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On 4th October HASSRA fielded a team in a new swimming competition. We were up against His Majesty's Revenue and Customs and Home Office / Probation Services, at the Corby International Pool in Northamptonshire.

The HASSRA team was made up of 21 swimmers with ages ranging from 20s to 70s!

The swimmers hailed from across the whole country, with almost half being newcomers to this National Team.

The competition lasted all day, at a frantic pace, to allow 36 different events. In addition to the swimmers' individual races HASSRA fielded 29 relay teams. It is fair to say that all were very tired at the end of the day.

A very complicated points system rewarded swimmers, both for their position in races and the number of events they competed in. You could tell somebody from the Inland Revenue had designed it!

Our top woman overall was one of our new swimmers, Susan Rees from Houghton-le-Spring.

Our top man overall was Richard Drew from North Wales who currently works for Maximus, one of our contractors.

Richard and Susan were presented at poolside with HASSRA trophies, as were the team manager's choice for best individual performances, Beatrice Telfer and Martin Raggett.

Highlights of the day included Martin Raggett and Susan Rees winning their age groups for 100 metres Individual Medley, Jude Barton winning her age group for 50 metres Breaststroke in a time of 51.48 seconds, which also beat most of the younger swimmers! And the women winning both the 4 x 25 metres Medleys and Freestyle relays.

Appropriately, the best performance of the day came in the last relay event where teams of six swimmers (three men and three women) each swam 50 metres. Eight teams went into this event including three from HASSRA and in a very close finish, the HASSRA A-Team won!

We didn't win the competition overall – we were second behind HMRC, but all competitors agreed it was a great event.

On Your Marks



Adam Place from **HASSRA** Wales, taming Fernando the Crocodile.

If you think you might be interested in swimming for HASSRA at any future events, feel free to contact Team Manager cmeadowsmbe@gmail.com

Colin Meadows



HASSRA Swimming Team 2024

Wrapping up 2024

Hello again and welcome to **HASSRA Livelife Magazine, Autumn/Winter edition**. It's been a busy year in HASSRA world with great turnouts at events such as the Awards Evening and the two Festivals!

The Festivals feature prominently in this edition and I have some great pictures to share with you of some of the participants as well as the full results tables, a "you said we did" article and two personal accounts of what it was like to be part of these wonderful events.

Looking back over the year, I hope you have enjoyed taking part in our online events too with Quizzes and Puzzles to perplex you, Art and Photography competitions to challenge you and a Get Active Challenge to motivate you – always always with amazing prizes to be won.

Next Year – as HASSRA will be 90 years young, we will have even more exciting things to offer as we all celebrate this milestone event.

The festive season is almost here and so – whatever your beliefs – enjoy the time off, spend it doing what makes you happy and in a world where you can be anything – be kind.

Just to squeeze in one more competition, there are **eight Abba song titles** hidden in plain sight in the articles. If you can find them all then enter [here](#) to be in with a chance of winning a **£100 Love2Shop Voucher**.

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals."

– Melody Beattie



I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Jacky Sneddon
Editor

Getaway with HASSRA's latest £7,500 Holiday Competition

We have **12 Holiday Vouchers** to give away - you can win one of our vouchers worth up to **£1,500** by entering here now **HASSRA Competitions & Prize Draws**



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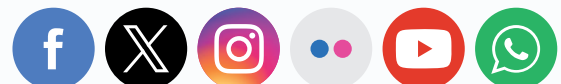


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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines – Set Sail with the Best

FOC is a family run company originating from Norway that has been operating since 1848 focusing on elegance, warmth and conviviality. There are three ships in their fleet, Borealis, the largest, has 702 cabins and carries a maximum of 1,353 passengers (named after the Northern lights frequently visible from Norway). The Bolette carries a maximum of 1,338 passengers (named after Fred Olsen's grandmother) and Balmoral is the smallest of the three carrying 1,325 passengers (named after the Castle in Scotland with a nod to the Olsen family connection to the British Monarchy).

Travellers can expect a high standard of service with a ratio of guests to onboard staff of 2:1. You will receive a warm welcome from the hosts and visit the stunning Observatory Deck Café Bar with an opportunity to sample the barista-standard coffees to wash down the delicious pastries as you take in the panoramic views.

