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Win £2,500 in summer raffle and help air ambulance team continue saving lives

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) has launched its Summer Raffle, offering people across Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, Gloucestershire and beyond the chance to win a £2,500 top prize while supporting the charity's lifesaving critical care service.

Tickets cost just £1 each, with second and third prizes of £250 and £100 also on offer. Anyone who enters before 20 July 2026 will also be in with a chance of winning the Earlybird prize – £250 worth of high street shopping vouchers.

Every ticket sold helps GWAAC bring hospital-level emergency care to people having the worst day of their lives.

GWAAC's Critical Care Team responds to an average of six people every single day, attending cardiac arrests, serious road traffic collisions and life-threatening medical emergencies across the region. The charity receives no day-to-day government funding and relies on the support of local people to keep flying.

Someone who knows better than anyone what that support means is Mark, a cardiac arrest survivor. Mark suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while out cycling with friends last year. His friends began CPR within seconds, a community first responder arrived within minutes with a defibrillator, and GWAAC's Critical Care Team landed in a nearby field, bringing specialist care to give Mark the best possible chance of survival.

Today, Mark is back on his bike, back with his friends, and back to enjoying life.

Fleur, a Specialist Paramedic in Critical Care at GWAAC, said: "We can only be there to help people like Mark, because of people like you supporting our lifesaving work."

This summer, your raffle ticket is a simple way to play your part. Tickets are available now at gwaac.com/raffle for just £1 each. The Earlybird draw takes place on 29 July, with the main draw on 2 September 2026. Entries close 31 August online and 25 August by post.

Players must be 18 or over and a resident of Great Britain to enter.

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Notes for editors

1. GWAAC provides the critical care and air ambulance service for 2.1 million people across Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, and parts of Wiltshire.
2. The GWAAC Critical Care Team consists of highly trained and experienced Critical Care Doctors, Advanced Practitioners and Specialist Paramedics in Critical Care, who bring the skill and expertise of a hospital emergency department to the patient.
3. 2025 was GWAAC's busiest year on record with 2,344 people in urgent need of medical care. GWAAC's Critical Care Team is needed by more than six patients a day on average and rushes to treat them by helicopter or critical care car. On average each mission costs around £2,200 to attend.

4. The charity needs to raise over £4 million a year in order to remain operational yet receives no day-to-day funding from the Government or National Lottery.

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