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## **Lotto Prize Worth £96,000 Goes Unclaimed in County Down**

Camelot Group plc, operator of The National Lottery, today announced that the £96,489 prize from the Lotto draw on Wednesday 25 July 2007 has remained unclaimed more than 180 days after the draw took place.

Therefore the money, plus the interest it earned, has now passed over to the Good Causes. The ticket-holder – who matched five numbers plus the bonus ball – bought their Lotto ticket in the County Down area. The deadline for the ticket-holder to claim their prize was at 5.30pm on Monday 21 January 2008.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: “Unfortunately, I can confirm that the ticket-holder did not come forward within the deadline to claim their prize and has now sadly missed out on this substantial amount of money. To avoid this unfortunate situation happening again, I would urge all National Lottery players to check their tickets on a regular basis.”

“We tried very hard to find the ticket-holder and it’s a real shame that they have missed out, but there is still one winner – the nation. This money will now go to the Good Causes, adding to the £20 billion which, over the last 13 years, has funded the biggest programme of civic regeneration seen in the UK since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.”

All players have 180 days from the date of a draw to claim their prizes. The unclaimed prize from the County Down area will be added to the staggering £20 billion that has already been raised for the Good Causes through National Lottery ticket sales since launch in November 1994.

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Players concerned about lost or unchecked tickets may want to think about playing on the internet or by mobile phone in future. This way, they are informed of any wins electronically so will never miss out on a prize again.

Similarly playing by subscription ensures that lines are entered in advance and lucky winners are notified if their numbers come up on Lotto or Thunderball. They can either visit [www.national-lottery.co.uk](http://www.national-lottery.co.uk) to play online or call 0845 912 5000 for a National Lottery Subscriptions pack.

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#### Notes to Editors:

- Camelot Group plc is the licensed 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 £20 billion has been raised for Good Causes by The National Lottery, and more than 280,000 individual awards have been made across the UK – the biggest programme of civic and social regeneration since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The National Lottery has given away over £29 billion in prizes and created more than 2,000 millionaires or multi-millionaires since launch in 1994
- Camelot runs one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the world, with around 5% of total revenue taken in operating costs. At 40% of total sales (28% to the Good Causes and 12% 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% of total revenue in commission, and 50% of sales is paid out to players in prize
- Camelot is committed to the highest standards in player protection and social responsibility in both the retail and interactive environments. The National Lottery website, Sky Active and Play By Text 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 is ranked first in the leisure sector in Business in the Community's 2006 Corporate Responsibility Index
- For further information on Camelot, The National Lottery and its games, please visit the following websites: [www.camelotgroup.co.uk](http://www.camelotgroup.co.uk) and [www.national-lottery.co.uk](http://www.national-lottery.co.uk)
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