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## **Wedding Bells Are Ringing for Mexborough £100k Scratchcard winner**

Kevin Richardson (37) and his fiancée Margaret Hinkles (48) will be able to say “I’ve won” as well “I do”, after winning the top prize on the latest, purple edition of the £100,000 Scratchcard.

Kevin, a part time Customer Service Assistant at Mecca Bingo, and Margaret, a cleaner from Mexborough, South Yorkshire, were originally planning a small ceremony at the local registry office. Thanks to their lucky win they will now treat themselves to the wedding and honeymoon they never thought possible. Kevin said: “It couldn’t have come at a better time, the win is a dream come true. Now we can have a church wedding with all the trimmings to top it all off. I couldn’t be happier!”

Kevin was at home when he realised that he had won. He explained: “It was the end of the month and I thought I would treat myself to a couple of scratchcards. I bought them and left them on the coffee table. I forgot about them until I arrived home from work sat down, put my feet up on the table and spotted them.

“I thought I hadn’t won and was about to tear them up, when I took a second glance and noticed that there were three symbols matching. Looking closer, I saw it was the jackpot and I’d won £100,000.”

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Not only will the win mean that Kevin and Margaret can get married in style, but Kevin is also planning to spend some of the money on a new Toyota 4x4 and save some money for a new house. Kevin commented: "If there is a bit of the win left I would also love to fulfill one of my life long dreams to go deep sea diving."

The winning scratchcard was brought at Tesco in Mexborough. Today Friday (15<sup>th</sup> September), there is an estimated £24 million EuroMillions Rollover jackpot, while this Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> September) there is an estimated Lotto Rollover jackpot of £8 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<sup>®</sup>.

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