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**Birtley-based charity receives £4150 grant from the Screwfix Foundation to renovate counselling rooms**

* **Screwfix Foundation donates £4150 to Melanoma-Me**
* **Much-needed funding used to refurbish counselling rooms**
* **Set up in 2013, The Screwfix Foundation has helped over 2,400 local registered charities and not for profit organisations across the UK**

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Melanoma-Me, based in Birtley, is celebrating after renovating its counselling rooms with £4150 worth of funding from The Screwfix Foundation, the charity which supports not-for-profit organisations in need across the UK to fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and facilities.

Melanoma-Me provides counselling, support and holistic therapies to people affected by Melanoma, and this includes having welcoming spaces based on patients’ needs.

Kerry Rafferty, the CEO of Melanoma-Me Foundation, comments: “We are absolutely delighted to be able to provide our service users with a safe and inviting space where they can feel settled and calm. Many of our users spend a great deal of their time in a hospital environment, so it was incredibly important that we created a space that was far from the clinical setting.

 We can’t thank Screwfix enough for providing the funds to help our ideas come to life and our service users absolutely love the rooms.”

Claire Flory, Screwfix Foundation Trustee says: “What Melanoma-Me does is vital for the local community. The much-needed funding used for the new counselling rooms will be key in supporting the charity’s users. We are delighted to see that our donation has gone towards such an important project, for the benefit of those in need”.

Set up in 2013 after recognising the need to give back, The Screwfix Foundation has donated over £11m for good causes and helped over 2,400 local registered charities and not for profit organisations across the UK.

Charities and not for profit organisations with relevant projects are invited to apply online for a share of the funding at screwfixfoundation.com.

For more information about The Screwfix Foundation, please visit screwfixfoundation.com.

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**About the Screwfix Foundation:**

Set up in 2013 after recognising the need to give back, the Screwfix Foundation is a grant-giving charity with the clear purpose to support local charities and not-for-profit organisations in need across the UK by fixing, repairing, maintaining, and improving community facilities and homes.

Thanks to the generosity of Screwfix customers and staff, the Screwfix Foundation raises money throughout the year with activities in store, charity champions’ missions, Foundation weeks and raffles.

Currently, the Screwfix Foundation offers local registered charities and not-for-profit organisations funding up to the region of £5,000. All applications are reviewed individually by the team in March, June, September, and December. Please, see here full [eligibility criteria](https://www.screwfix.com/images/general/assets/pdf/Screwfix-Foundation-Eligibility-Criteria.pdf).

Local registered charities and registered not for profit organisations are welcome to apply for funding from The Screwfix Foundation by completing an application form available on [www.screwfixfoundation.com](http://www.screwfixfoundation.com/).

In addition to supporting local communities in need, a proportion of the funds raised through The Screwfix Foundation are donated to its charity partner, Macmillan Cancer Support to their home improvement programme, which helps people suffering from cancer in financial need with minor home improvements.

* Since 2013, the Screwfix Foundation has helped over 2,400 local charities and not-for-profit organisations and raised over £11 million.
* In 2021, The Screwfix Foundation fully funded almost all the grants made by Macmillan Cancer Support for home improvements, supporting applications from 592 households.
* Through Screwfix’s partnership with micro-donation charity Pennies, The Screwfix Foundation has received more than 30 million micro-donations from customers rounding up their online orders, raising over £5million for charity.
* People can see all the charities the Screwfix Foundation has supported [here](https://www.screwfix.com/images/general/assets/pdf/Foundation-Grant-Approvals.pdf).