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Young BMX star Haydon stars at shop opening date

VALUE chain Wilkinson has opened a new store in Devon creating 60 jobs.

The retailer formally opened the store, at Market Walk, Newton Abbot, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by town mayor Colin Parker and local BMX riders.

The premises were previously home to Somerfield which closed its doors for the final time in February following a "poor trading performance", the company said at the time.

Wilkinson later announced its intention to take over the unit.

Cllr Parker, his wife and mayoress Jean and store management staff were joined by young BMX stars including Haydon Green, the national number one ranked rider in his age group, for the opening.

Wilkinson, which opened a store in Exeter's Guildhall last year, has 352 stores across the UK. New store manager Andy Maunder said: "We understand the nation is tightening its purse strings during these tough times and that's why it's important for us to do what we can to stretch household budgets."

