

HASSRA W.M. NEWS

June 2020



National Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to the latest West Midlands HASSRA national lottery winners in the **May 2020** draw:

£1,000: Olivia Mills (Chelmsley Wood JCP)

£500: Debra Baker (Dudley Pedmore House CMG)

£500: Anonymous winner (Wolverhampton Molineux House)

£500: Anonymous winner (Telford Newtown House)

£500: Anonymous winner (Erdington JCP)

£250: Shazaz Gill (Dudley Pedmore House CMG)

£250: Anonymous winner (Birmingham)



Look after your mental health with The Happiness Club

We are living in unusual times and therefore looking after your mental health has never been so important. People all over the country are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, lonely, depressed and anxious.

HASSRA's newest membership benefit The Happiness Club is here to help. The Happiness Club is an online support service for mental health and wellbeing. As a member you receive:

Standard membership: discounted rate of **£10** per year for HASSRA members which includes:

- Direct daily support from The Happiness Club team - who have been there and know how it feels.
- Uplifting daily messages of support
- A mindset tool
- Techniques or strategies to help you live a calmer, happier and more balanced life
- A monthly positive mental health webinar full of support, advice, tips and tools

Premium membership: discounted rate of **£25** per year for HASSRA members which includes:

- Everything in the standard membership plus
- 24/7 access to confidential, one to one advice from a team of qualified counsellors and therapists, you can contact us by phone, email, messenger or WhatsApp

All of this is delivered to you online and via The Happiness Club App.



To sign up for this great new offer visit [The Happiness Club website](https://www.thehappinessclub.co.uk).

Regional Lockdown Photography Competition

Congratulations to Kate Meakin from Shrewsbury Jobcentre who was selected as the winner of the HASSRA West Midlands Lockdown Photography Competition.

Members were asked to send in their favourite snap from lockdown and Kate's picture titled **"Our children are little heroes too"** was selected as the winner from all entries received.

On submitting her entry Kate said, "Our little heroes have stayed indoors without really understanding why they can't go out or see their family and friends. At the blink of an eye their lives have been turned upside down and they are expected to follow rules they have never known and live a life they couldn't have ever imagined. They miss their grandparents, extended family, friends and school. Lack of normal routine and loss of structure to their day. Seeing their parents who are stressed and worried, overhearing talk and news without an understanding of what they hear. This is my little hero, 5 year old Emmy, she is on high risk due to pulmonary heart and lung health issues. She has been a star through lockdown."

Kate wins a £50 Love2Shop gift card as her prize.



Regional President Alice Hopkins selected the winning photograph and said, "Kate's winning picture captures everything that COVID-19 has been about; looking after our loved ones, protecting one another and most importantly staying safe".

Our 2 runners up and each receiving a £25 Love2Shop gift card are Helen Lamb from Tamworth Jobcentre and Mark Scragg from Birmingham Ravenhurst. Their images also represent the different aspects of lockdown.



"Calm in a Crisis" by Helen Lamb from Tamworth Jobcentre. Photograph taken on Helen's walk into work through the grounds of Tamworth Castle.



"My New Work Colleagues" by Mark Scragg from Birmingham Ravenhurst, whilst adapting to life working from home!

Supermarket Sweep Competition

“The next time you’re at the checkout and you hear the beep, **think of the fun you could be having on Supermarket Sweep!**”

A total of 396 members correctly entered our Supermarket Sweet competition. Our 3 lucky winners, selected at random to each win a £50 Asda shopping voucher are:

- Kristie Shuttleworth (Dudley Pedmore House CMG)
- Liz Wood (Wolverhampton Molineux House Jobcentre)
- Ann Timms (Coventry Cofa Court Jobcentre)

Keep a look out for more lockdown ‘*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!

Hotpoint Privilege Purchase Club

SAVE 20% OFF THIS JUNE

Visit the [Hotpoint PPC website](#) to make the most of this great deal.

Offer expires 30st June 2020.

Log into your HASSRA Live account to obtain the 20% off voucher code.

You can find full details of all HASSRA offers in the [Offers and Discounts](#) section of HASSRA Live.



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COOL DOWN YOUR SPENDING THIS SUMMER

✔ EXTRA 20% OFF & FREE DELIVERY
✔ DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURER

The Newtown House Mountaineering Squad

HASSRA members and colleagues from Telford Newtown House Service Centre have been keeping active during this unprecedented time by walking the height of the highest mountains in the UK.

The newly formed “Newtown House Mountaineering Squad” have been completing the number of steps required to conquer Ben Nevis. The project spanned several weeks and was completed using the steps in Telford Square outside the office, much to the bemusement of passers by! With Ben Nevis completed, the group will start on Snowdon next.



