HASSRA W.M. NEWS

February 2024



HASSRA National Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to the latest West Midlands HASSRA national lottery winners in the **January 2024** draw:

£10,000: Anonymous winner (Telford New Town House)

£200: Michelle Angell (Dudley Pedmore House)

£100: Anonymous winner (Dudley Pedmore House)

£100: Donna Finch (Telford New Town House)

£100: Christine Blandford (Telford New Town House)

£100: Rachel Kemp (Birmingham Moseley Road)



You can view the latest lottery winners in full at www.hassra.org.uk/lottery-results

HASSRA West Midlands membership stood at **4,501** at 31/12/2023. An increase of **+89** members over the past 12 months.

(Membership at 31/12/2022 was 4,412)

Monthly Member Draw - January Results

New for 2024 is the HASSRA West Midlands monthly member draw, where 4 HASSRA members - 2 new members who joined the association in the past month, and 2 existing members, each receive a £25 Love2Shop voucher.

The February draw was conducted using HASSRA membership data at 31/01/2024. **41** new members joined HASSRA in January, our winners are:

New Member Winners:

- Victoria Collingswood (Telford JCP)
- David Pemberton (Halesowen JCP)

Existing Member Winners:

- Cyrus Allen (Dudley Pedmore House)
- Helen Burrows (Birmingham Arena Central)



If you're not already in HASSRA, then sign up online today at <u>www.hassra.org.uk/register</u> to be in with a chance of winning in the March 2024 draw. You will need to be a HASSRA member by 29/02/2024 to be included.

Have you moved office location?

Are your contact details correct in HASSRA Live?

With a number of recent site closures and with colleagues changing job roles and locations, it's important that you keep your location details up to date in HASSRA Live.

You can view your location details in HASSRA Live by taking the following steps:

- Log into your HASSRA Live account
- Click on the silhouette image in the top right hand corner next to your name and the 'sign out'
 option
- Select 'My Profile'
- Under the 'Your Membership Information' check the field titled 'Full Office Address' accurately reflects your current office location.
- If it doesn't you will need to select the 'Update your membership' link and then select 'Make an Enquiry' at the bottom of the screen.
- Type in the details of your enquiry, including the full address of your new location and the HASSRA National Team will update your details.

Keeping your personal details up to date is important to ensure that you are assigned to the correct HASSRA club, are eligible to enter local competitions and events and also ensures your local club receives the correct rebate which helps to fund activities and events in your local office. Don't delay, please check your details today and update your HASSRA account if the information is incorrect.

HASSRA West Midlands Field Archery Taster Event

The HASSRA West Midlands Field Archery Taster Event will take place on Saturday 11 May 2024, from 1:15pm – 4:00pm. The event will take place at Paget de Vesey Company of Archers, Bourne Vale, Aldridge, WS9 0SH (next to Woodlands Camp).

- All equipment needed on the day will be supplied.
- There will be at least 2 NFAS (National Field Archery Society) qualified coaches present.
 More information about field archery can be found here https://www.nfas.net/aboutus/whatwedo.asp
- The event will consist of training suitable for all levels of ability which will take place on the practice field, followed by a fun competition with some targets in the woods to conclude.
- A male and female winner will be put forward to represent HASSRA West Midlands at the HASSRA Festival which takes place in July 2024 at the University of Warwick. In the event that you cannot attend the Festival a substitute may be put forward.
- Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout the afternoon.
- People are welcome to bring a packed lunch to picnic beforehand.
- Sensible footwear / clothing is recommended.
- The event is fully funded by HASSRA.

Please register for this event through the <u>'Events'</u> section on your HASSRA Live account.

The closing date for registrations is midnight on Sunday 28 April 2024.





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5-a-side Football

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional 5-a-side Men's Football event takes place on Friday 8 March 2024 from 10:30 to 13:30 at Power League Aston, Salford Stadium, Lichfield Road, Birmingham, B6 7TG.

- This event is open to teams and individuals who must be HASSRA members.
- Please arrive on time and wear suitable sport clothes and Astro or football boots/blades for artificial grass. No studs or spikes are allowed. Matches will take place on 3G pitches, so please ensure footwear is suitable.
- A team will be selected from this event to represent HASSRA West Midlands at the July Festival.
- Individuals participating without a team will be formed into ad hoc teams.
- Teams will be organised into two groups and matches played on a round-robin basis; the
 number of teams in each group will depend on number of entries. If less than six teams enter,
 the competition will still be on a round-robin basis. Games will be at least seven minutes each
 way, with a one-minute break at half time.
- Snacks and bottled water will be provided on the day. Members are welcome to bring their own refreshments too.
- Toilets and changing facilities are available inside the venue, along with vending machines.
- Car parking is free HASSRA West Midlands will be convening in the Bar/Seating area, which
 is on right hand side, immediately as you pass Reception.

