HASSRA W.M. NEWS



Celebrating 20 years of HASSRA West Midlands

May 2025

HASSRA National Lottery Winners:

Congratulations to the latest West Midlands HASSRA national lottery winners in the **April 2025** prize draw:

£10,000: Anonymous winner (West Bromwich JCP) £1,000: Paul Bowen (Telford New Town House) £500: Chris Webb (Worcester Vine House) £300: Anonymous winner (Birmingham Erdington JCP) £200: Anonymous winner (Dudley JCP) £200: Anonymous winner (Walsall Hatherton Road JCP) £100: Michael Evans (Cannock JCP) £100: Anonymous winner (Dudley Pedmore House) £100: Elaine Mortimer (Worcester Vine House) £100: Anonymous winner (Dudley Pedmore House) £100: Anonymous winner (Dudley Pedmore House) £100: Anonymous winner (Telford New Town House) £100: Anonymous winner (Wolverhampton Molineux House) £100: Anonymous winner (Wolverhampton Molineux House)

the HASSRA Ottery

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

Crack open a can and celebrate

A total of 796 members entered our April competition to win 1 of 10 Wonderland Cocktail Packs courtesy of BrewDog. HASSRA West Midlands is celebrating its **20th anniversary** this year. Congratulations to our 10 winners detailed below:

- 1. Emily Barlow (Shrewsbury JCP)
- 2. H Taylor (Retired Member)
- 3. Jess Benyon (Kidderminster JCP)
- 4. Sharon Drew (Dudley Pedmore House)
- 5. Peter Conway (Coventry Cofa Court)
- 6. Elizabeth Fowler (Dudley JCP)
- 7. Joanne Waters (Dudley Pedmore House)
- 8. Karon Alexander (National Associate Member)
- 9. David Bowden (National Associate Member)
- 10. Joshua Green (Dudley Pedmore House)



HASSRA National Awards Dinner 2024

The 2024 HASSRA National Awards Dinner took place on Thursday 15 May 2025 at the University of Warwick, with HASSRA West Midlands picking up 3 national awards during the evening:

- The West Midlands Trips Society was awarded the National Best Single Activity Club for 2024.
- Gareth Niblett (Shrewsbury) was awarded the National Business Sponsor of the Year Award for 2024.
- HASSRA West Midlands was awarded The Cinema Society Trophy for the highest number of new cinema members in 2024. This is the second consecutive year West Midlands has won The Cinema Society Trophy.

Throughout 2024, the West Midlands Trips Society Single Activity Club sold 1,054 discounted theatre tickets across 8 shows, saving members a staggering £19,817.00 on ticket prices. In addition, the single activity club processed 738 cashback applications, saving members £15,813.88.

Congratulations to Sonia Wright and Gareth Niblett for their hard work in coordinating all of the theatre tickets and cashback initiatives for the region and for saving members a phenomenal £35,630.88.

Members of the HASSRA West Midlands Regional Board of Management were in attendance at the awards dinner, along with regional award winners and competition winners. Everyone who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



The take up rate of HASSRA membership within DWP stands at **56.46%** of all DWP employees being members of HASSRA.

Felt Cacti Craft Workshop

HASSRA West Midlands members enjoyed a recent visit to Crafty Happenings in Wolverhampton as members turned their hand to a felt cacti craft workshop. Below are a selection of photos from the day.



"It was really good. The tutor was so friendly."

"I had a lovely afternoon, thank you so much for arranging it. The lady who showed us what to do was great; gave clear instructions and was really patient. Thank you again for arranging this for us."

VE Day Competition

A total of 315 members entered our May VE Day competition to win 1 of 10 £80.00 Love2Shop e -codes in celebration of 80 years since the end of World War II. Congratulations to our 10 winners detailed below:

- 1. Sue Jackson (Coventry Cofa Court)
- 2. Joshua Sutton (Stafford JCP)
- 3. John Donnachie (Coventry Cofa Court)
- 4. Sandra Pollard (Retired Member)
- 5. Stuart McCambley (Bilston JCP)
- 6. Caroline Aldridge (Retired Member)
- 7. Tibasom Delic (Wolverhampton Molineux House)
- 8. Kim Rees (Coventry Cofa Court)
- 9. Anne Pavey (Birmingham Handsworth)
- 10. Alison Harley (Dudley Pedmore House)



Members have until <u>09/06/2025</u> to claim their prize. Prizes unclaimed after this date will be redrawn.

