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THE SCREWFIX FOUNDATION CELEBRATES SUPPORT FOR 45 CHARITIES

The Screwfix Foundation, which launched earlier this year, has announced its first wave of bursaries raising £55,000 for 43 local projects which fix, maintain, repair and improve properties and community facilities across the UK.

Funds have been split between the Foundation's two national charity partners – Barnado's children's charity and Macmillan Cancer Support, with the remaining monies being shared between 43 local projects. From refurbishing local hospices, to equipping children's projects with the latest equipment, and even redeveloping training areas for pet charities, the Screwfix team have been out in full force fundraising for the cause.

John Mewett, trustee of The Screwfix Foundation, comments: "The support our staff and customers have given The Screwfix Foundation since it launched in April is phenomenal. To be able to award funding within the first six months of launching the charity is a really great achievement that our Screwfix staff can be proud of. The money has been raised through customer collection boxes in Screwfix stores and staff fundraising activities."

Fundraising has taken place across the UK with activities ranging from fun days in Bradford and a sponsored stay in a haunted hotel in Ashington, to mountain treks by the Dudley store team and exercise challenges in Redruth.

John continues "Screwfix customers have also donated online via Pennies - the online electronic charity box which enables them to round up their payments to the nearest pound. Our partnership with Pennies has been so successful, with more than 250,000 donations since we put the system in place.

“We look forward to lending a welcome helping hand to many more local charities in our next wave of funding. I would like to encourage charities with relevant projects to get their applications in.”

Charities can apply for funding from The Screwfix Foundation online at Screwfixfoundation.com. Applications are welcome from across the UK, as long as the charity is registered and the project involves fixing, maintaining or repairing buildings or facilities for those in need.

National charity partner Barnado’s has pledged to use the donations to maintain its local centres which support sick children and their families, whilst Macmillan will put the funds towards its grants scheme, enabling people with cancer to adapt their homes to make their lives easier.

For more information about The Screwfix Foundation, visit screwfixfoundation.com.

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About Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation was set up by Screwfix in 2013. The aim is to work with national and local charities to support projects which fix, repair, maintain and improve facilities for those in need in the UK.

The charity partners for 2013 are Barnado’s children’s charity and Macmillan Cancer Support. Local registered charities can also apply for a share of the funds at screwfixfoundation.com.

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