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Lotto Win Locks Away The January Blues

A 22-strong syndicate of female Prisoner Custody Officers from Exeter have the New Year banged to rights after winning £70,092 on Lotto, by matching five numbers plus the bonus ball on Saturday 5 January 2008.

The lucky syndicate members, who all work for Reliance Custodial Service, have different ideas about how to spend their respective shares of the winnings. Paying off Christmas bills is high on the list for many, as well as making home improvements, booking holidays and even buying tickets to watch Liverpool FC.

Syndicate leader, Kelly Murray (29), was visiting her Mum after a trip to Ireland, when a fellow syndicate member rang to say that she thought they had matched five numbers. It was only later when Kelly got home, that she realised that the syndicate had matched the bonus ball too.

Kelly said: "I got straight on the phone to Camelot and they said it sounded like we had a winning ticket. I was completely shocked. I sent a text to all of the syndicate members telling them, 'We've only gone and won the lottery!'"

She continued: "I was in a bit of a sleepy daze because my husband and I had travelled through the night from Ireland, so it took a while to sink in. The syndicate members all said I've brought the luck of the Irish back with me!"

The loyal lottery players have been playing for the past two years. Each week the syndicate play 22 lines, each one picked by a different syndicate member. The winning ticket was purchased at Tesco on Rydon Lane, Exeter. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 5 January were 2, 3, 12, 20, 33, 49, and the bonus ball was 11.

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Wednesday's (16 January 2008) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £xx million, while Friday's (19 January 2008) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £xx 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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