Good Food Show Summer & Gardeners World Live Cashback

Visit the BBC Good Food Show Summer and/or BBC Gardeners World Live at the NEC in Birmingham between 12-15 June 2025 and get 20% cashback on your tickets courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands.

Terms & Conditions:

- 20% cashback value is up to a maximum of x2 tickets purchased.
- Cashback is available on general admission tickets only.
- Tickets are for a day visit only; no overnight stays are eligible.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS to the value of 20% 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 other items purchased for example souvenirs or travel costs are eligible for cashback.
- Cashback claims must be received by **midnight on Friday 20 June 2025**. No additional claims will be considered beyond this date.
- Cashback claims are made through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live profile.
- Members will only be able to claim once the offer is activated on HASSRA Live on 01/06/2025.



Redrawn Competition Prizes

A number of competitions have been redrawn as winning members have not claimed their prizes within the allocated times. Winners have been redrawn in the following competitions:

Win Your HASSRA Membership for a Year: 2 additional winners were drawn to each win a $\pounds 29.40$ cash prize.

- 1. Jennifer Whatsize (Coventry Cofa Court)
- 2. Julie Kennedy (Coventry Cofa Court)

World Book Day Competition: 3 members were drawn to each win a £30.00 Waterstones e-gift voucher.

- 1. Lucy Murray (Tipton JCP)
- 2. Marion McDonald (Halesowen JCP)
- 3. Fateha Arshed (Birmingham Arena Central)

Members are contacted using the email address they use to log into HASSRA Live and advised how to claim their prize. You will always have one calendar month to claim your prize, any prizes unclaimed at the end of that time will be redrawn.

Throughout 2024, local HASSRA clubs within the West Midlands region raised a phenomenal **£17,760.01** for various local and national charities.

Thank you to everyone who has coordinated charity collections and to all who have donated so generously.







5% UK Holiday Cashback

Receive 5% cashback on a UK holiday stay in 2025 courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands

Back by popular demand, the UK Holiday Cashback Offer was so popular in 2024 that we are pleased to re-launch it once again for 2025.

Terms & Conditions:

- The 5% cashback is only available on holidays booked within the United Kingdom.
- UK holidays must be a minimum of 4-nights stay and <u>be booked</u> and <u>take place in 2025</u>.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS to the value of 5% of the total holiday cost, up to a maximum holiday value of £1,000.
- Confirmation of booking / receipts must be attached to the cashback claim.
- Only one claim (i.e. one holiday) per member is permitted for the duration of this offer.
- Cashback is based on accommodation costs only. No additional costs such as travel or entertainment are eligible for cashback.
- Holiday stays must take place between 01/05/2025 and 31/12/2025 (can be booked before 01/05/2025 but must be booked in 2025). All holidays for 2025 must be booked and claimed for on HASSRA Live by 31/07/2025. You will not be able to claim beyond this date.
- HASSRA West Midlands reserves the right to withdraw this cashback offer at any time and without prior notice.
- Cashback claims are made through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live profile.

BOM Shadowing

The next HASSRA West Midlands Regional Board of Management (BOM) meeting takes place on Friday 18 July 2025 from 09:30 - 13:30, at 3 Arena Central in Birmingham. HASSRA West Midlands members are invited along to the meeting as part of our BOM shadowing initiative.

The BOM is responsible for delivering the HASSRA West Midlands

regional programme of activities throughout the year and for ensuring regional funds are spent appropriately to ensure value for money. If you would like to come along and find out more about how HASSRA West Midlands operates, please email <u>HASSRA.WestMidlands@dwp.gov.uk</u> by Monday 30 June 2025. Numbers will be restricted due to room capacity. Members will be able to reclaim the cost of travel.

At 31/03/2025 HASSRA national membership stood at **61,801** members - an increase of +163 members since December 2024.

In the same period, HASSRA West Midlands membership increased by +36 members to **4,763** members.







