Free offers across the UK for National Lottery



Hundreds of visitor attractions are to open for free or provide special offers for National Lottery players.

It's to say "Thank You" for raising more than £40billion for good causes over the last 25 years.

A celebration of 25 years

Last night (20 November), activist and actress Lily Cole flicked the switch to illuminate the Eden Project's Biomes, transforming them into iconic National Lottery balls.

The event was a visual celebration of the £40bn that has been raised for good causes since The National Lottery began 25 years ago.

Video transcript

#ThanksToYou

It also marked the start of the #ThanksToYou campaign, where for nine days, beginning on 23 November, National Lottery players can enjoy free entry or special offers at hundreds of National Lottery-funded projects across the UK.

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Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "You don't have to travel far in the UK to see some of the wonderful projects The National Lottery has helped fund.

"From historic parks, nature and breathtaking landscapes to cathedrals, museums and industrial heritage, these are the places we hold close to our hearts and without National Lottery players, none of this would be possible. This is the perfect way for us to say thank you."

You can use any National Lottery ticket or scratchcard – old or new - to receive free entry, discounted prices and other special offers at National Lottery-funded venues across the UK including Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard, Hillsborough Castle and RSPB Ynys-hir Reserve.

To view the full list please visit the Thanks to You website.



Lily Cole at the Eden Project last night, where she helped turn the Biomes into National Lottery balls

#ThanksToYou highlights

Abbotsford, Scottish Borders

Abbotsford is the magnificent home of Sir Walter Scott, the Great Scot who popularised tartan, saved the Scottish banknote and rediscovered his country's Crown jewels. One National Lottery ticket provides free entry for up to two people, from **23-30 November 2019**.

Erdigg, Wrexham

Explore National Trust Erddig - a much-loved home, garden and estate filled with the stories of a family and their servants. Enjoy a stroll around the 13.5-acre walled garden and perhaps visit the cosy Hayloft restaurant for a tasty treat. One National Lottery ticket provides free entry for one adult, from **23-29 November**.

Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland

It's two-for-one entry with a National Lottery ticket at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens. Explore 100 acres of stunning gardens and book a tour of the Georgian house built by Wills Hill, which is still in use as the royal residence in Northern Ireland. Valid **23 November-1 December**.

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge

Enjoy free entry to Brooklands Museum. See the Aircraft Factory, Flight Shed and the only surviving section of the Finishing Straight – all funded by The National Lottery. Valid from **23 November-1 December**.

Jodrell Bank, Cheshire

Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre has been hugely popular in previous Thanks To You weeks. Get free entry to this amazing World Heritage Site from **25 November-1 December**.

National Portrait Gallery, London

Fancy a trip to the National Portrait Gallery before it closes its doors for a massive, National Lottery-funded refurbishment? They're offering free entry to the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize 2019 exhibition between **23 November-1 December**.

Even more offers

There are many more offers around the whole of the UK, including at various National Trust, RSPB, English Heritage, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Wildlife Trust and National Trust for Scotland sites. Visit the Thanks to You website to find ones taking place near you.



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25 years: what has The National Lottery ever done for us?