

# HASSRA W.M. NEWS

August 2024



## HASSRA National Lottery Winners:

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

- £200: Anonymous winner (Birmingham Arena Central)
- £200: Darrell De Blaby (Wolverhampton Wulfrun JCP)
- £200: Anonymous winner (Birmingham Arena Central)
- £200: Tina Smith (Dudley Pedmore House)
- £100: Natiq Majeed (Kidderminster JCP)
- £100: Mark Norman (Birmingham Arena Central)
- £100: Anonymous winner (Bilston JCP)
- £100: Anonymous winner (Birmingham Moseley Road)
- £100: Samantha Smith (West Bromwich JCP)
- £100: Anonymous winner (Birmingham Erdington JCP)
- £100: Samuel Shaw (Dudley Pedmore House)
- £100: Donna McIlroy (Birmingham Erdington JCP)
- £100: Chloe Hammond (Coventry Cofa Court)
- £100: Anonymous winner (Wolverhampton Molineux House)
- £100: Sandra Emmett (Coventry Cofa Court)



**15 winners in month, winning a collective prize fund of £1,900**

You can view the latest lottery winners in full at [www.hassra.org.uk/lottery-results](http://www.hassra.org.uk/lottery-results)

## Cashback Offers Update

A breakdown of take up from the latest HASSRA West Midlands cashback offer is detailed below. This offer is now closed.

Offer	Number of Applications	Total value of Cashback awarded	Average Cashback award per member
UK Holiday 5% Cashback	106	£3,921.51	£37.00

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## West Midlands Photography Day

The HASSRA West Midlands Regional Photography Day took place on Friday 26 June at the Baddesley Clinton National Trust property in Solihull. A total of 8 members attended the day and captured many great images. A big thank you to Jerome Carty for organising the event, the photographs from the winners and runners up are detailed below.



Architecture Winner: Kim Rees



Architecture Runner Up: Leighton Jukes



Macro Winner: Leighton Jukes



Macro Runner Up: Seymour White



Landscape Winner: Mark Brown



Landscape Runner Up: Peter Evans



Wildlife Winner: Jasbinder Rai



Wildlife Runner Up: George Lawson

The Best Overall Photo was awarded to Kim Rees for her Architecture image. Winners of each category received a £25 Love2Shop e-voucher, whilst runners up each received a £20 Love2Shop e-voucher.

## HASSRA July Festival

The HASSRA July Festival took place over the weekend of 13 and 14 July with 50 members representing the West Midlands region. Congratulations to everyone who took part, a round up of our achievements are below along with a selection of images from the weekend sporting activities.

- Archery: Pauline Hatton – Plate Winner
- Badminton: Pardip Purewal & Naomi Ives – Plate Winners
- Music Solo Instrumental: Ruth Filipo – Category Winner & Runner Up Overall
- Music Contemporary / Popular: Maria Watch – Category Runner Up
- Squash: Imran Bashir – Runner Up (Men's category)
- Triathlon: Sukh Toor – Runner Up (Men's category)
- Rounders: West Midlands lost in the semi-final to Yorkshire & Humber
- Footgolf: Phil Smith – Came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 22 in the Men's category and 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 42 competitors across the male and female category.



## Activity Alliance

Vicky Sexton, a HASSRA member from Birmingham Arena Central, shares her experiences at the July HASSRA Festival.

I attended the HASSRA July Festival's Activity Alliance session. This was the first year to run the Activity Alliance course which was designed for teams of all abilities to participate in adaptive sports. We were introduced to the team and advised on the work Activity Alliance did within professional sports, local clubs and with local authorities and how they are working to make social spaces more accessible.

We began participating in some sports aligned with activities that were going on all around campus such as archery, rounders, tennis, and football. At first, we made small adaptations depending on ability, before making some additional adaptations such as placing blindfolds on for football and tennis. Playing blind really altered how you can play, trying to concentrate on the sound of the ball and claps from team mates to try and gauge their positions.

After a nice lunch break, we came back to a setup of seated volleyball, we started with teams of 3 and a balloon to get used to remaining seated for those of us that were not wheelchair users. We then moved to 4 a side with a firm ball, this brought out our competitive sides and everyone put their all into this. It was great fun and a good post lunch activity!

Before leaving for the day, we were introduced to a game that's played at the Paralympics called Boccia which is similar to boules but the game is seated, you're restricted on the area you can move in, it has adaptive balls and you can adapt your throws to however is most comfortable. I wish I'd grabbed some pictures of this game too but I was far too into it as team captain, unfortunately my team lost 2 out of the 3 games, but it's absolutely something I would love to play again.

I learnt so much in my 5 hours, especially that you do not need to be an expert or of the greatest fitness just to give new things a go. I had fun, met new people and tried out new sports without pushing my body beyond its limits, like a lot of standard sports do, which meant I was able to enjoy the evening festivities that I've missed out on in previous years due to the pain I end up in from competing in standard sports.

Overall, it was fantastic to have something that is open to disabled and less abled people and giving us a chance to try something new. It would be fantastic if we could progress this into having some disability team events at Festival such as the seated volleyball or some mixed ability events with some small adaptations. I would absolutely love to see this or similar activities at future events.

