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Local Joiner Nails EuroMillions Win

A lucky joiner from Clifton in York must have touched wood before buying his online EuroMillions ticket – as he is now celebrating after scooping an impressive £85,308.10 in the EuroMillions draw on Friday 22 February 2008.

Lawrence Coates (57) was happy when he thought he had matched four numbers and won £110, but after he checked his ticket online he realised he had hit the nail on the head and had matched five, winning considerably more.

Lawrence said: “It was the Saturday after the draw when I checked my ticket on the computer. At first I thought I had four – which pleased me – but then I realised I had five, I was in shock! I woke my wife, Carole (61) to tell her the news, but she didn’t believe me until she had checked the numbers for herself!”

Carole, who is retired and Lawrence have already started writing their wish list of how to spend their money. The couple have six grandchildren they want to treat and are planning a holiday to Australia to visit family.

Lawrence continued: “We had already made plans to visit my step-daughter and grandchildren in Australia, but the win has meant that we could go and book the tickets straight away without worrying about how to afford them – that is a great feeling!”

Although Lawrence has no plans to give up work as yet, he is glad he can look forward to a secure future. Lawrence concluded: “I just feel so lucky that I can look forward to a happy retirement and treat the kids and grandchildren at the same time. Not having to worry about bills is fantastic – it just lifts that weight from our shoulders.”

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Lawrence has played the lottery since it began over 13 years ago and bought his winning EuroMillions ticket online at www.national-lottery.co.uk. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 22 February 2008 were 4, 27, 32, 46, 50 and the Lucky Stars were 8 and 9.

Tonight's EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £11 million, while tomorrow's (1 March) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £4.7 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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