

**June 2020 Newsletter**



Hello Everyone, I hope you are all keeping safe and well

I am absolutely thrilled to be able to share that HASSRA South West have just been awarded the winners of the Best Association 2019 at the HASSRA National AGM.

For the last 4 years we have either won or come second in this category which is an amazing achievement.  I would like to thank the Board of Management, Club Chairs and their committees and you all as members who make this a fantastic region for HASSRA.

We have recently awarded and notified our own regional winners and runners up for the 2019 Awards and sent their certificates, many congratulations to all nominees, runner up’s and winners. A full awards list can be found within this newsletter.

We are all operating in strange times at the moment which has had a severe impact on local HASSRA events. Nationally HASSRA has a new “Lockdown” section within HASSRA Live where you can find information on deals, events and competitions so please take a look and see what there is to offer.

Some of our offices are seeing some recruitment and new staff members, don’t forget to mention HASSRA to these new joiners and to your existing colleagues, you’ll be surprised who doesn’t know about how great HASSRA is and what savings they can make for just £2.24 per month.  If you manage to sign a new member up, let us know and we will enter you into a Buddy Draw and you could win £25 love2shop vouchers.

Enjoy the sunshine we are having at the moment, stay safe and we hope to see you all soon.

Jo

Wow, what fantastic news as SW Hassra win the Best Association in the 2020 National awards.  Congratulations to every single member, committee, sponsor and chairperson, on such a fabulous achievement. This award belongs to us all and is well deserved recognition of everything you’ve done together, to help make SW Hassra such a great organisation to belong to. We’ve too many individual achievements across the year to mention, so everything however large or small has played it’s part cumulating in this National level recognition and importantly supporting our growth and prosperity again this year.  Just take a moment to reflect on our record as the Best Association over the last six years:

2013 Winners

2017 Winners

2018 Highly Commended

2019 Winners

Wow, what a record that is! The SW has been on an incredible journey and this just demonstrates how far we’ve come together. What a proud moment, GO GO GO Team SW Hassra!!! 

 Derek & Lorraine



**HASSRA Awards**

**Wellbeing Award**

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| Torbay with special mention to Helen Bridgman  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1st Place**  The nomination for Helen was heart-warming to read.  Helen has achieved great things in improving the wellbeing within her area and it is clear to see how proud her colleagues are of her.  The activities and events such as the Time to Talk that Helen arranged in 2019 is something that she should be very proud of. |
| Gloucester | **2nd Place**  Although the club had a tough year for a number of different reasons, they continued to achieve some great things in the wellbeing space.  A very impressive list of wellbeing events held throughout 2019.  It is obvious to see how supportive the club have been in giving back to their members. |

**Best Large Club Award**

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| Plymouth  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1stPlace**  Largest club in the South West.  An extremely difficult year for the club following the death of their chair, Steve Cawse, who was an extremely passionate advocate of HASSRA.  Steve went on to win the Community Award from the Charity for Civil Servants and his HASSRA colleagues were all so very proud of everything that he did.  Plymouth HASSRA clearly wanted to continue with all of the good work and raised a huge sum of money for charity along with organising a very long list of events throughout the year. |
| Mid-Kernow | **2nd Place**  A growing club, bringing in a further 3 Jobcentres last year, with an impressive diary of events and ongoing efforts to raise the profile of the club.  A fantastic achievement for 2019 of securing new discounts in the local area for their members.  The work they have done to support and enhance wellbeing is one to be proud and the raising of £3300 for charity is just fantastic. |

**Best Small Club**

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| Bristol Centre  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1st Place**  Bristol appear to have had a great year, increasing their membership by over 12%.  The club appear to actively participate and arrange events focussing on areas of great importance such as wellbeing.  In addition to this they raised £3379 in the last year. This was a record for them and a fantastic achievement for one of our smaller clubs. |
| Swindon | **2nd Place**  Although they are only a small club, the list of events are very impressive.  The clubs membership is increasing and the work that they are doing to enhance benefits for their members is great to see. |

**Sports Person**

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| Maggie Gaughan  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1st Place**  Some fantastic achievements shared, being the top female bowler in the SW for 11 years running and also ranked 2nd in mixed pairs.  It was inspiring to read that although Maggie has suffered from severe osteoarthritis in 2019 she continued to bowl and was very successful in representing Gloucestershire HASSRA. |
| James Popplewell | **2nd Place**  Very impressed to read that James holds a Guinness World record for the quickest colour clearance in sequence.  It is clear to see from the nomination that James has a great passion for snooker and is a brilliant representative for his club. |

**Volunteer of the Year**

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| Mark Rowe  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1st Place**  Mark is clearly extremely dedicated to HASSRA and does everything he can to ensure that all members get the full benefits.  Mark appears to go above and beyond, always coming forward with new ideas on what local discounts they can try and secure and what trips and offers they can arrange for their members.  A great volunteer!! |
| Rachel Cain | **2nd Place**  Rachel has shown great participation in a number of events, including volunteering to help out with HASSRAs Plymouth children’s Christmas party.  She is clearly a great member to the club who is highly thought of by her fellow members. |

**Heart of HASSRA South West Award**

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| Di Grossey  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1st Place**  A great reference from a colleague that Di has HASSRA running through her veins.  It is clear to see how valuable and highly thought of Di is to her colleagues. The hard work that she puts in to serve the committee has not gone unnoticed. |
| Jade Chew | **2nd Place**  After being a member for 20 years and a chair for 8, Jade has shown huge dedication and commitment to the club.  She is said to be the heartbeat of the club and she obviously means a great deal to her fellow members |

**Business Sponsor Award**

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| Nomination | Placed 1st and 2nd |
| Michelle Tait  C:\Users\53417810\Pictures\1st place.png | **1st Place**  Michelle has done a fantastic job of supporting members and helping her club to achieve HASSRA goals.  It is great to see how passionate Michelle is in making every HASSRA events successful, involving the leadership team and creating a bit of fun for everyone.  Michelle’s active role and support of the club has seen improved working relationships between the senior management team and the HASSRA Committee which is fantastic. |
| Duncan Wardle | **2nd Place**  A great achievement made by this HASSRA member who provides continued support to the committee and other members.  Duncan did a great job in increasing member feedback on the 2019 survey and promotes HASSRA to other colleagues at any given opportunity. |

**NATIONAL HASSRA COVID-19 LOCKDOWN GRANTS**

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National HASSRA are inviting all HASSRA clubs to apply for a sum of money that can be used to boost staff morale. Clubs can apply for up to three grants over the next three months to do anything they want to as long as the activity complies with government and department guidance on social distancing, you have agreement from local management and you include staff working in offices and at home.

For more information and an application form, please log into your Hassra live account

[**HASSRA - extra support for clubs**](https://www.hassra.org.uk/extra-support-for-clubs)

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Just log into your Hassra Live account and go to Competitions. SW Hassra are giving away 5 x £100 cash awards each month starting from 1st June, 1st July and 1st August. Enter via your account for a chance to win big.

Yorkshire and Humber Region are hosting virtual Quiz nights to any HASSRA member – just follow the link

<https://www.hassra.org.uk/hassra-y-and-h-quiz-night>



Don’t forget to log into your Hassra Live account and see what National Hassra has to offer in their new Lockdown section.

If you haven’t already buy some Lottery tickets, every month Hassra gives away £55,000 – top prize is £12,500 and we have had some lucky winners of this great prize in the South West.

Join our Facebook Page [here](https://www.facebook.com/HassraSouthWest/) and National Hassra page for latest information and offers.