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### **The Screwfix Foundation raises £1,000,000 for charity**

The Screwfix Foundation, has reached the huge milestone, this month, of raising a total of more than £1,000,000 for local charities and community projects since it launched just 3 years ago. The Screwfix Foundation exists to support charity projects that fix, maintain, repair and improve community or charitable facilities across the UK. To date, it has supported hundreds of charities local to Screwfix stores in addition to providing national charities, Barnardo's and Macmillan, with funding to complete over 200 projects nationwide.

Screwfix customers, are key in contributing to the success of The Screwfix Foundation and are directly involved in helping community projects through their donations and their participation in a variety of charity fundraising events. One of the biggest fundraising events to date has been the *Tour de Screwfix*. Over 900 Screwfix employees hopped on their bikes to take part in this 6,100 mile national cycle relay between all of the stores. Through hard work, sweat, tears and some punctures, staff at local Screwfix stores across the UK raised £81,000 for charity, which was then matched by Screwfix, taking the total to an enormous £162,000. This year, each Screwfix store team from around the UK was challenged to raise £100 for The Screwfix Foundation and they certainly rose to the occasion, holding a range of fundraising activities from a baked bean bath to raffles and fetes.

Screwfix's customers have also played a significant role in the success of The Screwfix Foundation, through the contributions they have made to the charity boxes in store, by supporting Screwfix staff in fundraising events and via the digital charity box, Pennies. Pennies allows customers to round up their online bill to the nearest pound, with the extra pennies being donated to The Screwfix Foundation. So far, customers have raised over £200,000 for The Screwfix Foundation using Pennies.

John Mewett, trustee of The Screwfix Foundation said: "This is a fantastic achievement for The Screwfix Foundation and its supporters. It demonstrates the real impact we can have on local charities and communities when we rally together. The Screwfix Foundation has

supported many well-deserved causes since it was launched in 2013 and this would not have been possible without the continued support and donations from Screwfix's customers and employees”.

The aim of The Screwfix Foundation is to support charity projects that fix, maintain, repair and improve community or charitable facilities across the UK. To date, it has supported hundreds of charities local to Screwfix stores in addition to providing national charities, Barnardo's and Macmillan, with funding to complete over 200 projects nationwide. So far this year, The Screwfix Foundation has donated to 43 charities including Haworth Riding for the Disabled, St Margaret's Hospice and Doncaster Deaf Trust.

Local registered charities are welcome to apply for funding from The Screwfix Foundation and can visit their local Screwfix store to pick up The Screwfix Foundation Leaflet for more information. Alternatively they can download an application form from [www.screwfixfoundation.com](http://www.screwfixfoundation.com)

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Note to editors

About Screwfix:

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher plc, a home improvement company with over 1,100 stores in 10 countries in Europe, Russia and Turkey. For further information go to [www.kingfisher.com](http://www.kingfisher.com).

Screwfix is recognised as being “where the trade buys”, offering a straightforward and transparently-priced retail experience that enables busy tradesmen to shop 26,000 products over the phone, online, via their mobile or from their local store.

- From power tools and work wear to cables and pipe fittings, more than 11,000 products are available to pick up from the national network of 458 stores. A further range of over 15,000 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 2.2 million unique 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 a day, 7 days a week (including bank holidays) on 03330 112 112.
- All 458 UK stores are open 7 days a week and from 7am Monday to Friday.
- 9 out of 10 customers would recommend Screwfix to a friend.