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### **SCREWFIX TEAM IN THREE PEAKS TRIUMPH**

A team of nine walkers braved the recent winter-like weather and undertook the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge to raise a fantastic £4,000 for prostate and testicular cancer charity, Everyman, the MS society, UK Youth and Parkinson's.

The group, which included three employees from [Yeovil based] Screwfix, three of their colleagues from print partner Altavia, and three from Tradepoint, set off on Friday 15 June with the aim of climbing the three highest peaks in the UK within 36 hours.

The walkers set off for Fort William in the Scottish Highlands to tackle their first peak - Ben Nevis - on Friday morning.

They began their climb at 7am - and once the group had completed the 1344m climb, they set off to the Lake District to tackle Scafell Pike. Another mountain down, they then hit the road for a final time, heading to North Wales to climb Snowdon, finishing at 10.30pm on Saturday.

Rod Bowditch, catalogue production manager at Screwfix, said: "The Three Peaks Challenge is one of the hardest climbs some of us had ever done. We endured some extreme weather conditions for what was meant to be a weekend in June, but we all enjoyed it. Everyone was a little bit sore afterwards, however, the pain was definitely worth it as we raised such a great amount of money for some worthy causes."

Together, they braved snow blizzards, snow fields, freezing temperatures, 60mph winds and trekked a tough 24 miles, climbed 11,000 feet and travelled some 450 miles between the mountains in a bid to raise the money. In addition, with the help of Gift Aid, the team ended up raising over £5,000 for charity.

Since 2009, Screwfix has raised more than £150,000 for Everyman which was set up to eradicate testicular and prostate cancer. And recently, the retailer has joined forces with electronic charity box, Pennies, to boost its fundraising for the charity.

For more information on Screwfix, visit [www.screwfix.com](http://www.screwfix.com).

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### **Notes to editors**

**Screwfix** Recognised as being “where the trade buys” and promising a fast, reliable service, Screwfix is the UK’s leading multi-channel supplier of thousands of high quality screws, fixings, hand tools, power tools, plumbing and electrical supplies. Combining trade prices and a massive range of leading brand name items, Screwfix offers over 18,000 products and is fully committed to customer care and support.

Screwfix’s *Click & Collect* service enables customers to purchase thousands of products online, and collect them in over 220 branches nationwide, just 15 minutes later, ensuring tradesmen have what they need, when they need it.

### **About Everyman:**

The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) is home to the UK’s leading male cancer campaign, Everyman, which raises awareness and funds research into prostate and testicular cancers. Much of the research takes place at the ICR’s Everyman Centre - Europe’s first and only centre dedicated to male cancer research. Money raised through the campaign will go directly towards supporting research at the Everyman Centre and prostate and testicular cancer scientists at the ICR. For more information visit [www.everyman-campaign.org](http://www.everyman-campaign.org) and [www.icr.ac.uk](http://www.icr.ac.uk).

**Testicular cancer** is the most common form of cancer in men aged between 15 and 44, with about 2,000 cases a year in the UK. Incidence is increasing dramatically – by almost four-fold in the last 50 years. Thanks to advances made at Everyman, testicular cancer is 99 per cent curable if caught early, and with treatment the overall cure rate is 97 per cent.

**Prostate cancer** has overtaken lung cancer to become the most common cancer in men affecting more than 36,000 and killing 10,000 men every year in the UK. One man dies of prostate cancer in the UK every hour.

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