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## **Penistone Syndicate Lays Foundations For New Future Following Lotto Win**

A syndicate of workers from a local builders' merchants are putting together celebrations to 'cement' winning £213,751 – and constructing plans on how to spend it – after matching five numbers and the bonus ball in the Lotto draw on Wednesday 25 January.

The syndicate members are planning to go out for a slap-up meal to celebrate together – as well as spending their shares of the winnings on holidays, cars and honeymoons. It was not until last Thursday morning (26 January), however, when the 11 colleagues got to work at Naylor Myers Builders' Merchants in Penistone, that they realised they had won.

Syndicate leader and branch manager, Dave Rogers (42), explained: "Just before we all started work on Thursday morning, we decided to check the numbers in the newspaper. At first we thought that we had matched four numbers, and then five without the bonus ball. Finally we realised that we had matched five numbers and the bonus ball. However, we still couldn't believe it and we had to have a look on the internet to make sure!"

He continued: "After we realised how much we had won, we all wanted to ring our families straightaway. We were all so excited that we didn't get much work done that day!"

Dave added: "I've got no idea what I'm going to spend the money on at the moment – it's only just sunk in that we've won! We know it's not a life-changing amount of money, but it will make life a bit easier and will allow each of us a treat or two."

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The syndicate also includes Michael Walker, Ian Haddington, Dawn Morfitt, Andrew Garwood, Darren Kitteridge and James Riley. They have been playing Lotto on Wednesday and Saturday night for 15 months, and the winning ticket was bought at G. T. News in Penistone. The winning Lotto numbers on Wednesday 25 January were 9, 14, 15, 18, 26, 46, and the bonus number was 45.

This Wednesday (1 February) there is an estimated £2.8 million Lotto jackpot and an estimated £7.9 million Lotto Extra jackpot available to win – while Friday's (3 February) EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is the biggest ever in European lottery history, at a phenomenal estimated **£125 million**.

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