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## **The Clock Is Ticking For Unclaimed Thunderball Prize in Stoke-on-Trent**

Time really is running out for the missing owner of a Thunderball jackpot ticket worth £250,000 bought in the Stoke-on-Trent area. The mystery ticket-holder now only has until 5.30pm, Thursday 23 November, before the deadline to come forward to claim this life-enhancing prize expires.

This ticket matched five numbers and the Thunderball in the draw on Saturday 27 May 2006. The winning Thunderball numbers on that date were. 4, 5, 7, 9, 33, and the Thunderball was 8. If no-one comes forward with the winning ticket before the prize claim deadline, then the prize money, plus all the interest generated, will go to the Good Causes – adding to the £19 billion already raised through sales of lottery tickets since the launch of The National Lottery® in November 1994.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: “Time really is running out for the winner of this prize, but we are still hopeful that someone will come forward at the last minute to claim the money. We’re urging everyone to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing Thunderball tickets could be hiding. It could really help to make a few dreams become a reality for someone out there.”

With all National Lottery draws, players have 180 days from the day of the draw to claim their win if they have the winning ticket. Anyone who believes they have the winning ticket for any of the National Lottery draws within the 180-day deadline should call the **National Lottery Line** on **0845 910 0000**.

To jog Lotto players’ memories, on 27 May 2006 *X-Men: The Last Stand*, starring Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry, had just opened at the cinema – while Gnarls Barkley was topping the charts with *Crazy*.

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Closer to home in Stoke-on-Trent, audiences at the Regent Theatre were enjoying a production of *The New Statesmen*, while The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an exhibition *Ephemera*, a display of posters, leaflets, menus and tickets.

Anyone concerned about lost or unchecked tickets may like to consider setting up a National Lottery Subscription, playing Lotto Online, via their mobile phone, or using the Sky Active service on digital TV. Numbers can be entered in advance and lucky winners automatically receive a cheque or are notified online if their numbers come up. For further information call 0845 912 5000 or visit [www.national-lottery.co.uk](http://www.national-lottery.co.uk).

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- 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 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

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### Current Unclaimed Prizes Within The 180-Day Deadline

| Draw Date/No                         | Prize Amount                       | Area Bought   | Winning Numbers                    | Last Date to Claim |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 27 May 2006<br>Thunderball 552       | £250,000<br><b>Jackpot</b>         | Stoke-on-Trent Area                                     | 4, 5, 7, 9, 33<br>Thunderball 8    | 23 November 2006   |
| 12 July 2006<br>Lotto 1101           | £168,596<br>5+Bonus                | Mansfield and Ashfield Area                             | 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 39<br>Bonus 45 | 8 January 2007     |
| 19 July 2006<br>Lotto 1103           | £292,717<br>5+Bonus                | Derby Area  | 4, 21, 25, 37, 45, 46<br>Bonus 6   | 15 January 2007    |
| 29 July 2006<br>Lotto 1106           | £136,672<br>5+Bonus                | Daventry, Towcester and Brackley Area                   | 4, 5, 16, 19, 21, 49<br>Bonus 20   | 25 January 2007    |
| 19 August 2006<br>Lotto 1112         | £208,994<br>5+Bonus                | Chichester, Bognor Regis, Littlehampton & Arundel Areas | 6, 29, 31, 34, 40 48<br>Bonus 4    | 15 February 2007   |
| 23 August 2006<br>Lotto 1113         | £118,585<br>5+Bonus                | Spalding, Boston, Holbeach and Sleaford                 | 6, 16, 20, 21, 23, 37<br>Bonus 40  | 19 February 2007   |
| 30 August 2006<br>Lotto 1115         | £669,219<br><b>Jackpot</b>         | Welwyn, Hatfield and St Alban Area                      | 19, 21, 22, 38, 44 and 49          | 26 February 2007   |
| 6 September 2006<br>Lotto 1117       | £93,671<br>5+Bonus                 | Bury St Edmunds & Stowmarket area                       | 5, 7, 14, 29, 37, 38<br>Bonus 12   | 5 March 2007       |
| 16 September 2006<br>Lotto 1120      | £151,197<br>5+Bonus                | Newcastle-Under-Lyme Area                               | 11, 12, 16, 33, 34, 43<br>Bonus 28 | 15 March 2007      |
| 16 September 2006<br>Dream Number 19 | £500,000<br><b>Jackpot Match 7</b> | Swansea Area  | 7, 2, 1, 5, 9, 8, 7                | 15 March 2007      |
| 7 October 2006<br>Lotto 1126         | £97,150<br>5+Bonus                 | Stafford Area   | 4, 13, 23, 24, 26, 36<br>Bonus 45  | 5 April 2007       |
| 14 October 2006<br>Lotto 1128        | £118,218<br>5+Bonus                | South Gloucestershire Area                              | 8, 15, 24, 31, 37, 42<br>Bonus 45  | 12 April 2007      |
| 18 October<br>Lotto 1129             | £228,784<br>5+Bonus                | Deeside and Chester Area                                | 6, 12, 36, 39, 41, 48<br>Bonus 17  | 16 April 2006      |
| 21 October<br>Lotto 1130             | £148,247<br>5+Bonus                | Edinburgh Area  | 15, 18, 23, 31, 37, 49<br>Bonus 38 | 19 April 2006      |
| 25 October<br>Lotto 1131             | £73,711<br>5+Bonus                 | Crewe Area  | 2, 7, 10, 14, 16, 22<br>Bonus 43   | 23 April 2006      |

