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Thanks a Million!

The Screwfix Foundation awards over £1m to charities and not for profit organisations in need during the COVID-19 crisis

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- **Donations from Screwfix customers & colleagues have helped The Screwfix Foundation to support over 200 charities and not for profit organisations with grants during the crisis.**
 - **The Screwfix Foundation has also awarded £100,000 to national partner Macmillan Cancer Support.**
 - **The Screwfix Foundation helps charities and not for profit organisations in need to fix, repair, maintain and improve their facilities.**
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Thanks to Screwfix customers and colleagues, The Screwfix Foundation has awarded over £1m in grants to charities and not for profit organisations across the UK during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Screwfix Foundation has awarded more than 200 local charities and not for profit organisations including Papworth Trust, Save the Family and Don't Lose Hope with grants of up to £5,000. These donations will enable charities across the UK to fix, repair, maintain and improve their facilities at a time when many have been unable to carry out their own fundraising activities.

The Screwfix Foundation also awarded additional funding to support two charities with large projects. Helen & Douglas House, is a charity that provides hospice care for babies and children and Rising Sun Domestic Violence & Abuse provides services for adults, children and families.

As well as supporting local charities and not for profit organisations, The Screwfix Foundation awarded £100k to National Partner, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Screwfix customers have rounded up their orders on Screwfix.com through the Digital Charity Box, Pennies. These generous micro-donations have meant that The Screwfix Foundation has continued to raise money for charities and not for profit organisations across the UK when they have needed it most.

The Screwfix Foundation Trustee and Screwfix CEO John Mewett said: "The generosity of our customers throughout this crisis has been phenomenal. Your record-breaking donations have helped us to support so many more community charities and not for profit organisations with grants. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our customers and colleagues for allowing us to award these fantastic charities, who go above and beyond for their communities. Your kindness has truly blown us away.

Alison Hutchinson CBE, CEO of Pennies said: "The response from Screwfix customers during the pandemic has been nothing short of inspiring. Pennies exists to ensure micro-donations - those small sums of money that mean so much to charities - can still be made even as people carry less cash and business shifts online. The Screwfix community has proven just how powerful this way of giving is and has broken records in the process - with customers regularly making a quarter of a million micro-donations a week during the COVID-19 pandemic. From the whole Pennies team, thank you - your micro-donations matter, now more than ever."

Lynda Thomas, Chief Executive, Macmillan Cancer Support said: "Thank you so much to The Screwfix Foundation for the amazing £100,000 donation to Macmillan Cancer Support as part of the "Thanks a Million" campaign. This money will help us support more people living with cancer at this unprecedented and uncertain time. It really will make a huge difference."

The Screwfix Foundation was launched in 2013 to support charities in need to fix, repair, maintain and improve their facilities.

In over seven years, the Screwfix Foundation has seen an increasing number of charities spanning the UK applying for a grant of up to a maximum of £5,000. A unique element of the Foundation is that the funding is solely awarded to charities to help them improve their facilities, so that they can provide better services to those in need.

The Foundation has awarded more than £4m in grants of up to £5k, supporting more than one thousand charities.

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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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