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Toyota Factory Workers 'Revved Up' After Lotto Win

A syndicate of workers from the Toyota plant in Burnaston is looking forward to life in the fast lane after driving off with an £82,379 Lotto win – the lucky group, who play online at National-Lottery.co.uk, matched five numbers plus the bonus ball in the Lotto draw on Saturday 3 May 2008.

Phil Cooke (39), syndicate leader and a warehouseman at the Burnaston plant, was in complete disbelief when he checked his emails and realised he had a message from The National Lottery. The syndicate members are now drawing up plans for how to spend their respective shares of the winnings. Phil has his eye on a new electronic keyboard and paying off his mortgage, while holidays are high on many other wishlists.

Phil explained: "I always check my emails at a friend's photographic shop in Melbourne and I had an email from The National Lottery saying I had some 'good news'. It said we'd won £20. I then saw another email saying exactly the same thing, but this one had lots of numbers on it, our numbers, and I started to slowly read its contents. I called over to my friend and asked him to double-check it, then again and again before finally, after many surreal minutes, I decided to call the telephone number on the email to verify our win and find out how much we'd won."

Phil, who has been syndicate leader for the past four years, immediately started phoning his fellow winners. Phil continued: "They didn't believe me at first, I suppose I wouldn't have either but I printed the email off to prove it to everyone. We were ecstatic."

The syndicate members have not had the chance to discuss celebrations as they all work different shifts at Burnaston, but they are all hoping to arrange something very soon.

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The syndicate members have always played online at www.national-lottery.co.uk. They play five lines made up of randomly picked numbers and one Lucky Dip®. It was the latter which matched the winning Lotto numbers, which on Saturday 3 May were 2, 15, 17, 32, 36, 42, and the bonus ball, 4.

The syndicate members join the interactive winners' club – and are among the 4 million-plus winners every week on The National Lottery's range of draw-based games and Scratchcards. With over 3 million users currently registered to play, the UK National Lottery is now the world's most successful interactive lottery.

Derbyshire is a hotbed of National Lottery activity at the moment. An unclaimed prize of £62,509 from the Amber Valley was claimed last week – while it could be third time lucky for Derbyshire if the owner of a another winning ticket in the Derby area, who matched five main numbers and the bonus ball to win £82,379 in the Lotto draw on Saturday 3 May (the same draw and prize amount as the Toyota syndicate) comes forward to claim their outstanding winnings.

Tomorrow night's (Wednesday 28 May) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £xx million, while Friday's 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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