

HASSRA W.M. NEWS

January 2020



National Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to the latest West Midlands HASSRA national lottery winners in the **December 2019** draw:

£1,000: Denise Smith (Walsall Service Centre)

£500: Anonymous Winner (Birmingham Broad Street JCP)

£500: Anonymous Winner (Birmingham Five Ways House)

£500: Rachel Cox (Dudley Pedmore House)

£250: Anonymous Winner (Solihull JCP)

£250: Matthew Booth (Hanley Service Centre)

£250: Nicola Gittings (Willenhall JCP)

£250: May Smith (Birmingham Five Ways House)

£250: Sara Hodgkinson (Birmingham Five Ways House)



409 new members joined HASSRA in the West Midlands region throughout 2019

West Midlands members purchased **13,104** cinema e-codes throughout 2019

HASSRA subsidised cinema ticket sales by **£66,205.33**

Closure of the HASSRA National Generic Mailbox

Due to the ever-increasing level of activity on the HASSRA Live Chat and the ever-reducing email traffic to the National HASSRA Contact HASSRA and C10K email inbox, the following email address has been deactivated:

CONTACT.HASSRAANDCOMMUNITY10000@DWP.GOV.UK

Please be aware that all HASSRA queries should now be made via the HASSRA Live website where you can talk to a member of the HASSRA team during office hours.

At any other time you can leave a message and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that the HASSRA Team are all Departmental employees who work within the Department's working terms and conditions.

Any Community 10,000 queries should now be directed to COMMUNITY.10K@DWP.GOV.UK

Christmas Cracker Draw 2019

The national HASSRA Christmas Cracker Draw 2019 selected 100 members to receive a variety of prizes. Congratulations to the 12 West Midlands winners listed below:

1. Stephen Sandiford (Ravenhurst CMG) - Apple iPad Mini
2. Mark Ray (CFCD Nuneaton Barling Way) - Samsung Galaxy Tab
3. Aimi Lewis (Willenhall JCP) - PS4 Console & Games Package
4. Ann Edwards (Oswestry JCP) - £200
5. Gill Parry (Dudley Pedmore House) - £200
6. Anthony Williams (Dudley Pedmore House) - Sony Cyber Shot HD Camera
7. Amanda Sawdon (Burton on Trent JCP) - Kindle Fire HD 10
8. Gillian Fraser (Shrewsbury JCP) - £100
9. Cynthia Walker (West Bromwich JCP) - £100
10. Kelly Backhouse (Dudley Pedmore House) - £100
11. Ram Rajinder (Wolverhampton Molineux House) - Google Home Speaker
12. Sharon Davies (CFCD Nuneaton Barling Way) = Amazon Echo Dot



The full list of 100 winners is available on www.hassra.org.uk

Secure Your HASSRA Live Account

Changes to the HASSRA Live password format

Hackers are becoming ever more sophisticated in their attempts to steal data. We are therefore raising the level of password protection to ensure your data remains safe from attack.

If your current password does not meet our new standards, you will be prompted to change your password when you next sign in. The system will check your new password and, if necessary, provide prompts to ensure it complies with the new format.

Three failed attempts to log-in will result in you being temporarily locked out of your account. It is therefore imperative that you choose a password that meets the strict criteria. In summary, your new password must be at least 8 characters in length and contain:

- at least one capital letter
- at least one lower case letter
- at least one number
- at least one special symbol, such as @?%!£ etc.

Your new password must not contain - or be based on - a dictionary word or name.

The following examples will give you an idea of how to tweak commonly used passwords, enabling you to create one that will satisfy the criteria and also be memorable. Remember, they are examples and should not be used.

- H&ssra123 (an alternative to HASSRA)
- W1nt£r2019 (an alternative to Winter)
- R088i£2019 (an alternative to Robbie)
- J&Cki£2020 (an alternative to Jackie)

You will be asked to change your password every **six months** and your new password must not be one that you have used before.

HASSRA Festival - Change of Event

There is a slight amendment to the line up of the September Festival. The National Sports Quiz will replace the Pop Quiz.

HASSRA Festivals 2020 - Volunteers Required

In 2020 HASSRA will return to The University of Warwick for the 8th consecutive year to stage the extremely popular and successful HASSRA Festivals.

With 29 events running across the two Festivals and over 1,000 members in attendance, volunteers play a crucial part in the delivery.

Volunteering will not only provide you with a hugely valuable and rewarding experience but you will also have the opportunity to:

- Meet new people
- Gain new and use existing skills
- Have fun!

When:

The Summer Festival will be held Friday 3rd July – Sunday 5th July, with the competitions taking place on Saturday 4th.

The Late Summer Festival will be held Friday 11th September – Sunday 13th September, with the competitions taking place on Saturday 12th.

A full list of the events included in each festival can be found [HERE](#).

What:

We need volunteers to cover a variety of roles, from welcoming guests to assisting with the delivery of an event.

Whilst previous experience or specific knowledge is not necessary for the majority of roles, there are a few where some basic knowledge/experience would be advantageous. Further information on specific roles can be found [HERE](#).

How:

If you would like to get involved and become part of our HASSRA Festival Volunteer Crew 2020 then please complete an [application form](#) and send it to Tina.street@dwpgov.uk

Completed application forms must be received by Friday 7th February.

Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour

Our latest competition winners visited Arena Birmingham on Sunday 19th January and took their seats for the Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour. With celebrities including Kelvin Fletcher, Catherine Tyldesley and Mike Bushell strutting their stuff, they all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Keep a look out for more *'fun and free'* competitions coming soon!



Join the HASSRA National Lottery TODAY!

The HASSRA Lottery has a total of £55,000 in cash prizes up for grabs every month

You can opt to buy anything up to a maximum of 20 numbers at £1.00 each per month.

Each month we give away:

- A top prize of **£12,500**
- 4 prizes of **£2,500**
- 15 prizes of **£1,000**
- 25 prizes of **£500**
- 20 prizes of **£250**



Payment for lottery shares will be made by monthly deductions from pay or pension in the case of members whose payroll or pension provider makes deductions on behalf of HASSRA or by annual payments in advance in the case of ordinary and associate members who cannot pay by deductions from their pay or pension.

To join, simply visit your HASSRA Live online account.

You have to be in it to win it!

Regional Chess

Friday 1st May - 9.30am start

Room G03, Five Ways House, Birmingham,
B15 1SL

Open to male and female HASSRA members,
including retired and associate members of all
ability.

The Winner & Runner-up of this event will be
offered places to represent HASSRA West
Midlands at the September Festival.

To register for this event please email

Arnold.Peace@dpw.gov.uk stating your
name & HASSRA number.



Give Us A Clue

Friday 20th March 2pm – 5pm

Conference Room, New Town House, Telford
Entries invited from Teams of 3

Winners will receive the chance to represent
HASSRA West Midlands at the National
Festival in July at the University of Warwick,
Coventry.

To enter please email

Daniel.Suggitt@dpw.gov.uk and include the
names of individuals in your team plus their
HASSRA membership number.

New Town House is a short 10-minute walk from Telford
Central Railway Station or a 2-minute drive from
Junction 5 of the M54. There is no on-site parking
available. There is however, a pay and display car park
at the front of the building.

