

# Live here? You might be in luck...

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**T**HE luckiest postcode for striking the Geordie Jackpot has been revealed.

Since the first draw nine weeks ago, three of the nine winning tickets for NE1's Geordie Jackpot have been bought by people in the same area.

It has now been revealed that the three lucky winners all come from the NE28 postcode in Wallsend.

The very first NE1 Geordie Jackpot winner nine weeks ago was Wallsend's Sharon Armstrong.

To celebrate her win, NE1 held a champagne and confetti celebration on the top of Newcastle's Castle Keep with a cheque handed over by world champion triple jumper and Olympic gold medallist Jonathan Edwards.

The 40-year-old said: "I have never won anything before so it was such a lovely surprise and doubly special to know that I'm the first ever winner."

"I bought my Geordie Jackpot ticket after hearing about the lottery through NE1's email updates on what's happening in the city.

"Knowing it was a charitable lottery and that the money raised would benefit the city and disadvantaged kids meant I was happy to sign up and support it on a weekly basis."

Sharon, who works at a residential home for people with brain injuries in Wallsend, said she doesn't know what she'll spend the cash on but will enjoy it.

Since then, two more Wallsend winners have come forward to claim their lottery prizes, one in week five, the other in week seven.

Winner Mr Codd won the £1,000 weekly draw in week three and has already spent his money on wedding rings for his nuptials in the New Year.

In week five, George Forster, who lives less than a mile away, also hit the jackpot.

The money raised in the lottery helps to fund major projects in Newcastle city centre as well as supporting the Jackpot's chosen charity, Cash for Kids.

A guaranteed jackpot of £1,000 is won each week, with the potential to win £25,000 if players match all six numbers in the right order.

Tickets cost £1 each and are sold online via the Geordie Jackpot website. Players are asked to select six numbers and subscribe to play the lottery for a minimum of four weeks at a time.

So far, the Gosforth area is the biggest supporter of the local lottery with 12% of all tickets to date purchased in the NE3 postcode.

This is closely followed by the NE6



➤ Winner of the NE1 Geordie Jackpot of £1000 Sharon Armstrong is presented with a cheque by Jonathan Edwards

postcode in Walker.

Sean Bullick, chief executive of NE1 Ltd, said: "There must be something in the water in Wallsend. Three of the nine winners of the £1,000 prize so far have come from this neck of the woods.

"It has been very heartening to see ticket sales doing so well in Gosforth and Walker and we urge people across the city and further afield to get involved and support the Geordie Jackpot.

"We need all expat Geordies the

world over to support the Toon by buying a Geordie Jackpot ticket wherever they now reside."

NE1 hopes to announce details of the first Geordie Jackpot funded project in the New Year and the first donation to Cash For Kids will be made before Christmas.

As well as the cash payouts, special rewards and prizes are available throughout the year.

Last weekend, one lucky winner won tickets to the sold out Polar Express film screening at the



Tyneside Cinema, where the audience dressed in their pyjamas and dressing gowns, enjoyed hot chocolate and gingerbread men before the film, and a visit from Father Christmas at the end of the show.

In the New Year, the Geordie Jackpot will be giving away two return airline tickets to Dubai, courtesy of Emirates Airlines. To be in with a chance of winning, play online and buy tickets at [www.geordiejackpot.co.uk](http://www.geordiejackpot.co.uk) before midnight on the Friday prior to the draw each Saturday.