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## **Local Everton Fan Scores with Lotto Jackpot**

Everton fan Robert Davies (61) swears he won't become "toffee-nosed" after netting a £1,454,780 Lotto jackpot win in Saturday's Lotto draw (30 September 2006).

Robert from Kirkby is already planning to take early retirement from his job as a building site manager. He said: "I really am over the moon! The win means I can help the family by giving us security for the future. And after 32 years of hard graft in the building industry, I will really be able to enjoy my retirement."

Robert was with his wife and their three children when he discovered the win, he said: "I was at my daughter's house watching the lottery programme on TV when the numbers were drawn. My lottery ticket was in my brother Leonard's car and I was only able to remember one of my lines. I was checking those numbers off in my head as I saw the five numbers come up I thought I was dreaming. When the sixth one appeared I nearly fell of my chair!

"I phoned Leonard and asked him to check the numbers and bring the ticket over. I could not believe it until I had it in my hand and could see it for myself. I didn't want to put the ticket down. I was scared of losing it."

Robert is planning a holiday to America and is considering buying a new house, although he says he wants to remain in the area.

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According to the findings of the first academic study into lottery jackpot winners, carried out by Dr Richard Tunney of the University of Nottingham, Robert's decision to stay in the area could well pave his way to happiness. As unsurprisingly the report has shown that 97 per cent of participants are as happy or happier with their lives post-win. One of the main contributing factors towards happiness identified was that the majority of winners continue stay in the same postal town, close to family and friends, even after they have bought a new house to live in.

The winning ticket, which was a regular selection picked from family birthdays, was bought from Costcutter, Loweswater Way. The winning numbers for Saturday 30 September 2006 were: 8, 12, 13, 19, 26 and 38.

This Saturday (7 October), there is an estimated £7.5 million Lotto rollover jackpot while today (Friday) there is a EuroMillions Rollover jackpot estimated at £46 million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip®

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