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**PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEER FROM BISHOP'S STORTFORD IS HIGHLY  
COMMENDED IN SCREWFIX'S SEARCH FOR BRITAIN'S TOP TRADESPERSON 2016**

Westley Duggan, a plumbing and heating engineer from Bishop's Stortford, has been awarded highly commended in a competition to find the best tradesperson in the country.

More than 6,000 people entered Britain's Top Tradesperson, organised by multi-channel retailer Screwfix. Westley, aged 38, was one of eleven finalists who attended the national final at Wembley Stadium to face a panel of esteemed judges. Due to the high standard, Westley was awarded highly commended, along with one other tradesperson – James Martin an electrician from Newtownards.

Westley, owner of Stort Property Services has over 16 years' experience in the industry. He impressed the judges with his wealth of knowledge and his level of understanding when it came to legislations as well as demonstrating his excellent skills.

Westley comments: "I'm over the moon to have been awarded highly commended in this competition. I was able to showcase the variety of plumbing and heating challenges I've achieved for my customers and how I strive to get the best possible results and always go above and beyond the call of duty. I met a great bunch of tradesmen and women at the final, who all really knew their stuff so I'm thrilled to have been given this award."

Britain's Top Tradesperson is a comprehensive search by Screwfix to find and recognise the best in the trade, from bricklayers to carpenters, handyman, electricians and perfect plumbers that keep the UK's homes and businesses in top condition.

Screwfix Store Operations and Property Director, Graham Bell comments: "Every year we're overwhelmed by the high standard of tradespeople who enter Britain's Top Tradesperson.

"Westley stood out with his ethos of going the extra mile and this was clearly shown in the work he displayed which was exceptionally neat and adhered to the industry guidelines. Westley, along with our other finalists and national winner represents all that is great about the UK's tradespeople. We look forward to hearing about his future successes."

This year, judges looked for the tradesperson who impressed them most with criteria such as devotion to their work, qualifications and outstanding skills. Richie Maxwell, a bricklayer from Tillicoultry, was crowned the overall winner and won the keys to a brand new Toyota vehicle worth £32,000 (OTR). James Martin, an electrician from Newtownards, was awarded highly commended by the judges, along with Westley. Both received a Screwfix voucher worth £250 to buy tools that they need for their trade.

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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 trade customers 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 over 472 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.
- 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.

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