

# Club 3000 Packed on Opening Night: Bingo is Booming in Edinburgh

The grand opening of Club 3000 Bingo at Ocean Terminal in Leith took place on 25th January 2025, coinciding with Burns Night. The brand-new venue, capable of holding 800 people, was packed, highlighting the enduring popularity of bingo in the Scottish capital. The impressive turnout reinforces Edinburgh's status as a stronghold for traditional bingo, in contrast to other parts of the UK where the game has seen a decline.

The enthusiasm displayed on opening night suggests that bingo remains a social tradition for many in the city, despite the rise of numerous enthralling [bingo sites](#) online displacing the physical act somewhat. This resurgence is particularly notable as many other entertainment options have emerged; however, bingo remains a cherished pastime for many. The large attendance also reflects a renewed interest in community-driven recreational activities. The demand for in-person bingo has proven to be remarkably resilient, defying the broader trends seen [elsewhere in the country](#).



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## A State-of-the-Art Venue

The [new bingo hall](#) represents a £5.5 million investment and spans 27,000 square feet. Designed to offer a modern and comfortable experience, the venue features 1,350 seats, ample free parking and convenient access to tram and bus stops, making it an accessible destination for bingo enthusiasts. The success of the opening night suggests that the city's appetite for the game remains as strong as ever.

The impressive facilities are designed to attract both seasoned players and newcomers eager to join the bingo scene. Additionally, the venue includes a bar and restaurant, allowing guests to enjoy a social atmosphere beyond the bingo tables. The incorporation of contemporary technology enhances the overall experience, blending tradition with innovation. The attention to detail in the hall's design reflects a commitment to providing an engaging and enjoyable environment

for visitors.

## Honouring the Past: Closure of Manderston Street Hall

The opening of the Ocean Terminal venue follows the recent [closure of a long-standing bingo hall on Manderston Street](#). The former site, which had been a much-loved social hub for decades, is set to be redeveloped into student accommodation. Despite this change, the packed attendance at the new venue suggests that bingo remains an integral part of the city's social fabric. The transition highlights the evolving nature of the city while maintaining the traditions valued by many residents.

For some, the closure marked the end of an era, yet the opening of the new hall keeps bingo accessible to Edinburgh's devoted players. Long-time attendees of the Manderston Street location have expressed both nostalgia and excitement for the new chapter. The shift from one venue to another signifies the importance of adapting to changing circumstances while preserving a strong community spirit.

## Edinburgh's Enduring Bingo Culture

While many in the rest of the UK have moved away from land-based bingo in favour of online bingo sites, this does not necessarily appear to be the case in Edinburgh. The strong turnout at Club 3000's opening night is a reflection of the game's lasting appeal within the city. The sense of community and excitement that comes with playing in a physical hall continues to draw in large crowds. Many players appreciate the thrill of live bingo, which digital alternatives have struggled to replicate.

The unique atmosphere, complete with the energy of a shared experience, contributes to the ongoing appeal of physical

bingo halls over their digital counterparts. The social connections formed in these venues are a key factor in their sustained popularity, particularly among older generations. The ability to meet friends, enjoy a familiar setting, and experience the excitement of a full house in person remains a major draw for bingo enthusiasts in the city.

## **A Bright Future Ahead**

The successful launch of Club 3000 Bingo at Ocean Terminal indicates a positive outlook for the game in Edinburgh. With its modern facilities, prime location and enthusiastic customer base, the venue is set to become a key part of the city's entertainment landscape. The demand for in-person bingo experiences remains high, proving that—at least in Edinburgh—the game is thriving. The continued popularity of the venue may even inspire further investments in traditional bingo halls across the country.

The enthusiasm surrounding the new opening suggests that bingo will continue to play a significant role in Edinburgh's entertainment culture for years to come. The success of the venue could signal a wider revival of bingo halls in other parts of Scotland, reinforcing their role as social hubs. If the strong interest in bingo persists, other developers may consider similar investments, further strengthening the city's reputation as a hotspot for the game.