The closing date for members registering to take part via <u>HASSRA Live</u> is midnight on Friday 23 February 2024.

Are you leaving the Department or retiring?

Continue to enjoy HASSRA's first-class offers and discounts package for life! You can remain with HASSRA even if you:

- retire
- move from your existing government department to another
- leave the Civil Service completely

You can continue to get:

- Savings on cinema e-codes and homestreaming products.
- Access to the HASSRA Lottery paying out £756,000 in cash prizes annually, with a huge £15,000 monthly jackpot.
- Lots of online events on HASSRA Live with the chance to win prizes.
- Savings at lots of theme parks and attractions around the country and half-price tickets on family days out during the HASSRA Summer Promotion.
- Competitions and giveaways throughout the year.
- Massive discounts on membership to English Heritage and CADW.
- Plus much much more.

Stay in HASSRA and keep receiving fantastic offers and benefits, plus the chance to win the monthly HASSRA Lottery

Visit <u>HASSRA Live</u> to find out how you continue your fantastic HASSRA membership.

National Trust Cashback Offer



Join the National Trust and receive 15% cashback on your membership courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands

OFFER EXTENDED INTO 2024

HASSRA already offers discounts on membership to English Heritage and CADW (the Welsh equivalent) and we're frequently asked if the association can offer membership to National Trust. Whilst there isn't a national membership benefit available, HASSRA West Midlands members are able to take advantage of <u>15% cashback</u> on a new annual membership or a membership renewal once due.

Terms & Conditions:

- 15% cashback is available on annual membership to join the National Trust or membership renewal once due.
- Lifetime membership is excluded from this offer.
- Confirmation of purchase / email receipt must be attached to the cashback claim.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS to the value of 15% of the annual membership cost.
- Only one claim per member is permitted for the duration of this offer.
- This offer is available for new memberships and annual renewals only.
- HASSRA West Midlands reserves the right to withdraw this cashback offer at any time and without prior notice.

How to claim cashback:

 Cashback claims are made through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live profile.

Top Tip: Save even more, buy your membership with a National Trust voucher purchased through the DWP Edenred Savings Employee Rewards Scheme and save 10%. Then claim your 15% cashback from HASSRA West Midlands and save a total of 25%.

Great days out, with great savings from HASSRA!

End of Year Club Accounts & Rebates

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Board of Management have agreed a number of important changes to end of year accounts and rebates for 2024. These changes have been introduced as a result of non compliance and challenges to receive end of year club accounts on time.

The following key changes have been communicated to Club Officials:

- For a club to receive a 2024 rebate, they will need to:
 - ♦ Have the 2023 accounts fully audited and uploaded to HASSRA Live.
 - ♦ Have held the Annual General Meeting (at which the accounts are presented).
 - Upload a fully completed Chair Certificate to HASSRA Live.

Both the audited accounts **and** a fully completed Chair Certificate will need to be uploaded to HASSRA Live for a membership rebate to be paid.

Changes to the timescales for submitting end of year accounts have also been agreed.

- Clubs will receive a rebate based on submitting accounts within the following timescales:
 - ♦ 100% rebate for accounts received by 31/03/2024.

 - ♦ 0% rebate for accounts submitted after 01/08/2024.

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Finance Policy has been amended to ensure that all financial governance is completed in a timely manner and to ensure we are consistent with the expectations set out in the DWP Staff Clubs Guide.

More More More in 24

The HASSRA West Midlands recruitment challenge continues in 2024

Following the success of the 'Recruit & Reward Club Challenge' in 2023, HASSRA West Midlands is continuing the local club recruitment challenge with 'More More More in 24'.

Financial rewards will be available to the top 3 large (150+ members) and small (under 150 members) clubs who recruit the most new members between 01/01/2024 and 31/03/2024.



The top 3 large and top 3 small local clubs will receive the following cash prizes:

1st place
$$-$$
 £150 2^{nd} place $-$ £100 3^{rd} place $-$ £50

Use the marketing materials available on HASSRA Live and start recruiting new members today!

Give Us A Clue

'Give Us A Clue' takes place on Friday 12 April 2024 from 12:30 to 16:30 at 3 Arena Central, Bridge Street, Birmingham, B1 2AX.

