



**A socially distanced presentation:** Evotech engineer Kevin Wastnage (left) receives his Co-worker of the Month certificate from IKEA Business Navigator, Matthew Gallagher (right)

## Evotech site engineer named co-worker of the month by IKEA Sheffield

Evotech site engineer Kevin Wastnage has been named co-worker of the month at IKEA Sheffield, for his commitment to supporting a key project and covering for other staff, during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Kevin has provided planned electrical maintenance and compliance services and undertaken reactive works for the IKEA Sheffield store since August 2017. Ensuring that electrical systems at the store are in good working order and safe for both employees and customers, Kevin also maintains the store's air conditioning and heat pump systems, ensuring the store environment is kept within an optimal range.

In May, Kevin was awarded Co-worker of the Month at the IKEA Sheffield Store and was presented with his certificate along with a £50 voucher by IKEA Business Navigator, Matthew Gallagher.

Kevin said, "I felt an immense sense of pride being awarded 'Co-worker of the Month'. Everyone at IKEA Sheffield has been working tirelessly over the past few weeks, so to be recognised for my efforts in supporting the project is incredibly rewarding. There is a very diverse, friendly, and helpful team of co-workers at the store and I've got to know a lot of great people during my time here. To be nominated by my peers was a great honour."

Kevin was recognised for stepping up and supporting the makeover of the PAX Wardrobe department when a colleague who would normally assist was on compassionate leave. Working closely with the Commin Department to ensure the project ran smoothly, Kevin ensured that all electrical work was completed promptly so that others working on the project could continue and complete works on time.

Kevin's colleagues and store managers recognised his unwavering loyalty to the store and his readiness to go 'above and beyond' during challenging times. Re-wiring the PAX area whilst being the only electrical engineer on site to support the facilities team across the store, he undertook many duties that would not normally fall under his remit to ensure the store remained safe and compliant.

Evotech's Managing Director, Mark O'Grady was delighted to hear of Kevin's award and said, "Kevin is a great asset to our company, he has a great work ethic and has shown resolute commitment and dedication to his work, all of which are attributes we value highly in our employees and which are enshrined in our company values. It is important that, along with the relevant skill set for the job, our staff are friendly and approachable and that they have pride in their work. Kevin is a credit to our company, and we are proud to have him on board."

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