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**SCREWFIX OPENS ITS 800TH STORE AND TARGETS 80 NEW STORES ACROSS UK AND IRELAND**

Screwfix’s ambitious expansion plans are continuing at pace with the retailer set to open the doors of its 800th store in June of this year. The omnichannel retailer will create more than 800 jobs by the end of January 2023 with the opening of 80 new stores across the UK and the Republic of Ireland, taking its store estate to over 870 stores. This follows the successful opening of 70 new stores in 2021.

As part of the retailer’s commitment to reducing carbon emissions, the 80 new stores will be equipped with air source heat pumps to provide heating and hot water powered by electricity instead of gas. Screwfix’s entire store network is already powered exclusively by renewable electricity, with over 250 existing stores fitted with air-source heat pumps so far.

The 800 new roles will include retail assistants, assistant managers, and branch managers, in locations across the UK and Ireland, such as Roscommon, Swanley and Brackley. Newly recruited staff will have the opportunity to participate in the retailer’s apprenticeship scheme, to join the 850 apprentices currently training across the business in areas such as **Retail Management, Supervisor, HR, Finance, Data and Legal.**

John Mewett, Screwfix CEO, said: “We know how busy tradespeople are and how important it is to be able to find a Screwfix store close to site. In opening more stores across the UK and Ireland, we’re making Screwfix even more accessible to tradespeople, ensuring they can get their job done quickly, affordably and right first time. We’re also delighted to be having a positive impact on local communities, creating more than 800 jobs for local people.

“This is a very exciting time to be part of Screwfix as we deliver on our ambitious growth plans, and I look forward to welcoming our new colleagues in the coming months.”

Screwfix’s growth plans are supported by Kingfisher, the retailer’s parent company, whose ‘Powered by Kingfisher’ strategy aims to maximise the benefits of combining its distinct retail banners with the scale, strength and expertise of the Group.

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**About Screwfix:**

As a multi-channel trade retailer, customers and colleagues sit at the heart of everything we do. With almost 800 stores across the UK and Ireland our aim is to help busy tradespeople get their jobs done quickly, affordably, and right first time.

Screwfix is part of Kingfisher plc, the international home improvement company with more than 1,490 stores, supported by a team of over 80,000 colleagues. Kingfisher operates in eight countries across Europe under retail banners including B&Q, Castorama, Brico Dépôt, Screwfix, TradePoint and Koçtaş. We offer home improvement products and services to consumers and trade professionals who shop in our stores and via our e-commerce channels.

Screwfix is convenient, straightforward, and affordably priced, helping its trade customers shop 34,000 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 10,000 products available to pick up from over 775 UK stores nationwide.
* Over 34,000 products can be ordered over the phone, online or from a local store, with orders taken up until 8pm (weekdays) for next day delivery to home or site.\*
* Screwfix is committed to minimising its environmental impact to help create a better future for its customers, colleagues, communities, and the planet. Our ambition is to offer sustainable choices and source products that are made to last. At Screwfix, we believe if a job’s worth doing, it’s worth doing well.
* Screwfix.com attracts over 7 million visits per week.
* We have over 11 million active customers a year.
* The Screwfix Click & Collect service enables customers to pick-up their goods in as little as one minute after ordering online or over the phone
* Screwfix Sprint – which was introduced in 2021 – allows customers to place an order on the Screwfix app and get it delivered straight to their location – either at home or on site – in less than an hour. Screwfix Sprint is currently available to around 40% of the UK population, with the aim to reach even more tradespeople in future.
* UK-based Screwfix Contact Centre open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including bank holidays) on 03330 112 112.
* See [www.screwfix.com/stores](http://www.screwfix.com/stores) for store opening information.
* Next day delivery is available within store opening hours.\*
* World leading customer satisfaction levels.
* Screwfix won the Pennies Outstanding Achievement award in 2020
* The Wincanton for Screwfix team won the Operational Excellence Award at the Motor Transport Awards 2020.
* For more information, please visit the Screwfix Media Centre: [www.screwfixmedia.com](http://www.screwfixmedia.com)

\*Please see Screwfix.com for our latest service updates.

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