There are a wide range of facilities and themed areas aboard these elegant ships. Relax and take in everything that the Borealis, Bolette and Balmoral have to offer you on your leisurely days at sea.

Feeling energetic? Then visit the fully equipped Gym. Take a class or do your own thing with fully qualified staff to help you set your goals. To much like hard work? Then the relaxing Spa with Jacuzzi could be for you. If you love good food, you will enjoy the multitude of restaurants to choose from with international dishes expertly prepared by chefs from around the world.

Seeking solitude? Then the Library is the place for you to enjoy your favourite book. Want some company? Why don't you test your skills in the Card Room?

If you feel the need for some retail therapy, Fred. Olsen has boutique shops aboard to tempt you.

If you have a special evening planned and want to look your best, fear not, there is a Hairdressing Salon to help you get occasion ready.

Feeling inspired by the places you have visited – why don't you try out the Art Studio, it's kitted out with an array of arts and crafts and a backdrop of spectacular ocean views to inspire the artist within you.

No time to be bored on board these ships, check out what's on in the Auditorium. Top Chefs provide cookery masterclasses and guest speakers such as Michaela Strachan, deliver entertaining and informative talks about important issues such as the environment. The Auditorium is multi-functional and converts into conference facilities as well as a Cinema.

Fred. Olsen has added Theatres for your entertainment with a good size stage, unobscured views and accessible seating areas. Acts from around the world perform for your entertainment including West-End standard productions to enjoy.

If all that has made you thirsty, why don't you go and enjoy a cocktail? You can hang out at one of the many themed bars or lounges and take in the sumptuous surroundings. Non-alcoholic beverages also available for your delight at the beautiful Botanical Room or Oriental Tearoom where you can enjoy delicious fruity mocktails or Jasmine Infused Tea.

There is great emphasis on attention to detail aboard these ships and these individually designed areas provided comfortable seating and beautifully decorated surroundings to admire.

In fact, you will find there is so much going on aboard that you won't want to miss out. So, make sure you pick up your personal edition of the "FOC Daily Times". This will provide you with a full programme of the day's events so you can plan your day and maximise your leisure time.

HASSRA has been working closely with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines (FOC) to bring our members getaway savings. Our latest discounted offer was a River Cruise departing from Southampton on 16th December 2024 to take in the wonderful Christmas Markets at Antwerp and Rouen aboard the Balmoral.

For accommodation, there are a variety of cabins available. The epitome of luxury was the Olsen Suite with a private dining area, small galley kitchen, lounge area and bedroom with a separate bathroom and shower.

Whilst this may push the budget more than a bit, there are also affordable alternatives with a full range of Suites, Terrace Cabins, Picture Window Cabins, Porthole Cabins and Interior Cabins – depending on your personal preferences. You can be assured all rooms are equipped with hairdryers, safes, smart TVs etc and of the highest standard of cleanliness. Accessible cabins are also available.

For user research purposes, some seasoned cruisers were asked how this offer compared to other providers, and they agreed it compared favourably in terms of accommodation and facilities, but FOC delivered a much cosier, personal style of service for the discerning traveller.

Feedback from user research tells us the food in particular aboard a Fred. Olsen Cruise Line is absolutely delicious and always freshly prepared by brilliant chefs who often create dishes from around the world depending on where you happen to be at the time.

It is a conscious decision not to have thousands of passengers on board who only want to "Drop and Flop" a term to describe the traditional sun-worshipping holiday maker.

If you decide to travel aboard the Balmoral, Bolette or Borealis, you will learn the meaning of a Norwegian phrase "I det beste selskap" it means "In the best of company" and it's how they want their guests to feel from the moment they embark on a Fred. Olsen Cruise. That you're welcomed, valued and looked after. Travelling in the best company with the best of companies – and that really sums up what you can expect from the FOC experience.

The pick-up ports for the FOC sailings are Southampton, Dover, Portsmouth, Liverpool, Newcastle and Rosyth.

Where to you ask? The world is your oyster. FOC sailings can last from 1 day to 200+ days travelling all over the world not just to the right place – but at the right time to get the best out of your experience. Such as catching the Northern Lights in Norwegian Fjords, Canada in the Fall, The Mediterranean, The Adriatic, The Canaries, The Azores and more – including World Cruises and Grand Voyages.

You will be sad to disembark from your luxury floating hotel at the end of your holiday. Travel safe as you head back home, Waterloo Station in London can be particularly busy!

