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Time Called On Hunt For Hull's Missing Winners *Media search leads 16-strong pub syndicate to £772,906 Lotto jackpot*

The drinks are on the house for the members of a 16-strong syndicate from the Cumbo Public House, who discovered their luck was in after reading a local newspaper appeal asking National Lottery players in the Hull area to check their old tickets – as a £772,906 Lotto jackpot had not yet been claimed.

It was syndicate organiser and landlord at the Cumbo, Stephen Gore (48), who checked the ticket after another member of the syndicate told him about the unclaimed prize from the Lotto draw on Saturday 3 March 2007. After discovering this 'late opening' – nearly a month after the draw took place – Stephen contacted fellow syndicate member Graham Holgate to tell him the good news. They decided not to inform the rest of the syndicate members until the win was definitely confirmed.

Stephen explained: "I had not checked our tickets for a few weeks. When I heard that a jackpot hadn't been claimed, I thought 'it can't be us'. When I found out I was stunned – I was at home eating fish and chips at the time but not even that wonderful news could stop me finishing them first!"

Graham said: "We did not want to get people's hopes up until we were really sure. Now we can really start celebrating properly. We've already had a couple of rehearsals!"

He added: "It's early days for all of us. It feels fantastic but it has still has not quite sunk in yet. I think my bank manager will be even more delighted than me about the win!"

The individual members of the syndicate are still deciding what to spend their shares of the windfall on. So far, their plans include new cars, holidays, DIY and clearing debts.

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The winning ticket was a line of regular Lotto numbers, originally picked at random. It was bought at Jackpot Wines, Chamberlain Road, Hull, which was recently voted *Independent National Lottery Retailer of the Year* at the National Federation of Retail Newsagents Awards. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 3 March were: 1, 5, 11, 19, 28 and 36.

Tonight's (Friday 30 March) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million while tomorrow (Saturday 31 March), there is a £4.6 million estimated Lotto jackpot available to win. 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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