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THYROID UK RECEIVES MAJOR BOOST FROM LOTTERY

Thyroid UK started in 1999 as a small support group held monthly in the living room of Lyn Mynott's home, when she began campaigning for better treatment for people with thyroid-related illness. So vital has been its work that the organization has not only grown over the years but has also outgrown two rooms in Lyn's home, her garage and outbuildings.



Now the **Awards for All** programme has made a grant of **£9,627** to finish work on the log cabin intended to be the new headquarters of Thyroid UK and to purchase essential furniture and office equipment. Other projects included in the Award are the distribution of leaflets to GP's, the printing of an updated Information Pack and updating the website. These will raise awareness and become a major source of assistance to the many thousands of UK residents who turn to Thyroid UK each year for totally independent and impartial advice on thyroid disorders.

Chief Executive, Lyn Mynott, said, 'The new office will enable our staff to have their own desks and computers rather than sharing. It is a major step forward for us and we will be able to develop a host of new services as a result of having dedicated office space'.

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Note to the Editor:

Lyn Mynott was ill for 15 years without knowing what was wrong. Finally, after a thyroidectomy and treatment with thyroxine, she started to get well again. After appearing on BBC Watchdog Healthcheck in 1999, she was inundated with emails and phone calls which spurred her on to set up Thyroid UK.