Sadly the Christmas Market River Cruise Sailed on 16th December but to see more offers please visit [Fred. Olsen Cruises](#)




**Fred. Olsen
Cruise Lines**

HASSRA 2024

July & September Festivals

If you managed to join us this summer for our July and/or September Festival, we hope that you had an amazing time! Congratulations to all our winners – you fought hard and won!

Whether you are new to HASSRA or seasoned festival goers, we always aim to put on a great event for our members.

Being involved in the organisation and delivery of the festivals provided a great opportunity to meet and mingle with as many of our members as I could which was really good. I absolutely love hearing your insight on things that can be done differently and all the data you provide is reviewed and acted upon where possible to make future events even better. So, a big thank you for coming and telling us what you thought.

Feedback from previous festivals gave us some food for thought on what to change for 2024 so here is what some of your ideas helped us to change.

You Said - Be more Inclusive.

With Inclusivity being super important to HASSRA, we welcomed **Activity Alliance** to both festivals. As a leading voice for disability, they set up inclusion zones for our members to try adapted sporting activities in a safe welcoming space. Feedback has been very positive, and we aim to work closely with Activity Alliance on an ongoing basis to support our members.

You Said - Dinner service takes too long.

We trialled a less formal style of service with food stations giving you choices from a variety of dishes. Whilst it certainly speeded up mealtime, and allowed the Dancing Queen to reach the dancefloor faster, we recognise there is still work to do here to make it even better. Food is still the hottest topic! After a full-on day of sporting and recreational activities – fuelling you up is important to us.

You Said - We want different more varied events – more accessible.

The Programme Delivery Committee review the events offered each year and work with the University to make sure our programme is current and varied as well as inclusive. 2024 Festivals introduced three new events. Wild Swimming combined with Paddleboarding tuition proved to be a big hit at a lake off campus. A walking event was brought to you courtesy of **Living Streets Charity** and we also saw another new event, what's The Name of the Game again? – Oh yes, a Walking Football Tournament was introduced and fiercely contested by some very fast walkers.

We had almost 1,100 participants in attendance which was a fantastic turnout. We would love to see more new faces in 2025 which will be a special year for HASSRA as we will celebrate our 90th Year.

The Festivals are so much fun and I hope you enjoy the picture Gallery with a small selection of pictures of participants at events over both Festivals.

If you would like to represent your region at one of the 2025 festivals, see here for your regional contact information [HASSRA Festivals](#).

Activity Alliance

Inclusivity is a priority for HASSRA, so we were delighted to invite Activity Alliance to both Festivals this year.

They are a leading voice for disabled people in sport and activity. Sport and Activity play an important role in our members' health and we want to encourage people to be active however and wherever they want to.

Maxine is one of our members who came along in September, and here's what she had to say.

"At the September 2024 festival I tried the Activities Alliance. It was low impact and sitting activities such as Tennis, Volleyball, Boccia and Bowling. If you ever wanted to join in the sports event in July or September but felt there was nothing for you, then it's worth a try. The Alliance Team was patient and explained things well. I found it fun, and we got competitive in the game playing. They have been varying what they do and will change it and include more activities as the time goes on. This is definitely worth looking out for if you are not able to do mainstream activities. Give it a try and have fun!"

Maxine Fields



Walking Football

Walking Football made its debut at this year's HASSRA September Festival. Teams comprised of eight members and each team fielded five outfield players and one goalkeeper with two rolling substitutes ready to step in. This was a mixed sex event and played according to the rules that there had to be at least two ladies on the pitch at a time.

Whilst the rules state "No running", there were plenty of power walks and if I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do say so, some funny walks too. All teams were highly competitive but there was still a fun aspect to it. There were disagreements and laughter but definitely a feeling of togetherness whilst keeping a keen eye on the league table as the tournament progressed.

Walking football is the perfect fit for everyone who wants to continue being involved with playing football but with no running, jogging or heading of the ball involved. There is tackling but done so safely and with reduced physical contact. It's a great sport for everyone to enjoy in a fun and safe environment and that was the feeling I got when the day ended from the members taking part.

Whilst everyone had a great time, this was still a keenly contested tournament that had to be won and it was HASSRA North East who were the victors with a 2-0 win over Yorkshire and the Humber.



