



SCREWFIX EMPLOYEES' ABSEIL DOWN THE SPINNAKER TOWER FOR CHARITY

14 staff members from seven Screwfix stores in Chichester, Havant, Fareham, Hedge End, Eastleigh, Weymouth and Dorchester are celebrating after abseiling down the iconic Spinnaker tower in Portsmouth to raise money for charity.

The team raised an impressive £2,000 for The Screwfix Foundation, a charity which supports projects to fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and facilities for those in need. The £2,000 raised will also be match funded by Screwfix, bringing the total to a notable £4,000.

The Spinnaker tower stands 560ft tall on Portsmouth harbour and models Portsmouth's maritime history, shaped like a sail. It is one of the tallest, accessible structures outside of London, providing a 360° view for 23 miles, enough to make anyone standing at the top feel dizzy!

Gemma Smallwood, Manager of the Hedge End store and challenge organiser comments: "It was fantastic to see the team pull together to get everyone through the challenge. The adrenaline was pumping at the top but we were all determined to get through it. I think some of the team loved seeing the managers squirm at the top of that tower! It was however for a worthy cause and a great opportunity to increase awareness for The Screwfix Foundation".

The Screwfix Foundation launched in 2013 and donates much needed funding to help a variety of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

John Mewett, trustee of The Screwfix Foundation said: "The Screwfix Foundation relies on the money raised by fundraising events across the country in and around our Screwfix stores. We're delighted that colleagues in so many of our stores in the south have rallied behind the charity by doing this fantastic activity to raise money which we will then donate to our well deserving national and local charity partners."

Relevant projects in and around Dorset and Hampshire are invited to apply online for a share of the funding at screwfixfoundation.com.

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Note to editors

About The Screwfix Foundation:

The Screwfix Foundation is a new charity set up by Screwfix in 2013. We have a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.

The Screwfix Foundation raises funds throughout the year to support causes that will change people's lives. Working with both national and local charities, The Screwfix Foundation donates much needed funding to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

About Screwfix:

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 400 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 attracts 1.9 million 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 per day, 7 days a week (including bank holidays) from 7am – 9pm Monday – Friday and 8am – 6pm Saturday-Sunday on 0500 41 41 41, or on the mobile-friendly 03330 112 112.
- All of our 400 stores are open 7 days a week and from 7am Monday to Friday, making sure we are ready when our customers are.

- 94 per cent of customers would recommend a friend to Screwfix.

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