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**COMMENT FROM JOHN MEWETT, MARKETING DIRECTOR, SCREWFIX ON 3<sup>rd</sup>  
DECEMBER'S AUTUMN STATEMENT**

“As a multi-channel retailer to tradesmen, we welcome some of the Autumn Statement announcements. The latest research we have conducted with tradesmen shows they are busier than ever, so the changes to Stamp Duty which will inevitably help to boost the housing market, will help to keep tradesmen’s diaries full well into 2015.

“We also noted the abolition of National Insurance contributions by employers taking on apprentices. This will surely be welcome news to UK tradesmen looking to take on and train new apprentices, positive news at a time when the construction industry is experiencing growth.

“The freeze on fuel duty will also help us as a retailer, to make sure our deliveries continue to run as smoothly and efficiently as possible, and our trade customers, many of whom rely on their vehicles to get from job to job will definitely benefit from this.”

For further information and to order online visit [www.screwfix.com](http://www.screwfix.com). Alternatively, call 0500 41 41 41 or mobile-friendly on 03330 112 112, or pick up a copy of the current catalogue at a local Screwfix store.

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**Note to editors**

**About Screwfix:**

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher plc, Europe’s leading home improvement retail group and the third largest in the world [www.kingfisher.com](http://www.kingfisher.com). Screwfix is recognised as being “where the trade buys” offering a straightforward and transparently-priced retail experience that enables busy tradesmen to shop 23,000 products over the phone, online, via their mobile or from their local store.

- From power tools and workwear to cables and pipe fittings, more than 11,000 products are available to pick up from the national network of over 350 stores. A further range of over 10,000 products can be ordered over the phone, online or from a local store for next day delivery, with orders taken up until 7pm to home or site.
- [Screwfix.com](https://www.screwfix.com) attracts 1.5 million unique visitors per week and the Screwfix Click & Collect service means customers can conveniently purchase supplies online (or over the phone) and then collect from store just five minutes later.
- Customers can call the UK-based Screwfix Contact Centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including bank holidays) on 0500 41 41 41, or on the mobile-friendly 03330 112 112.
- All of our 350+ stores are open 7 days a week and from 7am Monday to Friday, making sure we are ready when our customers are.
- 9 out of 10 customers would recommend Screwfix to a friend.

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