ACTIVITY	CATEGORY	WINNER	REGION	RUNNER UP	REGION
Archery	Ladies' Winner	Lorraine Burrow	Fylde	Zoe Jones	East Midlands
	Team Winners	Lorraine Burrow and Iain Watson	Fylde	Zoe Jones & Ben Everitt	East Midlands
	Plate (unofficial)	Pauline Hatton	West Midlands	Karl Rollinson	Y&H
Badminton	Men's Doubles Winners	Murray Wright and Simon Bamber	North East	David Hopkins & Jaime Werboweckjy	Y&H
	Ladies' Doubles Winners	Nicola Bibby and Helen Bamber	North East	Julie Adderley & Norma Lewis	London
	Mixed Doubles Winners	Helen Bamber and Simon Bamber	North East	Nicola Bibby & Murray Wright	North East
Coarse Angling	Individual Winner	Brian Malyn	South East	Ian Boyd	North West
	Regional Team Winner	Ian Brown Alan Turner Ian Boyd	North West	Michael Neary Graham Jasnosz Gary Smith	Scotland
Footgolf	Men's Winner	Jose Miguel Rodriguez Barrera	Scotland	Derek Brown Mohammed Iqbal Ali	(Wales) (Y&H) TIED
	Ladies' Winner	Sarah Walkinshaw	Scotland	Janine Crosby	Y&H
General Knowledge Quiz	Regional Team Winner	Rob Zorlazzi Damon Flynn Derek Hall Michael Leonard	South East	Richard Humm Fergus Hartford Phil Brown Susanna Fantoni	London
Give us a Clue	Regional Team Winner	Tracy Potter Kerry Sharpe Emily Milasinovich	East Midlands	Christopher McDermott Christopher Williamson Simon Jowitt	Fylde
Gym Based Triathlon	Men's Winner	Luke O'Neill	South West	Sukh Toor	West Midlands
	Ladies' Winner	Mary Struthers	South East	June Fenwick	North East
Men's 5-a-side Football	Regional Team Winner	Abdullah Ghodawala Hamzah Lunat Asif Sattar Feroz Takolia Mo Master Yusuf Eliyas	East Midlands	Zishaan Bhatti Danyaal Ahmed Shiraz Data Usmaan Razaq Asim Hussain	Y&H
Mixed Rounders	Regional Team Winner	Rachel Cain Hayley Ranachan Sara Ball Andrew Prior-Sankey Toron Everett Marianne Glover David Earp Michelle Wade Louise Doherty David Trott Tina Earp	South West	Nicki Stowe Shoaib Babar Tina Baines Mona Shiekh Teresa Lyon Atiya Aswat John Woods Nick Atrill Steve Rotherham Jon Trower Kelsey Jones	Y&H
Music	Contemporary Voice	Fay Evans	East of England	Maria Watch	West Midlands
	Instrumentalist	Ruth Filipo	West Midlands	Rebecca Blessing	Y&H
Squash	Men's Winner	Paul Atkinson	Wales	Imran Bashir	West Midlands
	Ladies' Winner	Sian Hughes	Wales	Rosalie Thomson	North East
Tennis	Men's Doubles Winners	Ian Hartley & Matt Gibson	North West	Stuart Collins & Alan Williams	London
	Ladies' Doubles Winners	Lorraine Cockell & Clare Heath	East Midlands	Jennifer Barr & Carol Sheehan	North West



