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**HEDGE END SCREWFIX STORE MANAGER IS BEST IN THE UK**

Luke Bowie, Store Manager at the Screwfix store in Hedge End is celebrating after scooping one of the company’s highest awards and being named Screwfix Store Manager of the Year 2016. Luke beat over 500 managers from across the UK to take the coveted title.

Nominated by his Area Manager John Anderson, Luke went on to impress the judges in every round to become a finalist alongside two other managers. John commented: “Earlier this year, Luke achieved great results while he was Store Manager of the Parkstone Screwfix store in Poole, Dorset where he also developed three members of his team, resulting in promotions. Since being at Hedge End Luke has done a fantastic job running a very high profile store, engaging his team and with his perseverance and intervention, has delivered great customer service to his customers. He’s always enthusiastic and motivated and is infectious and visible to the rest of the Hedge End team, and to our customers.”

Luke Bowie, Store Manager at Hedge End Hampshire commented: “It’s a great honour to win ‘Store Manager of the Year’ I couldn’t have done this without my teams behind me who work so hard and are incredibly dedicated to their roles. They help set an excellent example to other Screwfix stores and employees.”

“I started at Screwfix 9 years ago as a Service Assistant and have worked my way up to Store Manager. I pride myself in helping create engaging staff who always want to do their best and are committed to delivering great customer service. The best advice I could give to any Manager is look after your team and they will look after you.”

Screwfix offers customers a quick and easy way to purchase products at a time and place to fit in with their busy schedules, by simply selecting items from the catalogue, or online using Screwfix’s Click & Collect service – enabling them to check the products they require are in stock and then collect in as little and one minute from the store.

Visit Luke and the team at the Hedge End store, located at Units A&B Hamilton Business, Manaton Way, Botley Road, Hedge End, Hampshire, SO30 2JR. Open Monday to Friday 7am-8pm, Saturday 7am-6pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm; or visit www.screwfix.com for more information on Screwfix’s new range of products. You can also call 03330 112 112 or pick up a copy of the new catalogue at your local Screwfix store or order it online.

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**Note to editors**

**About Screwfix:**

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher plc, the international 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 convenient, straightforward and affordably-priced, helping its trade customers get the job done quickly, affordably and right first time. Tradespeople can shop 28,000 products over the phone, online, via their mobile or in-person from their local store.

* From power tools and work wear to cables and pipe fittings, Screwfix offers over 11,000 products available for pick up from over 500 stores nationwide. A further range of over 16,000 products can be ordered over the phone, online or from a local store, with orders taken up until 7pm (weekdays) for next day delivery to home or site.
* Screwfix.com attracts 2.6 million unique visitors per week.
* The Screwfix Click & Collect service means customers can conveniently purchase supplies online or over the phone and then collect from the store in as little as one minute.
* 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, from 7am – 8pm Weekdays, 7am – 6pm Saturdays and 10am – 4pm Sundays.
* 9 out of 10 customers would recommend Screwfix to a friend.
* Screwfix was voted the 5th highest rated UK company for work-life balance by Glassdoor Employees' Choice Awards in 2016.
* Screwfix was awarded Glassdoor’s Best Places to Work in 2017.
* In 2016, Screwfix sales surpassed £1bn for the first time.

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