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### UK Copper Board Rewards Top Trainers

Copper pipework skills were clearly on show at the national final of the 2010 SkillPLUMB competition, which took place at the beginning of October. The competition, which showcases the talents of Britain’s best young plumbers, tested the copper skills of the ten students to the limits, at the end of which Lee Patrick, Shane Trevitt and Thomas Smith were judged first, second and third respectively. The UK Copper Board, in addition to providing sponsorship for the competition, awarded three press fitting tool kits to the training providers of the top three contestants.

Thanks to the excellent copper skills of their students – Lee Patrick of Eyre Electrical Ltd, Shane Trevitt of N G Bailey and Thomas Smith of PlumbSpark – Cambridge Regional College, Bailey Engineering Academy and Havering College have each been presented with a press fitting tool kit worth over £1,000. The kit includes the press tool itself along with a series of jaws from 15 to 35 mm and battery packs. These offer a fantastic opportunity for the colleges to demonstrate copper press fitting technology and give their students some valuable, hands-on experience.

Copper press fittings, along with the copper push-fit fittings, offer flame-free jointing choices to installers for those projects where soldering and brazing are not permitted. The flame-free techniques are clean, fast and reliable and are ideal for modern construction techniques and stringent site regulations.



The winners of SkillPlumb 2010 pictured with their lecturers and Nick Hay of the UKCB



Thomas Smith and staff at Havering College with their new press tool

**Notes to the editor:**

*The UK Copper Board was established in 1993 as part of a European campaign to promote the use of copper as the professional's choice when installing plumbing and heating systems.*

*The Board works in close association with tube and fitting manufacturers throughout the UK and Europe, and is supported by the International Copper Association and the European Copper Institute.*

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