

National Lottery Funds Raised for Good Causes

20/21 Quarter 3 (October to December 2020)



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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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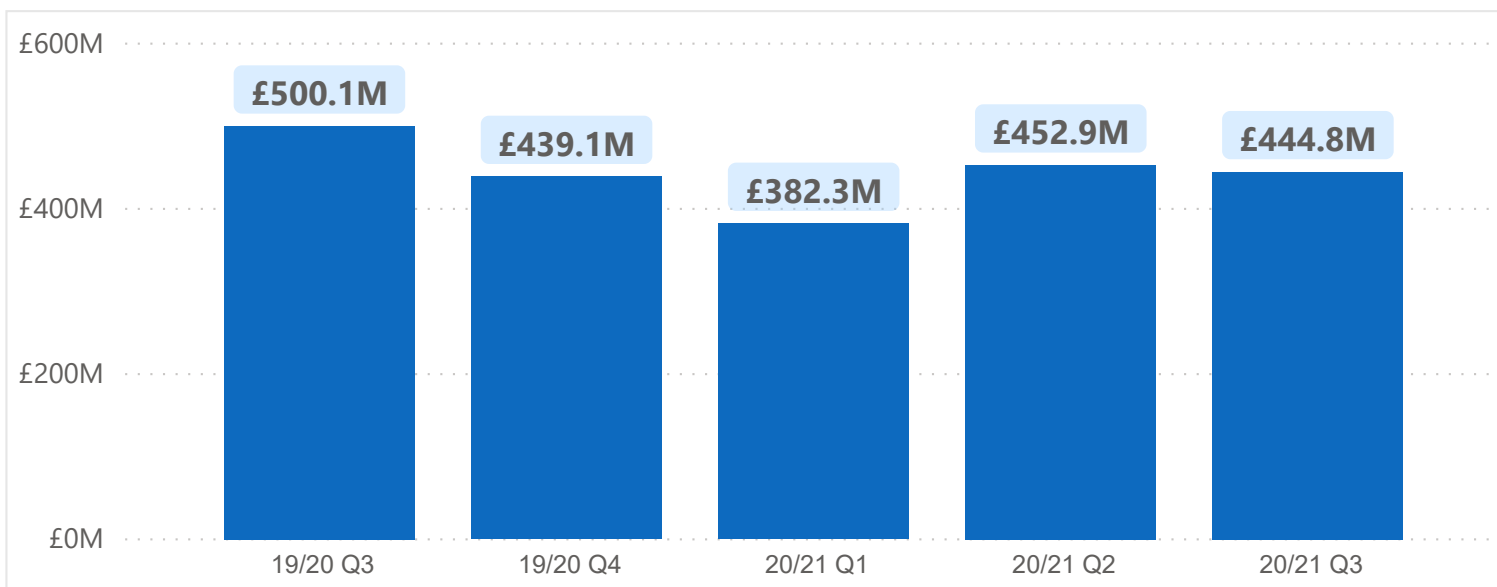
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Total funds raised for good causes between Q3 19/20 and Q3 20/21 ¹

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 Q3 (October to December) was £444.84M. This was -£8.06M (-1.8%) below the July to September quarter and -£55.23M (-11.0%) below Q3 in 19/20. The last 5 quarters have generated £2.22bn to good causes.



¹ Amounts relate to total value of proceeds from game sales raised for good causes in approximate calendar quarters. Q3 of 20/21 comprises funds raised between the week ending 3 October to the week ending 26 December. They include all other income and adjustments from game sales, including unclaimed prizes.



Commentary

Total contributions from sales before adjustments in Q3 were around £19m higher than Q2. However, after adjustments, total funds raised for good causes in Q3 were £8.1m below Q2 (-1.8%) and £55.2m (-11.0%) below Q3 financial year 19/20. The slight decrease against Q2 20/21 can be mostly attributed to the following:

- Total unclaimed prizes added as funds to good causes is around £29m less than the previous quarter.

There were slight decreases in funds to good causes from Lotto and Set For Life this quarter against the last. ¹

- Funds raised from Lotto sales were £153m in Q2 and £143m in Q3, a decrease of around 7%.
- Funds raised from Set For Life sales were £22m in Q2 and £18m in Q3, a decrease of around 18%. This was partly attributed to an increase in jackpot winners.

EuroMillions had another strong quarter, partly attributed to a guaranteed jackpot event which rolled to the highest ever jackpot of £175m.

¹ Please note that returns split by game are based on an estimation

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