ACTIVITY	CATEGORY	WINNER	REGION	RUNNER UP	REGION
Chess	Winner	Gary Cook	London	Iain Dodds	East Midlands
	Ladies' Singles Winner	Laura Patton	North East	Carolyn Hall	Fylde
	Men's Singles Winner	Paul Whyte	Scotland	Steve Harding	West Midlands
Darts	Team Event	North East		South West	
	Ladies' Singles Winner	Angela Ings	East of England	Maureen Hunter	Scotland
	Men's Singles Winner	Ryan Currie	Scotland	Stuart Williams	North East
Flat Green Bowls	Pairs Winner	Willie Hunter & Stephen Whitson	Scotland	Jimmy McKinney & Ronald Hall	North East
	Ladies' Handicap Winner	Tracy Grice	West Midlands	Trudy Tremain	South West
	Ladies' Scratch Winner	Deborah Harrad	West Midlands	Angela Hughes	Scotland
Golf	Men's Handicap Winner	Thomas Trippett	Wales	Richard Hart	Wales
	Men's Scratch Winner	Richard Wood	Y&H	Mick Williams	West Midlands
Netball	Regional Winner	East of England	Y&H		
Pop Quiz	Regional Winner	Y&H		North West	
Pool	Ladies' Singles Winner	Lorraine Grice	Y&H	Leanne Hinson	North East
	Men's Singles Winner	Thomas Yoxall	North East	Kavandeep Aujla	London
	Winner	Paul Baxter	Fylde	Gwynant Ellis	Wales
Snooker	Ladies' Singles Winner	Lesley Whitehead	London	Caroline Saunders	East of England
	Men's Singles Winner	Adekunle Akinboyewa	South East	Alan Turner	North West
	Ladies' Doubles Winner	Jackie Wood & Barbara Dabrowska	Y&H	Caroline Saunders & Michelle Hodds	East of England
	Men's Doubles Winner	Ian Teale & Dave Lewis	Y&H	Alan Turner & Ed Woodcock	North West
	Mixed Doubles Winner	Jackie Wood & Ian Teale	Y&H	Barbara Dabrowska & Dave Lewis	Y&H
Table Tennis	Ladies' Scratch Winner	Jacky Arnold	North West	Janet Watson	East Midlands
	Men's Scratch Winner	Chris Scott	Y&H	Mark Wisdon	Wales
	Ladies' Handicap Winner	Lyndsey South	Y&H	Anita Fairhurst	Y&H
	Men's Handicap Winner	Martin Hill	London	Jeff Griffin	South West
	Pairs Winner	Lyndsey South & Chris Scott	Y&H	Julie Wisden & Mark Wisden	Wales
	Team Scratch		Y&H		Wales
	Team Handicap		North West		North East
Ten Pin Bowling	KO Cup Scratch		Y&H		Wales
	KO Cup Handicap		Wales		Y&H
	Regional Winner		North East		Y&H
Walking Football	Regional Winner		North East		Y&H

HASSRA Message Boards

We are delighted to introduce you to HASSRA Message Boards, a new and exciting feature of HASSRA Live providing all members, volunteers and officials with the opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and important information in a safe and secure online environment.

We have developed an area of the website which gives members access to create, share and comment upon items that might be of interest to like-minded colleagues. You can keep things at a local level on your Regional Message Board, or if you've something to say that has wider appeal you can spread the word across all 12 regions on the National Message Board.

Message Boards are also a fantastic way to get feedback on your ideas by using the 'Poll' function which allows you to ask specific questions relating to your post along with a deadline for colleagues to submit their responses.

For the protection of all users, you must be signed in to your HASSRA Live account to access **Message Boards** - whether you are posting, commenting or merely viewing content. There is an option to like (thumbs up) and dislike (thumbs down) posts and comments. If you feel any content is inappropriate and should not be on the Message Boards, you can report this using the red flag which will automatically notify the National team and One of Us will then take the appropriate steps to address your concerns.

We want as many members as possible to engage with Message Boards. They are extremely easy to use but we have this handy **user guide** to show you how to get started. Please remember that we want this to be a safe space for everyone, so think carefully about what you post and about whom you post it! Message Boards are covered by the HASSRA Code of Conduct, specifically its Social Media Policy*.

*HASSRA will not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or defamation using our social media channels, including HASSRA Message Boards. HASSRA will undertake routine monitoring to protect members, and any misuse of our social media channels may result in disciplinary action, which may then be referred to your employer for further action. Please also check your own employer's code of conduct and social media policy for your information.

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In addition to the National and Regional Message Boards, we have created separate areas for many of the volunteers and officials within the Association.

- **The 12 Regional Committees**
- **The National Board of Management**
- **Regional Chairs & Vice-Chairs**
- **Each of the National Sub-Committees for Finance, Programme & Development, Awards, Diversity & Inclusion, plus the recently-formed Membership Benefits Forum**

This provides an opportunity for important information to be uploaded** and shared with colleagues, allowing access only to specified members for convenient and timely decision-making on all aspects of HASSRA business.

Message Boards are live now and provide a great way to get involved in HASSRA, making the most of ideas and good working practices from friends and colleagues around your region and further afield. So have a look around and see what they can do for you.



