

Somerset West Lottery Update

Somerset West Lottery has been operational since May 2017. Somerset West Lottery is run by Somerset West and Taunton Council with the aim of offering registered good causes the opportunity to raise income for their organisation by selling lottery tickets to members of the public. Each ticket purchased is entered into a weekly draw with prizes ranging from free tickets to £25,000.00 cash.

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The total revenue for good causes since the launch of SWL is £89,947.80 with a predicted annual income for this year alone of over £35,000.00. Ten percent of funds raised by SWL ticket sales go into a community fund which is opened annually by Somerset Community Foundation available to any eligible local good cause (not just those registered) wishing to apply for additional funding. A fund of £12,000.00 from this pot has been allocated this year to the foundation for grant allocation across the whole of the SWTC area (Taunton Deane and West Somerset).

Alan Slade of Taunton Town Football Club told me today that the club welcomed the opportunity to both generate income to develop the charity's facilities while giving supporters the chance to win prizes. Alan said that it was an added bonus that all the funds raised remain locally for community benefit.

Another beneficiary of SWL is Homestart which is a voluntary organisation offering practical support to families at home with children under the age of seven across West Somerset. Clare Pound of Homestart says that SWL is particularly appealing to players because all beneficiaries are within the local community. The Homestart "Bump to Baby" supporting and training for expectant and new Mums project is one of several initiatives to have benefitted from SWL funds.

If you know of a good cause wishing to raise funds or a person who would like to buy a ticket to help them do just that, get them to contact SWL by T: 0300 30 20 666 E: support@somersetwestlottery.co.uk or visit www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk

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