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Warwick Factory Is 'Pumped Up' After Lotto Win

A 16-strong syndicate of factory workers from local fire pump company is celebrating today after winning last Saturday's £7,603,209 Lotto Rollover jackpot (1 December 2007).

The syndicate members, who are all factory-floor staff at Hale Products Europe, based on Charles Street, Warwick, have walked away with a staggering £475,200 share of the jackpot each. Syndicate leader, Phil Harry (49), says the big win is still sinking in. Phil was at home on Saturday night, settling down in front of the TV ready to watch Heroes with a pint and a bag of sweets, when his boss called saying he thought they had hit the jackpot.

Phil said: "First of all I panicked that I had not put the numbers on, but being as I do everything online I realised I could relax. After that sigh of relief, I had the problem of not being able to go online at home. I dashed around to the neighbours and we checked the tickets and there they were...all six numbers.

Phil continued: "I then had to wait until we knew how many winners there were and what the final figure would be. In among all this, the phone was going from my boss and other syndicate members asking what was happening. Finally it was announced that there was only one winning ticket and we were rich".

As a result of phoning everyone to make sure everyone knew of their new found fortune, Phil missed his favourite programme in the end – but not seeing an episode of Heroes was the last thing on his mind at that point. Phil and his partner, Susan (49), are now revelling in the fact that they are now financially secure. A Christmas to remember is on the cards as well as some house renovations and a new car.

Phil added: "I am still coming to terms with such a big win, the timing is perfect, I don't have to worry about things now".

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The 16 syndicate members have been playing Lotto every Saturday since 2000 and have an unusual way of picking their numbers. Every three months each member picks three 'banker' numbers, which are then added to the other three numbers which they have chosen. The result is 16 different lines and in this instance, one lucky ticket. Phil plays Lotto online at National-Lottery.co.uk, so he did not even have to brave the cold, wintry weather to bag this life-changing amount. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 1 December were 12, 24, 33, 36, 39, and 42.

Tomorrow night's (Wednesday 5 December) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.5 million and Friday's estimated EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is £19 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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