

# HASSRA W.M. NEWS

March 2024



## HASSRA National Lottery Winners:

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

- £5,000:** Sonika Chopra (Birmingham Mutual House)
- £1,000:** Anonymous winner (Telford New Town House)
- £200:** Anonymous winner (Coventry Cofa Court)
- £100:** Anonymous winner (Telford New Town House)
- £100:** Linda Tranter (Birmingham Bristol Road)
- £100:** Anonymous winner (Bilston JCP)
- £100:** Anonymous winner (Birmingham Mutual House)



You can view the latest lottery winners in full at [www.hassra.org.uk/lottery-results](http://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 - March 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 **March** draw was conducted using HASSRA membership data at 29/02/2024. **58** new members joined HASSRA in February, our winners are:

### New Member Winners:

- Debra Smith (Oswestry JCP)
- Mukesh Mahay (Wolverhampton Molineux House)

### Existing Member Winners:

- Jenny Johnson (Shrewsbury JCP)
- Kulvinder Mann (Birmingham Arena Central)



If you're not already in HASSRA, then sign up online today at [www.hassra.org.uk/register](http://www.hassra.org.uk/register) to be in with a chance of winning in the April 2024 draw. You will need to be a HASSRA member by 31/03/2024 to be included.

## HASSRA West Midlands Annual Awards 2023

The HASSRA West Midlands Annual Conference & Awards Dinner for 2023 took place at Wolverhampton Wanderers Molineux Stadium on the evening of Friday 15 March 2024. The evening provided the opportunity for HASSRA members, club officials and organisers to celebrate the collective achievements of individuals and local clubs in 2023. Following the Annual General Meeting, the West Midlands Annual Awards took place, presented by a number of Senior Leaders from across the West Midlands who kindly gave up their time to attend for the evening.

Our 2023 West Midlands award winners were as follows:



**Business Sponsor of the Year:**  
Gareth Niblett (HASSRA Shrewsbury), presented by Helene Dearn, West Midlands Group Director & HASSRA West Midlands Regional President.



**Best Sports Person:**  
Jo Jones (right) from Telford New Town House, received her award from Mandy Williams, West Midlands Group Strategic Partnership Manager.



**Best Arts, Crafts & Non-Sporting Contribution:**  
Rose de Negri, a National Associate Member part of the Telford New Town House club, received her award from Andy Richmond, HASSRA West Midlands Regional Chair.



**Volunteer of the Year:**  
Gareth Niblett (HASSRA Shrewsbury) received his award from Lyndley Jenks, DWP Operational Centre Partnerships Leader.

**HASSRA Heroes** is a new initiative aimed at recognising the fantastic contribution our volunteers make to the association. Local clubs and regions will be able to submit nominations for their HASSRA Heroes on a quarterly basis. Further details will be published shortly.

# HASSRA West Midlands Annual Awards 2023

## Best Small Club



**Best Small Club:**  
HASSRA Shrewsbury were winners of the West Midlands Best Small Club for a fifth consecutive year.

## Best Large Club



**Best Large Club:**  
Telford New Town House HASSRA were winners of the West Midlands Best Large Club for the second year in a row.



**Best Small Club:**  
Second place in the Best Small Club category was HASSRA Erdington.



**Best Large Club:**  
Second place in the Best Large Club category were Birmingham Arena Central.



**Best Small Club:**  
Third place in the Best Small Club category was HASSRA Walsall Bridle Court Jobcentre.



**Best Large Club:**  
Third place in the Best Large Club category were Coventry Cofa Court.

## HASSRA West Midlands Annual Awards 2023



**Best Communication:**  
HASSRA Shrewsbury were winners of the West Midlands Best Communication Award.



**The Lynda Gadsden Memorial Trophy:**  
Walsall Bridle Court Jobcentre were awarded The Lynda Gadsden Memorial Trophy for an outstanding contribution to charity.



**Wellbeing Trophy:**  
Walsall Bridle Court Jobcentre were winners of the HASSRA West Midlands Wellbeing Trophy.



**Best Newcomer:**  
Carl Bowkett from Birmingham Arena Central was awarded the West Midlands Best Newcomer Award. Unfortunately Carl was unable to join us on the night so the award was collected on his behalf by the local club.



## End of Year Club Accounts & Rebates

The deadline for local clubs to receive a 100% annual rebate is 31/03/2024. 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.

