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**PONIES HELP CHILDREN GETS A HELPING HAND FROM THE SCREWFIX FOUNDATION**

Ponies Help Children based in Harthill, Shotts, is celebrating after being awarded £5000 worth of funding from The Screwfix Foundation, a charity which supports projects to fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and facilities for those in need.

Heather Stephens from Ponies Help Children comments: “We are very grateful to The Screwfix Foundation for donating these much-needed funds to support our charity. We are a charity, based in the Harthill area of Shotts and provide a safe haven for families with disadvantaged children and young people to engage with our ponies. This allows them to create emotional connections, learn to trust and build relationships, cultivating a positive physical mental health and well being whilst promoting social inclusion.

The funding was used to purchase a new Portacabin to provide families and carers with space to share experiences, offload and relax. We’d like to thank everyone who was involved in the fundraising – it’s been a great help to us.”

Donna Connell Store Manager of the Bellshill Screwfix store, comments: “We’re really pleased that one of our local charities has been awarded funding by The Screwfix Foundation. Staff from across the business have held a variety of fundraising events to raise vital funds for The Screwfix Foundation, so it’s fantastic to see the money we have raised being invested back into such a worthwhile community project.”

The Screwfix Foundation, which launched in April 2013 donates much needed funding to help a variety of local projects throughout the UK, from repairing buildings and improving community facilities, to improving the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

It also works closely with two national charity partners, Barnardo’s children’s charity and Macmillan Cancer Support, as well as supporting smaller, local registered charities like Ponies Help Children.

Relevant projects from across Bellshill are invited to apply online for a share of the funding at screwfixfoundation.com.

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

Picture Caption LtoR – Heather Stephens Team Leader and Donna Connell Store Manager of the Bellshill Screwfix

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**Note to editors**

**About The Screwfix Foundation:**

The Screwfix Foundation is a charity set up by Screwfix in April 2013. We have a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.

The Screwfix Foundation raises funds throughout the year to support causes that will change people’s lives. Working with both national and local charities, The Screwfix Foundation donates much needed funding to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving community facilities, to improving the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

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