

# Press Release

## Northernshire Facilities Management Ltd acquires Catering Partnership in Cumbria

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For Immediate Release

**Ventilation hygiene and L.E.V. testing company Northernshire FM Ltd has announced its acquisition of Catering Partnership, a catering equipment and kitchen design business based in Kendal, Cumbria.**

The acquisition of Catering Partnership will preserve the future security of this long-established Cumbrian business and allow Northernshire who have a nationwide client base including NHS, McDonalds and Booths, to expand its service provision into the county. Catering Partnership will continue to operate from offices in Staveley Mill Yard, Kendal.

Graham Heath, managing director of Northernshire said “I was delighted when Peter approached me about taking over Catering Partnership. The two companies fit together brilliantly and allow us to continue providing the excellent service and products that are offered through them, whilst also giving us a solid base from which to develop our ventilation hygiene business. Being able to offer the cleaning, surveys and testing service (essential for insurance and HSE requirements) to Catering Partnership clients increases the options available from one source.”

Peter Swinburne, owner and MD of Catering Partnership will continue in a consultancy role for the foreseeable future to ensure a smooth transition for his customers and assist Graham in integrating the business systems. His son Nick, will also stay in place long term to lead the technical team which is now enhanced by staff from Northernshire.

Peter said “I have wanted to take more of a back seat for some time, and this move allows me to retire in the knowledge that the business is in safe hands. When you nurture your own company to a strong position in the local market, you want to be absolutely confident of its future stability. This alliance with Northernshire gives me full confidence in this. Knowing that Nick continues in the family business gives me great pride in what we have achieved, and I will enjoy to work alongside Graham to ensure continued excellent service to our customers in Cumbria”.

Northernshire Facilities Management Ltd. was established in 1993, and has a team of 25 staff based in Preston, Lancashire. Teams from both Northernshire and Catering Partnership are working closely together to integrate the two companies.

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