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Poultry Man Plucks £4 Million On EuroMillions

A poultry welfare worker is as proud as a prize cockerel after plucking the winning numbers – and a £4.2 million share of the jackpot – in last Friday's EuroMillions draw (30 September).

Andrew McAllister (42), from Biggar, who looks after chicken welfare at poultry producer, Glenrath Farms, cracked open his very own golden nest egg when he matched all five main numbers and two Lucky Star numbers. Andrew shares the £17 million jackpot with three other ticket-holders, two of them from the UK. The dad-of-three was at home on his own on Friday night, when he decided to check the numbers on Teletext and realised he had won.

Andrew said: "It was half 10, the kids were in bed and Doreen, my wife, was still at work. I phoned her to give her the news, but she had a problem at work and had to call out an engineer and ended up not getting home until four in the morning – and she was back at work at 6.30am."

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He added: “I only began the EuroMillions eight weeks ago after I saw that Irish woman winning it. We’re still numb – it’ll take a while to sink in. I just want to pay off all our debts and be debt-free.”

Andrew has been entering Wednesday and Saturday Lotto draws since The National Lottery[®] was launched in November 1994. Last year, the keen angler also reeled in a £2,000 Lotto win as part of family syndicate. Now, after their big EuroMillions jackpot win, Andrew and wife, Doreen (44) – a supervisor in a local shop – are looking forward to exchanging their Peugeot, which Andrew says has seen better days, for a new Mercedes, and their council house for a new home.

Andrew bought his weekly Lotto tickets and two EuroMillions tickets – all Lucky Dips[®] – at his local Spar shop. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 30 September were 6, 11, 47, 48 and 50, and the two Lucky Star numbers were 1 and 6.

There is a £2.8 million estimated jackpot on tomorrow’s Lotto draw (Wednesday 5 October) and a £9.7 million estimated jackpot available to win on Lotto Extra – while this Friday’s (7 October) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million.

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