

Limerick's Charter 800 is on the cards for Plassey

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NEW phone cards to be launched this week will feature the logos of Limerick's Charter 800 and the University of Limerick.

Independent Telecoms Group, the country's fastest-growing telecoms and computer service company, will issue the new cards for its payphones.

So far, no formal announcement has been made, but it is expected that the card will be given an official launch in Limerick soon.

"It will be something of a collector's item," said marketing director Miriam Ahern in an exclusive interview.

The nation-wide organisation, whose Limerick base is at Charlotte Quay, is at present installing 200 pay-phones in Plassey village and Kilmurry for the use of students there.

"The new phone cards with the Limerick logos will be for use with our own payphones," Ms Ahern added.

She revealed that the

cards, which should be delivered this week, had to be manufactured in England, as they could not get anybody to print them over here.

"The network in Plassey village is our own one, operating on a hub," she continued, explaining that her company would also be installing an internal messaging facility — an internal voice-mailing service for the students at the village.

The company was founded in 1989 by John Nagle and Maurice Healy and now has 110 engineering and support staff in Limerick, Dublin and Cork.

It recently completed the installation of 2,000 new National Lottery terminals throughout the country.

The company's latest success was only last week, when representatives of the company met the Minister for Communications, Alan Dukes, to receive from him the prestigious ISO-9002 quality award.

"ITG is now the most dynamic computer and telephone systems support company in the country," pointed out marketing director, Miriam Ahern.



Alan Dukes, Minister for Communications, presenting ISO award to Miriam Ahern, ITG marketing director, and John Nagle, managing director, at the briefing in the Department of Communications.