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## **Lotto Jackpot Win Is Written In The Stars For Kingswinford Grandmother**

A Kingswinford grandmother is celebrating after becoming the Black Country's latest millionaire. Brenda Portch, (67), scooped a £1,487,099 share of the Lotto jackpot from Wednesday's draw (18<sup>th</sup> October 2006) after she read about the win in her horoscope.

Her amazing good fortune completes a hat trick of wins in the Black Country and comes only days after Irene and Ronald Jones, from Bilston, won a £9,355,603 jackpot in Saturday's (14<sup>th</sup> October) rollover draw. Their win followed West Bromwich Albion fans Josie and Mick Timmins who netted £2,010,267 on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Brenda, a retired health service telephone operator said: "It's amazing that I have won. I had seen the Bilston winners on the front of the newspaper on Wednesday and said to my sister that they looked a lovely couple and deserved the win.

"I have always had a feeling I would win the lottery and on Wednesday my horoscope for Taurus said: 'You will have luck on a bingo or lottery ticket and share a secret with a friend'. Who would have believed it would come true."

Brenda was at home doing a crossword watching the lottery draw live on TV when she discovered her win. As the numbers came up she wrote them on her newspaper and could not believe her eyes. She explained: "I was really shocked. I phoned my son and he checked on teletext and confirmed I had matched six. I wanted to share the good news with all the family so I drove round to see my daughter and two sons."

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Brenda continued: "I then went round to see one of my sisters, Denise, and we both went round to our other sister Dinkie's house where we celebrated, unbelievably, with a cup of coffee. I gave Dinkie the ticket for safe keeping and she hid it in her husband Ted's underwear draw as we decided that was the last place anyone would want to look!"

Brenda is already thinking about how to spend her win. As well as treating herself to a new car, she is also keen buy a new house. Her and her sisters already have a holiday booked to Philadelphia to visit their nephew and Brenda has decided that they will be upgrading their tickets to first class.

Her number one priority will be to look after her family, especially her three children Steve (45), Lisa (38) and Robert (35) and her eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The win could not have come at a better time as Robert and his partner Natalie are expecting Brenda's ninth grandchild in a couple of weeks. Brenda commented: "Family really does come first with me and this win means the world to me. It means I can really look after the people I love."

Brenda's winning ticket, which was a regular line of randomly chosen numbers, was bought at Barnett Lane Post Office and News, Kingswinford. The winning numbers on 18<sup>th</sup> October were: 6, 12, 36, 39, 41 and 48.

Tonight, Friday (20<sup>th</sup> October), there is an amazing estimated £64 million EuroMillions Rollover jackpot up for grabs. While this Saturday 21 October, there is an estimated £4.8 million Lotto jackpot available to win.

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