



# News

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## Syndicate Makes Waves With Lotto Win

The signals were good for a syndicate of 10 employees from the Warrington-based two-way radio manufacturer, London Communications, which tuned into a £104,612 Lotto win on Saturday 6 August.

The 10-strong syndicate found the right frequency for the big win last Saturday evening by matching five numbers and the bonus ball on Lotto. The syndicate organiser, Robert Brown (22), from Leigh, joined the company a year ago and set up the syndicate that scooped the Lotto cash. Robert was at home on the night of the draw looking after his nine-month-old son Owen, when he realised that it was 10.00pm and he had not yet checked the syndicate's Lotto numbers.

Robert explains: "After trying to get Owen to bed, I realised that I hadn't checked the numbers so I got the tickets and switched on Teletext. At first I thought we had three numbers and then five numbers – but when I checked again, I realised we had five numbers and the bonus ball!"

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“I wanted to tell the rest of the syndicate straight away but I had no credit on my mobile so I quickly dressed Owen, then went to a local phone box to call my girlfriend Maria, my boss, and fellow syndicate member Alan.”

He continued: “Alan didn’t believe me straight away, but when he realised I wasn’t joking, he jumped into his car and came around to check for himself. When he realised it was true, Alan called the other syndicate members to tell them the good news.”

The 10 members of the syndicate – who all work for different departments of London Communications in Warrington – will be using their share of the winnings for a variety of things, ranging from buying a car and paying off debts, to having a special summer holiday. The winning numbers were chosen by Simon Hampson (26), an account manager from Warrington, who selected the numbers based on his family’s birthdays and ages.

The syndicate is made up of leader Robert Brown (22) from Leigh; Alan Platt (31) from Prescott; Paula Foster (26), Lee Owen (24), Ben Palin (20), Daren Perrins (27) and Simon Hampson (26), all from Warrington; Rick Lane (55) from Runcorn; and Matthew Hill (23) and Stuart Anders (23) from Newton.

The winning ticket was brought from local retailer Cannings News – the same store which also sold a jackpot-winning ticket in May 2004, when Eileen Williams scooped £2,386,386 on Lotto. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 6 August were: 3, 6, 7, 17, 30, 34, and the bonus ball: 8.

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