Cornish Cream Tea Competition

A total of 623 members entered our Cornish Cream Tea Hamper ‘*fun and free*’ competition by correctly answering that **Truro** is the only city in Cornwall. Thanks to everyone who entered the competition, our 20 lucky winners are:

1. Lisa Connop (Tipton JCP)
2. Christine Woolley (Stafford JCP)
3. Kim Lees (Coventry Cofa Court)
4. Wendy Palmer (Coventry Cofa Court)
5. Julie Kennedy (Nuneaton Debt Centre)
6. Susan Delves (Telford Newtown House)
7. Mandy Davis (Walsall Service Centre)
8. Bal Sidhu (Walsall Service Centre)
9. Daniel Cooke (Bridgnorth JCP)
10. Rebecca Billington (Hanley JCP)
11. Dani Price (Brownhills JCP)
12. John Wilkes (Erdington JCP)
13. Janine Sprague (Dudley Pedmore House)
14. Mandy Smyth (Coventry Cofa Court)
15. Jackie Underwood (CFCD Bilston JCP)
16. Allan Gaut (Telford JCP)
17. Victoria Burfitt (Redditch JCP)
18. Susan Nesbitt (Worcester JCP)
19. Simon Smith (Birmingham Ravenhurst)
20. Tracy Chinn (Coventry Cofa Court)

Enjoy your treat!

HASSRA membership increased by

1,079 to **59,835**

(Data to 31/03/2020)

Take up stands at

67.48%

West Midlands membership stands at

4,764

(Data to 31/03/2020)

West Midlands membership take up stands at **65.05%**. An increase of **8.74%** over the past 12 months and the highest increase of all HASSRA regions.

HASSRA West Midlands

Online Quiz

HASSRA West Midlands is pleased to launch new online quizzes, taking place every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm. Our first quiz launches on:

Wednesday 8th July 2020 - 7.00pm

To take part you will need to sign up to [Myquiz.org](https://www.myquiz.org). We will send you the participant code to enter nearer the time.

There is no need to download an app, creating an account is fast and easy.

The quiz will last a maximum of 30 minutes.

You don't need to be a Brain of Britain, the quizzes are simple and fun and if you don't know the answer take a guess from the multiple choice options.

Prizes will consist of Love2Shop vouchers to the following value:

1st - £40

2nd - £20

3rd - £10

Plus we will be drawing one person outside of the top 3 to win a £10 prize.

Each question will be live on the HASSRA West Midlands Facebook page but you don't need this to enter the quiz as they will appear on your browser for you to read.



HASSRA September Festival

Warwick University will not be reopening its conference facilities this summer and therefore cannot host the HASSRA September Festival. The scale and complexity of our events make it almost impossible to source an alternative venue and facilities in the time remaining. HASSRA has therefore regretfully taken the decision to cancel the Festival. Whilst this will be disappointing news for our many volunteers and festival-goers, we look forward to better times next year. Thank you to all organisers for your patience and any preparatory work you may have already undertaken.

Loving Lockdown Life at Hanley

HASSRA members and colleagues at Hanley Jobcentre in Stoke on Trent have been making the most of lockdown to maintain morale amongst staff, both in the office and those working from home, by holding a variety of celebration events over the past few weeks.

To mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, HASSRA organised a celebration event with staff dressing up in clothes from that era. Several members of staff brought in memorabilia from the war, shared stories and everyone had lunch at the same time. The office linked into the BBC so they could listen to Churchill's historic speech, whilst Mark Glover-Jones (GJ) even dressed up as Winston Churchill and played the part to perfection! Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day.



To celebrate the end of Ramadan, Hanley held its own EID party, minus the food, with staff dressing up and learning dance moves which a member of staff, Akerz, demonstrated. In addition to the fun, Akerz, Moz and Mo spent time telling people about the religious festivals of Ramadan and EID. It was another enjoyable and informative day.



Finally, with holidays cancelled and many people missing the sun, sand and sangria, HASSRA Hanley organised a beach party. In the style of the Generation Game, colleagues were asked to write down as many items as they could remember that were in a suitcase, there was even a cuddly toy!



Life's a beach: Colleagues made the most of the recent warm weather and enjoyed an alternative beach party!



WIN: 1 of 20 Magazine Subscriptions courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands

HASSRA West Midlands is pleased to launch its latest 2020 'fun and free' competition, giving members the opportunity to win 1 of 20 magazine subscriptions.

Treat yourself to a magazine subscription of your choice, by winning a £20 voucher with the leading UK Magazine site. Whether you are a foodie, sports junkie, fashion enthusiast or gamer, there's a magazine to suit all interests..... delivered directly to your door!



To win a voucher, answer this question...

Name Britain's longest-running weekly women's magazine (which has been in continuous publication since 1885).

Send your answer, along with your name, HASSRA membership number, office location and a contact telephone number by email to

HASSRA.WESTMIDLANDS@DWP.GOV.UK or 'DWP HASSRA West Midlands' in the global address list.

Your email must be titled 'Magazine Subscription' in the subject line.

Closing date for entries is 5.00pm on Friday 17th July 2020

 **HASSRA**
West Midlands