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SCREWFIX INTRODUCES NEW CHARITY TO NORTHERN IRELAND

A new charity has been launched to support projects that fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities for those in need across Northern Ireland.

The Screwfix Foundation, which has already been successfully operating across other areas of the UK, will provide much needed funding to a range of projects, from repairing run-down buildings, to decorating the homes of people living with illness and disability.

The Screwfix Foundation currently works with two charity partners – Barnado’s children’s charity and Macmillan Cancer Support. 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 and giving them the ability to live a more independent life.

The Screwfix Foundation has also been designed to lend a welcome, helping hand to smaller, local charities who can apply online at Screwfixfoundation.com for a share of the funding. Applications are welcome from across Northern Ireland, as long as the charity is UK registered and the project involves fixing, maintaining or repairing buildings or facilities for those in need.

John Mewett, Trustee, The Screwfix Foundation, said: “Over the past 12 months, the Screwfix Foundation has been able to offer a lot of support to British charities both on a national and local level, operating in a range of sectors. We’re delighted to be in a position to increase this work further by launching The Screwfix Foundation across Northern Ireland.

“We’re raising money for building and maintenance projects that our national charity partners are involved with, as well as helping the many local projects and causes at the heart of the communities near to our stores. We’re lucky to have both staff and customers who are

generous with their time and money, as shown by the success of the Screwfix Foundation to date.”

The Screwfix Foundation raises money through fundraising events across the UK and Northern Ireland in and around Screwfix stores, where staff members tackle a host of challenges and activities, from sponsored sporting events to family fun days and fancy dress. There are also collection boxes in the network of over 360 Screwfix stores and the brand is continuing its partnership with Pennies, the electronic charity box which enables customers to round up their payments to the nearest pound with all money donated now going direct to The Screwfix Foundation.

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

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Note to editors

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.

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher PLC the world’s third largest home improvement retailer. The Screwfix Foundation is an excellent example of how each of Kingfisher’s operating companies is contributing to the Group’s Net Positive approach to business - to do more than minimise its negative impact and instead have a positive one. The Group’s aspiration is that by 2050 every Kingfisher store supports projects which build local communities or equip people with skills – the Screwfix Foundation is a very welcome addition in helping the Group realise its Net Positive Community aspirations. www.kingfisher.com/netpositive

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