



**NATIONAL™
BINGO GAME**

28th December 2014

Forth Time Lucky for Barrow Bingo Player £132,000 Win – HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR SURE!

2014 will be a year to remember for 18 year old bingo player Abigail Doughty, who scooped £132,000 on the National Bingo Game at Apollo Bingo in Barrow-In-Furness on Sunday 28th December.

Abigail was playing with her Mum at the Apollo Club when her numbers came up.

Abigail said:

'I didn't know what to do, I knew that the full house was for £101 but then the money just kept piling up. I got an the £25,000 National Prize for being the first call in the country, meaning I was the first to the full house on the National Game. Then I found out that I had won on the star number, which meant that I won £107,000. It was like a dream!'

"Mum and I always split the money 50/50 when we go no matter how much we win. My grandad is sick with cancer so I'm going to give some money to a cancer charity and some to a homelessness charity, it's something I don't like to see so I hope I can help.'

Abigail works as a school Childcare Assistant and intends to share her good luck and some cash with her siblings, as well as her Mum.

General Manager of the Apollo Bingo and Social Club Barrow, Paul Holland, described the atmosphere in the club as 'electric' when Abigail won. The club will be holding a cheque presentation party early in the New Year to celebrate.

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn't be easier. Simply visit your local club or go online to find the nearest participating one.

Playing the National Bingo Game All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and under National Bingo Game Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly and play the National Bingo Game within their limits. For more information and advice visit www.gambleaware.co.uk.

For updates on the National Bingo Game Jackpot follow **Twitter @NationalBingo** and visit www.nationalbingo.co.uk. To stay up to date on bingo news, winners, fun and games join our Facebook page **Facebook/nationalbingo-game**.

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Notes to editors

- Total prize money distributed to date is over £1BILLION!
- There have been 15 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far this year winning over £1MILLION 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 Beeston, Mecca Bingo Blythe and Apollo Barrow winning £115,000, £110,000, £81,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £250,000, £73,000, £270,000, £187,000, £250,000, £72,253, £250,000 and £107,101 respectively.
- 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.
- 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.
- Most common reasons for playing bingo are because it's fun, it offers companionship and the chance to socialise as well as winning big money.
- 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.