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Housekeeper Cleans Up With Birthday Lotto Win

Christine Hampton (53), from Poole in Dorset, is celebrating her birthday in style after cleaning up in the Lotto draw on Saturday 26 August by matching five numbers plus the bonus ball to scoop £62,462.

Christine, who celebrated her birthday yesterday, works as a housekeeping assistant at Melton Court in Branksome. Christine said: "The funny thing is that when I was at work on Saturday afternoon I said to my boss that I was going to win the Lottery that night – so it's almost as if I predicted the win."

Christine said: "This is an amazing birthday present - I am absolutely shocked but very happy! I was at a friend's house on Saturday night when I discovered that I had won. I asked them to check the Lotto draw on Teletext and I just stared at the TV when I saw my numbers come up. My friends just took the ticket out of my hand – they couldn't believe it!

"I kept quiet for the rest of the night and didn't phone any of my family – I was in shock and thought I must be wrong. I just sat and ate chocolate cake – and I only ever eat cake when I'm stressed! I didn't know what to do with my ticket. I kept it with me for a while and then decided to hide it under my mattress. The next day I woke up and told my son Trevor and he was gobsmacked."

The lucky win is a dream come true for Christine and means that she may now be able to buy her house outright under the council's Right To Buy scheme. Christine would also like to spend some of the winnings on her dream holiday on board a cruise ship.

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“I have been playing Lotto since it began and have always had the same numbers which are made up of family birthdays and ages and I will definitely keep playing with them. In fact, I have already bought another ticket!”

Christine’s winning ticket was bought at the Post Office on Poole High Street. The winning numbers from the Saturday 26 August draw were 10, 17, 24, 31, 42, 49 and the bonus ball was 5.

This Saturday (2 September), the Lotto jackpot is an estimated £4.8 million Lotto – while Friday night’s (1 September) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 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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