number of Gallaher Group Plc shares in issue now stands at: 653,590,922 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/ Tom Keevil</u>
Name: Tom Keevil

Date: January 7, 2004 Title: Company Secretary