Full details are available in the HASSRA West Midlands [Regional Finance Policy](#).

## HASSRA Heroes - Sandra Pollard

Sandra Pollard is a retired HASSRA member, who has been on the West Midlands regional Board of Management for many years. As a former local club Treasurer, she is experienced in all aspects of Finance and is also a member of the Regional Finance Sub Committee, responsible for allocating regional budgets and expenditure each year.

It is in the finance role where Sandra has been a real West Midlands HASSRA Hero in 2023. She has spent a considerable amount of her own time travelling the length and breadth of the region to support local club Treasurers. This support has involved:

- Offering training to newly appointed club Treasurers and going out to sites to deliver that training in person.
- Visiting offices to help resolve issues with outstanding club accounts and get them up to date.
- Visiting offices to help local clubs prepare for and audit their end of year accounts.

In addition, Sandra is the auditor of the West Midlands Regional Trips Single Activity Club which had in excess of £91,000 pass through the account with combined income/expenditure in 2023. Sandra's flexibility and willingness to undertake this role is greatly appreciated by the Regional Board as it's often something colleagues with roles in the Department are unable to commit the time to do. She is a true HASSRA Hero and we are extremely thankful for everything she does to support HASSRA West Midlands.

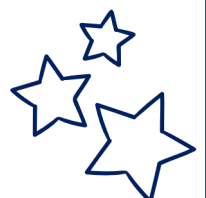


## HASSRA Heroes

Jo is an extremely active member of the HASSRA West Midlands regional Board of Management who takes the lead on coordinating the region's events and liaising with individual event organisers to deliver the West Midlands calendar of events. Jo is also an active event participant and took part in 16 HASSRA events in 2023.

At local club level, Jo is a member of the Telford New Town House committee. She is always keen to get involved in suggesting and organising local club activities and has channeled her passion and enthusiasm for HASSRA to talk to new DWP recruits to encourage them to join the association.

It's fair to say that without Jo's dedication, our regional programme of events would not be what it is. She does a great job for HASSRA and is very much one of our West Midlands HASSRA Heroes who does so much to make our region fantastic.



## Table Tennis

The HASSRA West Midlands table tennis event took place on Tuesday 19 March 2024, with 9 members taking part in Evesham, Worcestershire.

Thanks to Philip Smethurst for organising the event.

The winners of the event were:

- Ladies Winner - Pardip Purewal
- Ladies Runner Up - Teina Myatt
- Ladies Doubles Winners - Teina Myatt & Sonia Hayward
- Mixed Doubles Winners - Teina Myatt & Russell Edwards
- Men's Singles Winner - Philip Smethurst
- Men's Runner Up - Jaz Singh-Hayre
- Men's Doubles Winners - Russell Edwards & Jaz Singh-Hayre



## Easter Competition

A total of 571 members entered our Easter competition to win 1 of 5 Cadbury Easter Chocolate Family Baskets worth £50.00 each. Cadbury celebrates their **200 year anniversary** in 2024. Our 5 lucky winners were:

1. Amy Poyner (Dudley Pedmore House)
2. Jayne Reynolds (Dudley Pedmore House)
3. Simon Smith (Worcester Vine House)
4. Kirsty Whittingham (Dudley Pedmore House)
5. Anthony Farrell (Dudley Pedmore House)



## Felt Needle Workshop

Nine HASSRA West Midlands members visited Crafty Happenings in Wolverhampton on Tuesday 20 February to take part in a needle felt workshop. All who attended had an enjoyable time.



## HASSRA WM in 2023

In 2023 HASSRA West Midlands:

- Had **109** winners in the HASSRA National Lottery, winning a collective prize fund of **£126,100.00**.
- Spent **£8,724.38** on competition prizes.
- Sold **1,316** discounted theatre tickets, saving members **£22,078.50**.
- Sold **11,359** cinema tickets, saving members **£13,475.33**.
- Processed **194** cashback claims, awarding cashback to members to the value of **£4,153.78**.
- **533** members participated in regional events and Festivals.
- Spent **£84,896.28** delivering the regional programme.

## 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.

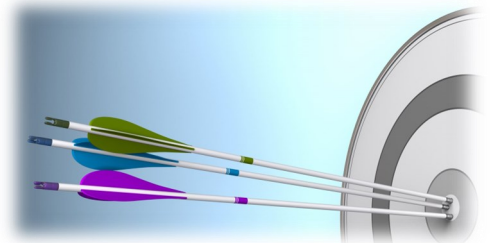
## HASSRA West Midlands Field Archery Taster Event

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 '[Events](#)' section on your HASSRA Live account.