How the **HASSRA Development Fund** helped me to continue to pursue my passion

It's a cold Thursday evening and I scroll through my e-mails, working on my brand-new laptop kindly funded through the **HASSRA Development Fund**. Without this financial support, my progression on the Wolverhampton Community Project would have been very limited. I have many tasks to complete including updating a dedicated web page to outline the project. I am passionate about driving community engagement and educational opportunities – my background is in developing community arts programmes.

I have delivered many projects in previous years for hospitals and designed art installations for public spaces and health care facilities to help enhance the environment and provide 'story telling' through art.

Keen to return to project delivery after an absence, I asked the Tettenhall District Community Trust to Take a Chance on Me and they have entrusted me as Volunteer Project Manager to deliver an exciting, historical and arts project in Wolverhampton called "**The Aethelflaed Trail.**"

This is an initiative to honour Aethelflaed, Lady of Mercia, and the inception of Anglo-Saxon England with the battles of Tettenhall and Wodensfield in 910 A.D. through a permanent art and educational trail. The battle itself was said to have been momentous, occurring between Anglo Saxons and Viking Warriors.

The trail will be a dedicated historical walk complete with commissioned art works allowing the public to engage in an enriching experience which is hoped will be beneficial to physical and mental health in the community.

My email from a top archaeological expert is exciting. He has links with Tony Robinson of "Time Team" fame and has been in contact with him. They are very interested in the project and want to explore further. Bingo! This will definitely help secure wider coverage for the initiative.

I am really going to have to demonstrate my project management skills to juggle this alongside my day job as a Change Manager for DWP!

Life can be unavoidably difficult sometimes for many of us, bereavement and illness caused me to withdraw and affected my ability to engage with people or do my artwork or project management, which were always so important to me. Pursuing dreams can also be costly and seem out of reach – my advice is never give up.

With HASSRA's help from the **Development Fund** – my dream is rekindled and with grit and determination – and a new laptop – I will achieve my goals!

Thank you HASSRA.

By Rebecca Creswell



Coming Soon

Its not long until we begin a new year and here is a flavour of some of what HASSRA has planned;

- The **Buddy Draw** starts again in January with more chances to win if you recruit a new member
- More **Cash for Clubs** who engage digitally using **HASSRA Live** – taking the pain out of the admin.
- More funding available for geographically dispersed Teams in the way of a **Business Unit Grant**
- **90th Anniversary Club Grants** – funding for Clubs to organise activities to celebrate HASSRA's 90th Anniversary. Isn't it amazing, 90 Years of Service, Sport, and Community Spirit!
- Still a chance to "**Switch to Win**" by changing to a non-gov.uk e-mail address before the end of January

2025 IS GOING TO BE AN EPIC YEAR AND OUR MEMBERS ARE AT THE HEART OF IT.

MONEY MONEY MONEY

Can we tell you the good news or the other good news? Ok - the good news is that your monthly subscriptions will not be increasing in 2025 and will remain excellent value at **£2.45 per month**. The other good news we are excited to share with you is that we have increased the total annual Lottery fund to over **£1 million!** And increased the number of Lottery prizes each month to 150, (that's 1800 per year). The monthly Lottery Jackpot will also be increasing from £15K to £20K – and – two other lucky winners will be in with a chance to win £10K each – but you must be in it to win it! We spoke with some of our lottery winners and here is what they told us.

"Winning £15,000 in the September HASSRA lottery was a massive shock - I thought it must be an error and, even after claiming my prize, was in complete denial until the money landed safely in my account around a week later.

The timing couldn't have been better, the first thing I did was pay off the family holiday we'd booked for next July. The first monthly payment had been due in early October and being able to clear the balance in one go saved us almost £1,000 a month!

Fate being as it is, the day after the winnings arrived the Universe took a large chunk out of the pot when our water tank sprang a leak, damaging the living room ceiling and requiring installation of a new boiler and heating system.

As horrible as it was to walk in and find the damage, it was such a relief to have the funds available to organise repairs quickly, especially with the colder weather rolling in and Christmas right around the corner.

Thanks to the win we've been able to look forward to a comfortable Christmas with family and an exciting start to the new year."

Stephen Glen



"It was amazing to get the news of my HASSRA lottery win. It's something I never expected to happen. I am planning to use some of the money on a trip to South America next year."

Anon

Please keep entering our competitions – someone must win – it could be you in 2025

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