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The National Lottery Says Thanks A 'Lotto' To Leeds Store

Local Leeds retailer, Whitehall News, has received an award from Dianne Thompson – Chief Executive of National Lottery operator, Camelot – for helping to raise more than half a million pounds for Good Causes through lottery ticket sales in their shop.

Whitehall News in Whitehall Road has been selling tickets for draw-based games and scratchcards since 2001. Dianne Thompson today (27 October) visited the store to congratulate staff and present the store owner, Mr Mistry, with a special certificate to commemorate this achievement.

Dianne Thompson said: "Reaching the figure of more than £500,000 is a fantastic achievement and I am delighted to be able to present the store with this certificate.

"Retailers are the first line of contact players have with the National Lottery – it's the efforts of Mr Mistry, his staff and others like him running retail outlets up and down the country which has helped The National Lottery raise over £17 billion for Good Causes. With over 200,000 grants allocated to date, this represents the most significant period of civic regeneration seen in the UK since the 19th Century."

Leeds itself has benefited from £178 million of lottery funding across more than 2,000 projects, including high-profile landmark projects like the Headingley Stadium, which received a £2.9 million grant in 2000, and a grant of £5 million in 2003 to Leeds City council for a new indoor swimming pool and diving school.

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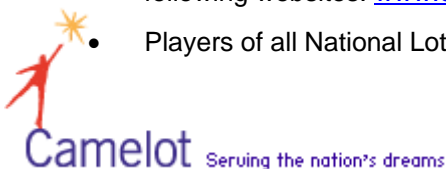
Other local examples of lottery funding range from Leeds Rhinos Football Club who have received help in improving their health and safety facilities and Pudsey Congs Cricket Club who received £80,000 for new changing rooms. New Hunslet Eagles Junior Football Club were awarded £750 to set up a football team in this disadvantaged area of Leeds.

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Notes to Editors:

- Camelot Group plc is the operator of The National Lottery® and is committed to raising money for the Good Causes designated by Parliament. Camelot is not responsible for distributing or awarding these funds
- To date, over £17 billion has been raised for Good Causes by The National Lottery, benefiting more than 200,000 individual projects across the UK in the biggest programme of civic and social regeneration since the 19th Century. The National Lottery has given away £25.4 billion in prizes and created more than 1,800 millionaires or multi-millionaires since launch in 1994
- Camelot runs one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the world, with around 5 per cent of total revenue taken in operating costs. At 40 per cent of total sales (28 per cent to Good Causes and 12 per cent in lottery duty to the Government), Camelot returns a higher proportion of lottery revenue back to society than any other lottery operator in the world. National Lottery retailers receive 5 per cent of total revenue in commission, and 50 per cent of sales is paid out to players in prizes
- Camelot is committed to the highest standards in player protection and social responsibility in both the retail and interactive environments. The National Lottery website and Sky Active services have been accredited by GamCare, the UK's national centre for information, advice and practical help regarding the social impact of gambling – while Camelot's approach to game design, test purchasing and retailer vigilance campaigns ensures player protection at retail. Camelot has been ranked among the top 30 UK companies in Business in the Community's 2005 Corporate Responsibility Index, becoming a sector leader in the leisure category
- For further information on Camelot, The National Lottery and its games, please visit the following websites: www.camelotgroup.co.uk and www.national-lottery.co.uk
- Players of all National Lottery games must be aged 16 or over.



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