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## **Shrewsbury Carpenter “Joins” Shropshire Lottery Winners Club**

A carpenter from Shrewsbury has become lucky Shropshire’s latest Lottery winner, after nailing a £53,673 Lotto fortune by matching five numbers plus the bonus ball in the draw held on Saturday 6 October 2007.

Patrick Devitt (56), who works as a carpenter for the South Staffordshire and Shropshire Health Authority, joins a growing list of lucky Lottery winners from Shropshire over the past couple of years. This includes the Palethorpes factory syndicate who £6.7 million on EuroMillions in November 2006, a syndicate of electricians who work for ABRO in Donnington, who won £66,153 on Lotto in March this year and Ludlow’s Adam Griffiths who scooped a £250,000 Thunderball jackpot in November 2006.

Patrick and his wife Ruth (53), are still making plans on how to spend their win but are considering building a conservatory, as well as looking at holiday destinations. They will also be treating their children Marie (26) and James (31). Patrick was at home on Saturday night, with friends and family, when he decided to check his Lotto ticket.

Patrick said: “I don’t normally check the numbers until Sunday. But for once I put Teletext on and joked that I had a winning ticket. My grandson took the ticket and checked off the numbers one-by-one and said I really had won. I took the ticket off him thinking it was a wind up, but soon realised he was right.

“Ruth checked the numbers again and so did everyone else. We all laughed and screamed. To be honest it didn’t sink in at the time and probably still hasn’t. We are still thinking about what to spend the win on but we will definitely be going out for a big slap-up meal.”

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The winning ticket, which was a Lucky Dip<sup>®</sup>, was bought at the Harlescott Grange Post Office, Shrewsbury. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 6 October were 5, 6, 18, 22, 24, 38 and the bonus ball was 10.

Tomorrow night's (Friday 12 October) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million and Saturday's estimated Lotto jackpot is £XXmillion. 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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