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**ROUTES TO ROOTS CHARITY GETS A HELPING HAND FROM THE SCREWFIX FOUNDATION**

Routes to Roots in Poole, is celebrating after being awarded £1,000 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.

Rev Pat Southgate, chair of Routes to Roots comments: “We are very grateful to The Screwfix Foundation for donating these much-needed funds to support our charity. Routes to Roots works with homeless and vulnerably housed people in Poole. The funding, along with a grant from another foundation, has enabled the installation of a shower facility for rough sleepers at Skinner Street URC church hall in Poole where Routes to Roots holds its drop-in sessions. Prior to the installation of this shower, rough sleepers only had access to a shower on one morning a week at the Salvation Army in Poole. One client followed his shower with a haircut at the drop-in and declared he felt like a new man. We’d like to thank everyone who was involved in the fundraising – it’s been a great help to us.”

Tom Belmont, Store Manager of the Poole Screwfix store in Creekmoor, 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 United Response

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

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

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Pic: Screwfix Poole-Creekmoor Store Manager, Tom Belmont, presents cheque to the R2R Team: (right) Chair and Founder Trustee, Revd Pat Southgate, (left) Susan Gittins, Volunteer and R2R Publicity and Fundraising.

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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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