

National Lottery Funds Raised for Good Causes

20/21 Quarter 4 (January to March 2021)



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Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £42 billion for good causes that include sports (including Olympic athletes), arts and heritage, as well as health, education and the environment.

Funds are raised from the sale of National Lottery games and supplemented by items such as unclaimed prizes. The funds for good causes are held in the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF).

The Commission ensures that payments from the Lottery operator to good causes (which are held in the National Lottery Distribution Fund) are accurate and on time.

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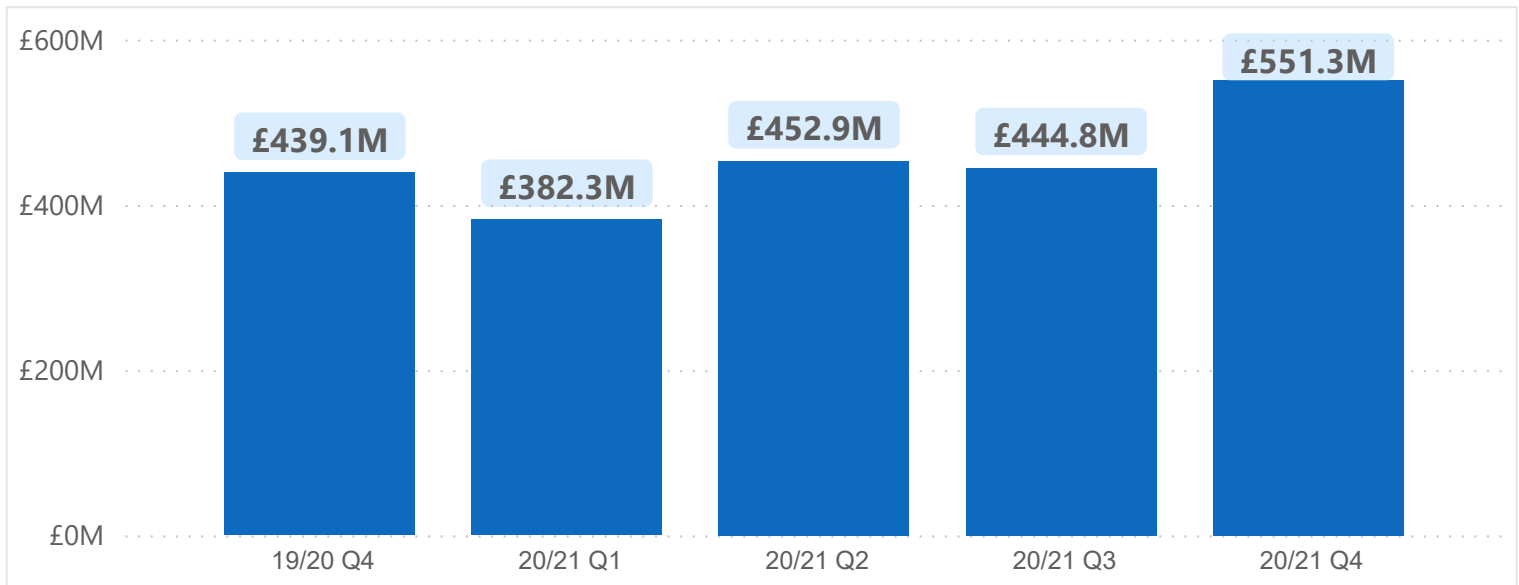
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Total funds raised for good causes between Q4 19/20 and Q4 20/21 ¹

The chart below shows the most recent quarter and the preceding four quarters for comparative purposes. For consistency, each week's ending date must fall within the reporting quarter, therefore the number of weeks within the quarters may vary.

The total raised for good causes in Q4 (January to March) was £551.3M. This was £106.5M (23.9%) above the October to December quarter and £112.2M (25.6%) above Q4 in 19/20. The last 5 quarters have generated £2.3bn to good causes.



¹ Amounts relate to total value of proceeds from game sales raised for good causes in approximate calendar quarters. Q4 of 20/21 comprises funds raised between the week ending 2 January to the week ending 31 March. They include all other income and adjustments from game sales, including unclaimed prizes.



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Commentary

Funds raised for good causes this quarter were greater than both the previous quarter, and Q4 of last year by £107m (24%), and £112m (26%) respectively.

The increase against Q3 can be attributed to the following:

- National Lottery sales have risen by around £304m (14%) compared to Q3. Of particular significance were notable increases in sales from Lotto and EuroMillions this quarter against the last. EuroMillions sales were £475m in Q3 and £548m in Q4, an increase of around 15%. Lotto sales were £494m in Q3 and £559m in Q4, an increase of around 13%.
- Total unclaimed prizes added as funds to good causes were £25.6m more than the previous quarter, primarily due to Scratchcard game closures.

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