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## Stevenage Couple Score £15 Million Lotto Christmas Present

Gabrielle and Darren Nash from Stevenage unwrapped the best Christmas present ever after netting the fabulous £15 million Lotto Superdraw jackpot on Christmas Eve. The win comes after Gabrielle's mother dreamt she would be moving house and one of her aunts read in her horoscope that there would be a lottery winner in the family.

Gabrielle (34) and Darren (34), who have two young sons, were at home on Christmas Eve when they discovered their amazing luck. Gabrielle said: "I was doing the ironing and had just switched over to watch Casualty when I saw the Lotto numbers. I recognised them straight away and shouted 'they're my numbers, we've won!' Darren was asleep but he woke up immediately and jumped up to fetch the ticket. He checked the numbers and also got my Mum, who was staying with us for Christmas, to look at the ticket. We couldn't believe it was happening.

"The fantastic news didn't start to sink in properly until the next day, but it made our Christmas Day celebrations extra special."

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The win could not have come at a better time for Darren, who works as a car valet for Hitchin Audi, and Gabrielle, an administrator with AFE Serviceline, as they had a baby son only four months ago. They are still deciding if they will continue to work but have already started to make some plans on how to spend their windfall. Top of the list is a new house, a holiday in Cyprus as well as Ford Galaxy car and a season ticket for Tottenham fan, Darren.

Gabrielle has already been on a shopping spree, she said: "I've already visited the sales and picked up a few bargains. It's a wonderful feeling not to have to worry about the cost of things. The win means the world to us we can really secure the future and help our family."

Gabrielle and Darren picked numbers made up of birthdays and anniversaries and bought the lucky ticket at Symonds Green Post Office Filey Close Stevenage. The winning numbers on 24 December 2005 were: 17, 21, 25, 27, 30 and 37.

This Wednesday there is an estimated £5 million Lotto jackpot and a £5.7 million estimated Lotto Extra jackpot available to win – while this Friday's (30 December), EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is an estimated £50 million.

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