

# 25 years: stars launch free offers for National Lottery players

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British rapper and TV star Big Narstie launches hundreds of free offers for National Lottery players at 600 of the UK's treasured and historic places.

The offers are to say "[Thanks to You](#)" to people who buy National Lottery tickets. They also give National Lottery players the chance to see how their money has transformed the UK's heritage over the past [25 years](#).

Big Narstie, [Derry Girls'](#) Jamie-Lee O'Donnell, *Love Island's* Anton Danyluk and comedian Elis James have all been celebrating 25 years of The National Lottery. They've been giving us a cheeky tour of just some of the locations that will be offering either free entry or other exclusive treats to people who turn up with a National Lottery ticket from **23 November to 1 December**.



Jamie-Lee O'Donnell at *SS Nomadic*

## Big Narstie at Kenwood House

To launch #ThanksToYou for 25 Years, Big Narstie visited London's [Kenwood House](#) which has recently been refurbished and reopened thanks to funding from The National Lottery.

With his unique style the MC gives an *MTV Cribs*-esque take on the much-loved 17th-century house nestled in Hampstead Heath - you could be mistaken for thinking he owned it!

[Video transcript](#)

## All aboard *SS Nomadic* with Jamie-Lee

*Derry Girl* Jamie-Lee takes us on a tour of [SS Nomadic](#). Built in 1911, it was designed to transfer passengers and mail to and from *RMS Titanic*.

It's the only White Star Line vessel in existence today and is now, thanks to funding from The National Lottery, a major visitor attraction in Northern Ireland. Jamie-Lee seems to think it's her own private super-yacht...

[Video transcript](#)

## Anton works out at Abbotsford

Fans of ITV's *Love Island* know how much housemate Anton Danyluk loves to stay toned. He takes us on a very "active" canter around Scotland's [Abbotsford](#), former home of Victorian novelist Sir Walter Scott.

Anton explores the house's incredible architecture, which has benefited from National Lottery investment.

[Video transcript](#)

## Elis James

[Cardiff Castle](#) is now home to comedian Elis James, or so he seems to think. He takes us on a witty tour of this popular landmark in the heart of the city, which has been restored and refurbished thanks to funding from The National Lottery.

[Video transcript](#)

## #ThanksToYou offers

The tours showcase just a handful of the thousands of treasured and historic places funded by The National Lottery over the past 25 years, which together have brought about a renaissance in the UK's heritage.

Many of them have special offers for National Lottery players this autumn.

You could explore [National Trust Erddig](#) in Wrexham, Wales - a much-loved home, garden and estate. Enjoy a stroll around the 13.5-acre walled garden and perhaps visit the cosy Hayloft restaurant for a tasty treat. One National Lottery ticket provides free entry for one adult. **Valid 23-29 November.**

And it's 2 for 1 entry with a National Lottery ticket at [Hillsborough Castle and Gardens](#) in County Down, Northern Ireland. Explore 100 acres of stunning gardens and book a tour of the Georgian house built by Wills Hill, which is still in use as the royal residence in Northern Ireland. **Valid 23 November-1 December.**



Jodrell Bank

Or how about the incredible [Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre](#) in Manchester? The observatory, a recent entry to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, is offering free entry **valid 25 November-1 December**

Visit the [Thanks to You website](#) to find the full list and search all the offers taking place in your area.

## **25 years of funding for heritage**

[Over the past 25 years](#), The National Lottery Heritage Fund has been the largest dedicated grant funder of the UK's heritage. We've awarded £8bn to more than 44,000 projects across the UK.

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