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### **SCREWFIX TEAM GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR CHARITY!**

Screwfix employees are celebrating after raising an impressive £160,000 for The Screwfix Foundation following a national cycle relay.

Staff from Screwfix stores around the UK teamed up and took part in 'Tour de Screwfix', a mammoth 6,100 mile national cycle relay with pit stops at all 400 of the company's UK stores. The ride raised valuable funds for The Screwfix Foundation, a charity which supports projects to fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and facilities for those in need in the UK.

900 Screwfix staff at each of its stores nationwide rode a leg, or multiple legs, over an eight week period to raise money for The Screwfix Foundation. The team raised an impressive £80,000 which has been pound matched by Screwfix bringing the total up to a massive £160,000!

The route started in Inverness, Scotland, taking in the challenging terrain, before making its way over the Irish Sea for the Northern Ireland leg of the tour. The baton then re-entered the British mainland and worked its way down England and Wales, before ending at Screwfix head office in Yeovil, Somerset.

On the final leg of the tour, 16 Screwfix head office employees rode a gruelling 186 miles over two days to Screwfix's 400th store in Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Ben Spalding, who rode 186 miles from Yeovil to Hinckley comments: "Taking part in Tour de Screwfix was a fantastic challenge to be part of. I'm extremely proud to have participated. It was a really tough ride and I had a gruelling two month training programme to ensure I could complete it! It was such a great way to raise money for The Screwfix Foundation."

The Screwfix Foundation is now calling out for charities throughout the UK to apply for a share of the funds raised by 'Tour de Screwfix'.

Andrew Livingston, CEO of Screwfix, said: "The Tour de Screwfix was a great way to raise money for The Screwfix Foundation and to celebrate the launch of our 400<sup>th</sup> store in Hinckley. I'm really proud of the commitment that our staff have given to support this valuable cause so that The Screwfix Foundation can help many more well deserving charity projects across the UK."

The Screwfix Foundation works with two national charity partners, Barnardo's children's charity and Macmillan Cancer Support, as well as lending a welcome helping hand to smaller, local registered charities, which are carrying out projects which involve fixing, maintaining or repairing buildings or facilities for those in need. To apply for funding, visit [www.screwfixfoundation.com](http://www.screwfixfoundation.com)

For more information on Screwfix visit [www.screwfix.com](http://www.screwfix.com), call 0500 41 41 41 or mobile-friendly on 03330 112 112.

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### **Note to editors**

#### **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 14,000 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 collect from the national network of 412 stores. An extra range of over 3,000 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](http://screwfix.com) attracts 1.9 million visitors per week and the Screwfix *Click & Collect* service means customers can conveniently purchase supplies online and then collect from store just five minutes later.

- Customers can contact the UK-based Screwfix call centre free 24 hours per day, 7 days a week (plus bank holidays) on 0500 41 41 41, or on the mobile-friendly 01935 414141.
- Screwfix stores are open 7 days a week – see [screwfix.com](https://www.screwfix.com) for local opening hours
- 94 per cent of customers would recommend a friend to Screwfix.
- 50% of the UK are within 10 minutes of a Screwfix store, with 9/10 within 20 minutes.
- Screwfix employs over 7,500 people has been awarded a Gallup Great Workplace Award for its outstanding workplace culture and staff engagement.

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