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Oldbury Bingo Player Shouts House on £132,000!

Christmas came early for one lucky bingo player after she called house winning the National Bingo Game Jackpot at Mecca Bingo, Oldbury.

The winner, who wishes to remain anonymous, called house on the fewest numbers during the evening session on Saturday 26th November and scooped £132,979 including the national prize of £25,000.

Mecca Bingo Oldbury General Manager, Paul Farrelly was on duty when the National Bingo Game Jackpot win was announced. He said: "What a win! Congratulations to our player. The atmosphere on the night was incredible and we're all over the moon!"

The National Bingo Game's Alastair Stewart said "Congratulations and Merry Christmas to our Oldbury winner. We hope that you and your family, and friends have a wonderful festive break!"

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn't be easier, simply visit your local club, or go online to find your nearest participating club and get down for a session! All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005. Players should always gamble responsibly.

For more information and advice visit www.gambleaware.co.uk.

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For updates on the National Bingo Game Jackpot and 30th anniversary games, follow **Twitter @NationalBingo** and visit www.nationalbingo.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors

- The National Bingo Game is celebrating 30 years of winners in 2016!
- The National Bingo Game is the UK's second largest computer controlled game in the UK, the national lottery being the largest.
- The National Bingo Game offers players at participating clubs the chance to win one or more of three cash prizes including the Jackpot Prize, National Prize and House Prize.
- Over £1.1 BILLION in National Prizes and over £700million in club prizes have been paid out in 30 years!
- There have been over 125,000 winners of National Bingo Game prizes, including the National, Regional, Zone, Jackpot and Instant Prizes.
- The biggest bingo win ever was on 23 March 2008, when Soraya Lowell from Motherwell, North Lanarkshire scooped GBP £1,167,795, while playing The National Game at Club 3000 in Coatbridge.
- Between 120 - 200 clubs link together to play the National Game twice a day, every day, except Christmas day.
- Over three million people play bingo regularly in the UK (at least twice a week).
- A night out at the bingo can cost as little as £15-25 each, including game books, duty, food and drink.
- The most common reasons for playing bingo are because it's fun, it offers companionship and the chance to socialise, as well as the chance to win..
- Celebrities love bingo! Catherine Zeta Jones can thank bingo for her career after her dad won enough to afford to send her to theatre school; other celebrity fans include: Denise Van Outen, Scott Mills and President Barack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities also started their careers in bingo calling including Simon from boy band Blue, EastEnder's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.

National Bingo Game Jackpot Winners to date:

- There have been 42 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far winning over £4.5MILLION from Mecca Bingo Sale, Mecca Bingo Huddersfield and Castle Bingo Nantgarw, The Globe Donnington, Leo Leisure Eastleigh, Mecca Bingo Wishaw, Mecca Bingo Oldbury, Mecca Bingo Thanet, Castle Bingo Barnes Hill, Mecca Bingo Aberdeen, Castle Bingo Nantgarw, Winners Bingo Thetford, Carlton Bingo Hartlepool, Castle Bingo Bridgend, Leo Leisure Ryde, Mecca Bingo Blythe, Apollo Bingo Barrow-in-Furness, Mecca Bingo Mayfair Leeds, Mecca Bingo Catford, Mecca Bingo Ayr, Mecca Bingo Brierley Hill, The Forge Glasgow, Mecca

Bingo Southend, Opera Bingo Carlisle, Beacon Bingo Cricklewood, Beacon Bingo Cricklewood, Mecca Bingo Wrexham, Mecca Bingo Luton, Apollo Bingo Rhyl, Mecca Bingo Rosehill, Beacon Bingo Loughborough, Mecca Bingo Dewsbury, Palace Bingo Great Yarmouth, Castle Leisure Bingo Barnes Hill, Mecca Bingo York, Palace Bingo Great Yarmouth, Beacon Bingo Northampton, Beacon Bingo Loughborough, Mecca Bingo Acocks Green, Mecca Bingo Camden and Mecca Bingo Oldbury winning £115,000, £110,000, £56,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £250,000, £73,000, £250,000, £190,000, £250,000, £250,000, £107,000, £250,000, £73,000, £216,000, £136,000, £250,000, £250,000, £229,000, £230,000, £113,000, £118,000, £197,005.31, £250,000, £230,690.05, £236,197.74, £250,000, £114,380.74, £117,408.09, £235,865.04, £250,000, £139,781.91, £252,500, £229,148.35, £260,000, £98,155, £216,020, £156,259.82, £258,333.00, £255,000, £130,450, £250,000 and £132,979 respectively.