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## **Lucky Littlehampton Cabbies Are Streets Ahead With Second Big Lotto Win**

The members of a 13-strong syndicate of taxi owners and drivers are celebrating their biggest fare to date, after winning a share of the Lotto jackpot on Saturday 24 February – just over five years since they drove off with their first big lottery win.

Having matched five numbers and the bonus ball to win £144,222 on Lotto on 16 February 2002, the lucky syndicate members have now overtaken their previous stroke of good luck. They went streets ahead this time by matching all six main Lotto numbers to win £546,480 – and are now looking forward to enjoying life in the fast lane.

Syndicate leader, Alan Russell (56), who was a member of the original winning syndicate in February 2002, did not actually find out that the syndicate had won until he went into his local shop to buy tickets for the following week's draw. Now, a Toyota Avensis and a 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary trip to Rome, Pompeii and Capri in Italy are topping his shopping list.

Alan said: "To win on Lotto twice in five years is unbelievable. We are all over the moon – the money will make a huge difference to all of our lives. It won't be long before we all use our passports! A lot of the syndicate are going to go on holiday – some are planning once-in-a-lifetime trips to faraway places such as Australia.

"Funnily enough, the day before I discovered we had won, my daughter, who is a bank manageress in Worthing, told me that she had dreamt that someone she knew was going to have a big win on the lottery. She was amazed when true when I told her that my syndicate had won over half a million pounds and her dream had come true!"

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Alan continued: “Usually, my wife checks the ticket after the Saturday draw but she was ill with a cold last weekend. When I went to the shop to buy the next week’s ticket and check the numbers from the Saturday I was in for a shock. The shopkeeper told me that I had won big and my mouth just dropped – I could not believe it!”

The syndicate’s winning ticket, which was a regular line of numbers originally picked at random, was bought from the Wickbourne Store, Wick. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 24 February 2007 were 5, 18, 26, 34, 42 and 49.

Tomorrow (Wednesday 7 March) there is an estimated Lotto jackpot of £2.5 million available to win, while this Friday’s (9 March) estimated EuroMillions jackpot is £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<sup>®</sup>.

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