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



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## Valentine's Day Competition Results

The February Valentine's competition gave members the chance to win 1 of 10 £50 Love2Shop vouchers. According to Interflora, Purple is the colour of a rose that symbolises eternal love. Congratulations to our 10 winners detailed below:

1. Lorraine Harris (National Associate Member)
2. Martyne Norris (Dudley JCP)
3. Steven Morgan (Redditch JCP)
4. Claire Tarrant (Rugby JCP)
5. Sonia Wright (Dudley Pedmore House)
6. Fateha Arshed (Birmingham Arena Central)
7. Elaine Walters (West Bromwich JCP)
8. Elaine Mortimer (Worcester Vine House)
9. Kulvinder Sandhu (Birmingham Moseley Road)
10. Nicola Flavell (Dudley Pedmore House)



Keep a look out on HASSRA Live for more competitions coming soon!

Throughout 2023, thanks to the generosity of colleagues across the West Midlands, our network of local clubs raised a fantastic **£9,823.23** for various local and national charities.

## 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 home-streaming 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 [HASSRA Live](#) 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

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 **15% cashback** 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.
- **The offer only went live from 01/12/2023 and therefore membership renewals before this date are not eligible.**

#### **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!***

## HASSRA West Midlands Golf Society

The HASSRA West Midlands Golf Society is open to HASSRA members with a keen interest in golf. The Golf Society is open to members of all playing ability, it is not necessary to have an official golf handicap and you do not have to be a member of a golf club.

All members will need to know how to play golf and have all their own standard golf equipment – golf clubs, shoes and clothing (this is more of a requirement of the golf clubs the society play at rather than a requirement of the society itself).

The Golf Society meet throughout the calendar year:

- A Spring meeting in April
- An Autumn meeting in October
- A Christmas meeting in December

In addition, the Golf Society play 5 matches throughout the year (12 members per team) against HASSRA East Midlands, HASSRA London, HASSRA North West, HASSRA South West and HASSRA Wales.



The Golf Society cannot teach beginners how to play golf, separate taster sessions are available to members during the year.

### How to get involved:

If you would like to join the Golf Society or find out more information, please contact Andy Seal by email at [andyseal614@googlemail.com](mailto:andyseal614@googlemail.com).

## Easter Holidays Cashback Offer

Visit any family attraction between 25/03/2024 and 19/04/2024 and get 25% cashback on your ticket purchases courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands.

***Great days out, with great savings from HASSRA!***

Simply purchase your tickets and claim cashback after your visit to any UK theme park, zoo or family attraction.

### Terms & Conditions:

- 25% cashback value is up to a maximum of x4 tickets purchased.
- Confirmation of booking / proof of purchase receipts must be attached to the claim.
- Attractions are a day visit only; no overnight stays are eligible.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS to the value of 25% of the original purchase costs.
- Only one claim per member is permitted for the duration of this offer.
- Cashback claims are for general admission tickets only. No optional extras, or other items purchased for example souvenirs, refreshments or travel costs, are eligible for cashback.
- Cashback claims must be received by 16:00 on **Monday 22 April 2024**. No additional claims will be considered beyond this date.
- Cashback claims are made through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live profile.



Claim Cashback

## BBC Gardeners World Live Cashback Offer

Visit BBC Gardeners World Live at the NEC in Birmingham between 13-16 June 2024 and get 25% cashback on your tickets courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands.

### Terms & Conditions:

- 25% cashback value is up to a maximum of x2 tickets purchased.
- Cashback is available on General Admission tickets only (VIP tickets are excluded).
- Tickets are for a day visit only; no overnight stays are eligible.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS to the value of 25% of the original purchase costs.
- Only one claim per member is permitted for the duration of this offer.
- Cashback claims are for admission tickets only. No other items purchased for example souvenirs or travel costs are eligible for cashback.
- Cashback claims must be received by midnight on **Wednesday 19 June 2024**. No additional claims will be considered 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.
- **Members will only be able to claim once the offer is activated on HASSRA Live on 01/04/2024.**



Claim Cashback

## 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 **midnight on Sunday 31 March 2024**. 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.



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