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Derby Couple Has 'Pride' In Lotto Jackpot Win

Lifelong Derby County supporters, Donald and Ann Webster, are feeling top of the league after netting a £1,023,801 share of the Lotto jackpot on Saturday 06 May 2006.

Donald (52) and Ann (50) – a former Mayoress of Derby – found out they had scored their jackpot win when they were at home on Saturday night and watched the Lotto draw live. When it comes to the Derby couple's Lotto luck, fate appears to have lent a hand.

Donald explained: "We always play a line of the same numbers on Saturday but on this occasion, however, I accidentally marked 33 instead of 34. When I told Ann she persuaded me to leave it as it was so I kept 33, marked 34 – and left out our usual number 43 completely. It was just an amazing feeling when our numbers came up – now we are busy planning what to do with our win. It's just incredible what's happened."

Donald, a Senior Design Scrutinising Engineer, is a Rolls Royce admirer and a member of the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club. He is already the proud owner of a vintage 1934 Rolls Royce 20/25, so adding to his collection is certainly on the cards. Ann, now an Equality Standards Project Manager with Derby City Council, has more immediate plans.

Ann said: "The first thing I'm going to do is upgrade our flights for our annual holiday to Florida. We love going there and this time we can look forward to travelling in real luxury."

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Next on her shopping list is another upgrade, this time for one of their two sons, who is getting married in December of this year. She added: “We promised our son a honeymoon as a wedding present and we can now make sure the trip really is the holiday of a lifetime.”

As part of Ann’s work in equality standards she has been involved with Disability Direct, a Derby-based organisation which provides an advocacy service for disabled people in the city. In the last 10 years, Disability Direct has also benefited from lottery funding, having received six grants totaling £688,312 from the Big Lottery Fund. Ann was also very involved with Derby County in consultations over disabled access to Pride Park.

The winning ticket was bought at Sainsbury’s in Derby. The Webster’s winning numbers were 2, 7, 11, 21, 33 and 34. Tonight (Wednesday 10 May), there is an estimated £2.6 million Lotto jackpot and an estimated £5.5 million Lotto Extra jackpot available to win – while Friday’s (12 May) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £17 million.

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