You can find out more about Activity Alliance at [www.activityalliance.org.uk](http://www.activityalliance.org.uk)



## Activity Days

The ever popular HASSRA West Midlands Activity Days took place at Woodlands Camp near Walsall on Thursday 25 July and Wednesday 14 August 2024. Members and their families had a great day trying their hand at caving, kayaking, climbing and Tomahawk throwing, plus many other great activities. A big thank you to Shelly Smith for organising the 2 dates. Here are a selection of pictures from the days.



## HASSRA West Midlands T20 Mixed Cricket Friendly

The HASSRA West Midlands T20 mixed cricket friendly took place on the evening of Wednesday 31 July at Enville Cricket Club in Stourbridge. Thanks to Austin Gregory for organising the event.



## 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.

#### How to claim cashback:

- Cashback claims are made through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live profile.

View the full [Terms & Conditions on HASSRA Live](#).

**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%. (Edenred vouchers can only be used on new memberships, they cannot be used to renew an existing membership).**

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## Field Archery Taster Day

The HASSRA West Midlands Field Archery taster session took place on the afternoon of Saturday 27 July at the Wrekin Foresters in Lawley, Telford. A total of 13 members attended the session, which was free to participate in, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time taking aim! A big thank you to Joy Rudge for organising the event.



## Monthly Member Draw - August Results

The HASSRA West Midlands monthly member draw selects 4 HASSRA members - 2 new members who joined the association in the past month, and 2 existing members, to each receive a £25 Love2Shop voucher.

The **August** draw was conducted using HASSRA membership data at 31/07/2024. **49** new members joined HASSRA in July, our winners are:

### New Member Winners:

- Reece Chalmers (Birmingham Arena Central)
- Gavin Allan (Dudley Pedmore House)



### Existing Member Winners:

- Mohammed Shah (Birmingham Haynesfield House)
- Zoe Wilson (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 September 2024 draw. You will need to be a HASSRA member by 31/08/2024 to be included.

## Pop & Music Quiz

The HASSRA West Midlands Pop and Music Quiz took place in the evening of Wednesday 31 July at The Actress and The Bishop in Birmingham. With food provided, a total of 39 members attended the quiz and had an enjoyable evening. A big thank you to our resident quizmaster Tim Willis-Cotton for hosting a superb evening.



*"I just wanted to pass on our thanks and a big well done to Tim Willis-Cotton for organising and running the quiz. I really enjoyed myself and the format was great! I know it would have taken time and effort to pull together. I look forward to attending another quiz in the future to see if we can improve our team position....one from bottom! Thanks Tim!!"*

## Olympic Cash for Medals Competition Results

A total of 568 members entered the HASSRA West Midlands Cash for Medals competition on HASSRA Live. Team GB swimmer Adam Peaty has won **3** Olympic Gold Medals. We agreed to give away £10.00 for every Gold medal Team GB won at the Olympic Games. With 14 Gold medals, that generated a prize fund of £140.00, our 5 winners who each win a £140 cash prize are detailed below:

- Joanne Jones (Telford New Town House)
- Lisa Garrett (National Associate Member)
- Claire Tarrant (National Associate Member)
- Beverley Stacey (Hereford JCP)
- Kevan Humphreys (Retired Member)

*Members have until 13/09/2024 to claim their cash prizes. Prizes unclaimed after this date will be redrawn.*



Look out for more 'fun and free' competitions coming shortly on HASSRA Live.

**100%** of the HASSRA West Midlands programme is delivered by volunteers. There is not one person in the region employed by the Department to deliver HASSRA West Midlands activity.

At 30/06/2024 HASSRA membership nationally stood at **60,179**.

An increase of **1,064** members since 31/03/2024.

At 30/06/2024 HASSRA West Midlands had **4,658** members.

An increase of **62** members since 31/03/2024.

## Fantasy Football

A total of 98 members have registered for the HASSRA West Midlands Fantasy Football League.



The first prize will be awarded to the member who is top of the league on Christmas Day. Further prizes will be awarded at the end of the season to the members finishing first, second and third. Good luck to all taking part!

### Fantastic Cinema Savings

Save an additional **£4.00** on a visit to the cinema courtesy of HASSRA West Midlands.

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- HASSRA members can now enjoy an even greater saving when visiting the cinema.
- HASSRA West Midlands is offering an additional **£4.00** saving on top of the already discounted cinema tickets purchased through the HASSRA Cinema Society website.
- The **£4.00** discount will be automatically applied at the checkout when you complete your purchase.
- Members are able to take advantage of the **£4.00** discount on 2 separate bookings during a calendar month. The standard restriction of x10 cinema tickets per month remains.

Offer valid from 01/08/2024 onwards.





## Summer Days Out Cashback 2024

Visit any family attraction between 01/07/2024 and 01/09/2024 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 general admission 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 (i.e. one visit) 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 midnight on **Monday 2 September 2024**. No additional claims will be considered beyond this date.
- **Attractions that form part of the national HASSRA Summer Promotion are not eligible for this offer, regardless of where the tickets were purchased from. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with what the Summer Promotion attractions are before claiming.**
- Cashback claims are made through the 'Claim Cashback' icon within your HASSRA Live profile.
- If you are unsure if a particular attraction may qualify, please email [hassra.westmidlands@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:hassra.westmidlands@dwp.gov.uk) for confirmation.



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