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Checktrade.com number 25 on The Sunday Times' '100 Best Small Companies to Work For'

The Sunday Times has announced its 2014 '100 Best Small Companies to Work For

Selsey based Checktrade.com has been named as one of The Sunday Times' '100 Best Small Companies to Work For' in 2014.

The firm is one few to achieve 'Best Companies 3 Star Accreditation', the highest level, denoting 'extraordinary' levels of employee engagement.

The accolade comes following a survey of Checktrade.com's 130 employees, assessing their perceptions of eight workplace factors: Leadership; local management; personal growth opportunities; wellbeing; pay and benefits; colleagues; opportunities to give back to the community and the company overall.

The Sunday Times will combine points gained from employee surveys to determine the company's exact position within the Top 100, which will be revealed at a prestigious event in London on 26 February.

Checktrade.com MD Kevin Byrne comments: "I have always said that investing in people is the best way to build a strong business and I am delighted that feedback from my employees has been so overwhelmingly positive. Being recognised for this by The Sunday Times is an outstanding achievement.

"We are all looking forward to finding out our exact place within the Top 100, but to be included at all is a great honour. Hopefully Checktrade.com will feature on the list for many years to come!"

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Notes to editors:

Every customer feedback is read by Checktrade.com before being made live. So far this year 55% of all customer feedback forms have been independently spot checked and verified to make sure the jobs and rating are genuine. Each month more than **550,000** people visit the website to find a trusted trader.

Checktrade.com:

Checktrade helps combat the UK's rogue trader problem by continuously vetting and monitoring local tradespeople such as builders, plumbers and electricians as well as service providers. The idea was born in 1998 after a tornado hit the small West Sussex town of Selsey. Traders poured in from across the country. Unfortunately, some ripped off the inhabitants of the town. Local businessman, Kevin Byrne, realised there was nowhere to check out the traders' credentials and the company that became Checktrade was

formed.

Since then, Checkatrade has grown to employ **130 staff** with a turnover in excess of **£7.5m**. It has nearly **13,000** genuine trade members, growing by an average of **300** new members every month. Over the past 12 months, Checkatrade-certified tradesmen carried out a combined total of **£1.4b** worth of work, with complaints at just **one in 215**, compared to the national average of one in four.

Linda Barker, one of the UK's best-known interior designers and famous for shows such as **60 Minute Makeover** and the BBC's **Changing Rooms** has teamed up with Checkatrade.com. She said: "Checkatrade.com is by far the best service I've found to help keep the good guys in business and keep the cowboys out. The website is updated constantly and allows everyone to share recommendations and warnings."

For more information visit www.checkatrade.com