HASSRA Quarter 1 Celebration Draw

A total of 509 members entered our Quarter 1 Celebration Draw on HASSRA Live to celebrate the 20th anniversary of HASSRA West Midlands and the 90th anniversary of HASSRA nationally. We selected 20 members to each win a £90.00 cash prize. Congratulations to our lucky winners detailed below:

- Rachel Dingley (Erdington JCP) 1.
- 2. Jason Lawrence (Birmingham Arena Central)
- 3. Diane Ford (Birmingham Bristol Road South)
- 4. Tara Billingham (Dudley Pedmore House)
- 5. Tanya Glendenning (Coventry Cofa Court)
- 6. Hardeep Bhogal (Birmingham Handsworth)
- 7. Lorraine Gethings (Bilston JCP)
- 8. Charlanne James (Hereford JCP)
- 9. Stephanie Seymour (Telford JCP)
- 10. Sarah Boden (Dudley Pedmore House)
- 11. Anne Pavey (Birmingham Handsworth)
- 12. Asifa Butt (Birmingham Arena Central)
- 13. Claire Tarrant (National Associate Member)
- 14. Hayley Flewitt (National Associate Member)
- 15. Brenda Viney (Birmingham Arena Central)
- 16. Anonymous winner (Birmingham Ravenhurst)
- 17. Keith Houston (Telford New Town House)
- 18. Kirk Timmins (Telford JCP)
- 19. Laurence Sproston (National Associate Member)
- Richard Davies-Morgan (Wolverhampton Molineux House) 20.





HASSRA West Midlands

HASSRA Development Fund

The HASSRA Development Fund (HDF) is here to help you achieve your best in your chosen activity and has funds to help you overcome financial barriers to accessing your activity and making progress. Members who consider themselves to be disadvantaged or to have a disability can also access funds provided by the CSiS Charity Fund through the HDF.

The HDF can help individuals develop within a wide range of activities in the following categories:

- Sports & Leisure developing skills in your chosen activity where you can show you have a sound base and potential to go on and do more. Examples include sports (including coaching and refereeing), arts and crafts.
- Volunteering developing your potential to serve HASSRA or your local community where you can show you have an existing interest and potential to go on and do more. Examples include life skills coaching, youth worker, scout or guide leader.

So far, over 1,500 members have applied which demonstrates our commitment to both nondisabled and disabled members throughout the Association and has helped applicants to achieve success at all levels. Find our more on HASSRA Live.



Enjoy a music concert in 2025 and receive <u>10% cashback</u> on your tickets courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands

Terms & Conditions:

- 10% cashback is available on x2 tickets purchased, up to a maximum value of £100 per ticket (maximum cashback value £20.00).
- Members are eligible to claim for one music concert / festival (in the UK) throughout the duration of the offer between 01/01/2025 -31/12/2025.
- The music concert must take place in 2025.
- Cashback claims are for tickets only. No other items purchased, for example programmes, souvenirs, car parking, travel or refreshments are eligible for cashback.
- Tickets for musical theatre are not eligible for this offer.
- Members will be reimbursed via BACS payment to the value of 10% of the original ticket costs.
- Cashback claims must be received by midnight on Saturday 27 December 2025. You will not be able to submit a cashback claim beyond this date.
- HASSRA West Midlands reserves the right to withdraw this cashback offer at any time and without prior notice.

How to Claim:

• Claim cashback through the *'Claim Cashback'* icon within your HASSRA Live account.

Recruit & Win in the HASSRA Buddy Draw

62 new members joined HASSRA West Midlands in April 2025.

Recruit a colleague who isn't already a HASSRA member and you could both win £50 each in the <u>HASSRA Buddy Draw</u>.

You will receive an entry for each new member you refer - with no limit on the number of entries. So the more new members you recruit, the more chances you have of winning a prize! Make sure you watch and share our <u>HASSRA Video</u> to showcase the benefits of HASSRA membership.

All new members must complete this <u>online application</u> and MUST also include your name and office location in the box on the bottom of the form. Closing date for this draw is **Thursday 31 July 2025**.

Buddy Draw

Refer a new member and you both might win a prize.