Give Us A Clue (Charades) will be run with 3 people in each team. Members are encouraged to enter as a team of 3, however individuals can be joined together to form a team on the day if necessary. The number of rounds played will be dependent upon the number of entries received.

Members will be required to bring either a Government ID photo poss or if you do not have one photo ID to gain entry to Arena Central. If you do not bring ID you will not be permitted to enter the building.

Closing date for registrations via <u>HASSRA</u> <u>Live</u> is Sunday 31 March 2024.

Snooker

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Snooker takes place on Wednesday 20 March 2024 from 09:45 to 16:00 at the Golden Cue. 5-6. Barton



Industrial Estate, Etruria Way, Bilston, WV14 7LH.

- This event is the HASSRA West Midlands regional qualifier for the September HASSRA Festival, although feel free to come along and just enjoy the snooker!
- The event is open to male and female participants of all abilities.
- Lunch will be provided at the venue.
- The event is free to attend.

Closing date for registrations via <u>HASSRA</u> <u>Live</u> is Wednesday 28 February 2024.

Theatre Cashback Offer

Book tickets to a theatre production between 01/01/2024 – 31/03/2024 and receive 25% cashback on your tickets courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands

Terms & Conditions:

- 25% cashback value is up to a maximum of x2 tickets purchased.
- Tickets must be booked between the dates of 01/01/2024 31/03/2024. Performances can be after 31/03/2024.
- Tickets can only be purchased for a theatre within the West Midlands region.
- Only one claim per member is permitted for the duration of this offer.
- Tickets purchased via existing local club or regional subsidised offers are not eligible.
- Cashback claims are for tickets only. No other items purchased, for example programmes, refreshments or travel costs are eligible for cashback.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS payment to the value of 25% of the original purchase price.
- Cashback claims must be received by <u>midnight on Sunday 31 March 2024</u>. You will not be able to submit a cashback claim beyond this date.

How to claim:

- Claim cashback through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live account.
- Receipts / booking confirmation will need to be uploaded as part of your claim, this
 must clearly show the date the tickets were purchased.





Unclaimed Christmas Competition Prizes Competition Results

A total of 605 members entered the HASSRA West Midlands Unclaimed Christmas Competition Prizes competition in January, to win a range of prizes from Christmas 2023, which members' never claimed.

Gladiators returned to our TV screens in January 2024, the first series in 1992 was filmed at the **National Indoor Arena in Birmingham**.

Congratulations to our winners listed below:

£100 cash prizes:

- Karon Alexander (Birmingham Arena Central)
- Terence Drain (Birmingham Arena Central)

£50 Love2Shop voucher:

Julie Himmons (Coventry Cofa Court)

£25 Love2Shop vouchers:

- Beth Hitchin (Telford New Town House)
- Caroline Aldridge (Retired Member)
- Scott Perkins (Telford New Town House)
- Thomas Cartwright (Stafford JCP)



Don't miss out!

The Terms and Conditions of competitions are always advertised on the HASSRA Live competition. They state:

- Only 1 entry is permitted per HASSRA member.
- Winners will be contacted via the email address used to log into your HASSRA Live account.
- Winners will be notified of their prize via email from the HASSRA.WestMidlands@dwp.gov.uk email address.
- <u>Winners will have 1 calendar month to claim their prize</u>. Prizes unclaimed at the end of the calendar month will be re-drawn.
- Competition winners' details will be listed in the monthly HASSRA West Midlands regional newsletter, unless the member requests to remain anonymous.

When a member wins a competition they are informed of their win via multiple methods:

- The 'Competition & Prize Draw Results' section of your HASSRA Live profile will be updated to show you as a 'Winner' of the competition you entered.
- HASSRA Live automatically sends you an email when the competition is drawn to inform you
 that you are a winner and that you will be contacted about your prize.
- You will receive an email from the HASSRA West Midlands inbox informing you of your win
 and asking you to reply to the email within one calendar month of the date you are contacted.
- The HASSRA West Midlands newsletter will list you as a competition winner. The newsletter is always issued before the deadline to claim your prize.

Keep a look out for more 'fun and free' competitions coming shortly, and remember to claim your prize!

Spread the love this Valentine's Day and be in with a chance of winning 1 of 10 £50 **Love**2Shop vouchers. HASSRA West Midlands is giving you the chance to win a **Love**2Shop voucher on Valentine's Day. Our February competition is only open on 14 February 2024 from 09:00am until midnight. Don't forget to enter!