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We're Rolling In It!

Swansea Carpet Fitters Become Wales' Latest Lotto Winners

Two carpet fitters from Swansea are celebrating after scooping a £118,585 'pile' of cash by matching five numbers and the bonus ball in last Wednesday's Lotto draw (23 August 2006).

Nigel Black (54) and Hayden Davies (54) are both self-employed and have known each other since they trained together in 1975. The two friends knew nothing of their win until Thursday morning.

Nigel, who is married to Sylvia (54) and has a 26 year old son and an 18 year old daughter, said he initially thought they only had four numbers. "We make sure we do our regular numbers every Saturday and then a Lucky Dip on a Wednesday. I knew Hayden wouldn't have checked the numbers, as he was on holiday in Eastbourne, so I had a look on Teletext when I got up for work.

"When I realised we had five numbers and the bonus ball, I caused a commotion downstairs and woke my son up! "

He continued: "I phoned Hayden in Eastbourne and asked him if he'd checked the lottery. He said, "No, why have we won?" I told him we'd won over £118,000, and he started to cry. He was so pleased because he's been saving for his daughter's wedding and now he can pay for it outright."

Nigel is planning on spending his share of the windfall on a dream motorbike – a Honda Gold Wing trike. "I've already got a motorbike", said Nigel, "But I promised myself that if I ever won the lottery I'd buy myself a new one."

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He added: “Hayden and I always joked that if we ever won the jackpot we would buy a Rolls Royce, strap some rolls of carpet to the top and go out and do one last job. We haven’t won the jackpot this time, so we won’t be giving up work, but we’re going to keep on playing the lottery, so hopefully next time we’ll be able to buy that Rolls Royce!”

The winning ticket, which was a Lucky Dip[®] was bought at Spar, 1-3 Derlwyn Dunvant. The winning numbers for 23 August were 6, 16, 20, 21, 23, 37 and bonus number 40.

This Saturday (2 September), the Lotto jackpot is an estimated £4.8 million Lotto – while tonight’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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