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**SOUTHEND BLIND WELFARE ORGANISATION GETS A HELPING HAND FROM THE SCREWFIX FOUNDATION**

Southend Blind Welfare Organisation, based in Southend-on-Sea, is celebrating after being awarded £5,000 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.

Catherine Hodgson from Southend Blind Welfare Organisation comments: “We are very grateful to The Screwfix Foundation for donating these much needed funds to support our charity. Southend Blind Welfare Organisation is an independent charity which provides practical help to visually impaired people in and around the Southend-on-Sea area. The funding will be used towards fitting fire alarms on every floor and installing the upper floor fire doors. We’d like to thank everyone who was involved in the fundraising – it’s been a great help to us.”

Tony Saward, Store Manager of the Screwfix store in Southend-on-Sea, 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 Southend Blind Welfare Organisation.

Relevant projects from across Southend-on-Sea 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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**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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