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## **Meet the UK's Biggest National Lottery Millionaires!**

A Gloucestershire couple are celebrating after shooting straight into first place in the National Lottery Rich List, with an amazing £56,008,113.20 jackpot prize. Nigel Page and his partner Justine Laycock banked the biggest UK lottery win after scooping half the jackpot in the EuroMillions draw last Friday (12 February 2010).

Nigel (43) a self-confessed sky-diving fanatic, and Justine (41) are now trying to keep their feet firmly on the ground since learning of their enormous windfall at the weekend. Nigel recently started playing online and had already won £55 earlier in the week in Wednesday's Lotto draw.

Nigel recalls: "I'd already checked my National Lottery account and had seen I'd won £55 on Lotto when I decided to buy two Lucky Dips for the big EuroMillions jackpot on Friday. I didn't think about it again until Saturday morning when I was watching the news with my daughter and saw that there was one UK winner who shared the jackpot with a ticket in Spain. I remember even joking it might be me!

"I logged on to my account and saw the Lotto win for £55 in my account and just below it was the £56 million EuroMillions prize. I started shaking and couldn't speak. I just kept looking at it on in the screen in front of me but I couldn't say a word!"

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Nigel then went to wake up Justine who was still asleep. Justine says: “I knew something was up as Nigel never wakes me up on a Saturday morning and he looked so worried. All he said was ‘I need you urgently. I need to show you something’. I thought something awful had happened but he took me to the computer and there it was on the screen. His hands were shaking so much, he couldn’t pick up the phone so I called the lottery line and they confirmed it was true. We were the £56 million winners!”

Justine continues: “It’s so strange as I’d been out the night before with friends and as I’d bought a ticket as well, we’d been talking about what we thought would happen if you won. I joked that the machine would explode, smoke would come out from it with ticker-tape and glitter and six gold-painted Egyptian men would come out and carry me off! It was slightly different!”

Despite their huge windfall, the couple were so relaxed about their win, they even went for a breakfast of bacon butties at the café in their local Waitrose while they waited for the Camelot advisor to arrive:

Justine explains: “Camelot told us an advisor was on their way so while we waited we decided to go out and have some breakfast together as a family. It sounds bizarre but we just felt very calm.”

The couple have been together for eight years and have three children from previous relationships – Nigel’s daughter, Ella (12) and Justine’s son and daughter, Jacob (11) and Georgia (15). Both Nigel and Justine work in the property field – Nigel runs a property maintenance business and Justine works for a local estate agency in Cirencester. They both plan to give up work and are already making plans for their win.

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Nigel has been a sky diving fan for nine years and is a member of his local sky diving club in South Cerney. Nigel says: "I've jumped out of a plane at 12,000 feet but that's nothing compared to how I'm feeling now! I've been a sky diving fan for many years and I would love to set up my own indoor sky-diving centre. There are only three in the country and I plan to use some of the win to set up the first one in the South West."

The couple plan to buy a new house but want to stay in the Cirencester area and hope to use their win to travel. Justine says: "It would be lovely to get a five or six bedroom house with a pool and lots of space but we really enjoy the area we live in now so we won't move far. We'd also like to buy somewhere abroad where we can go on holiday but it'll have to be in the school holidays!"

Cars are also top of the list – Nigel currently drives a white van which is four years old and the last payment is due on it next month. He is planning to swap it for a Range Rover Sport or a BMW X5. Justine drives a Honda Civic and may swap that for a sports car but has not yet decided which make.

The couple are now top of the National Lottery Rich List ahead of Les Scadding and his wife Sam from South Wales, and the Magnificent Seven syndicate from Liverpool, who each banked a EuroMillions cheque for £45.5m in November last year. Angela Kelly from Glasgow is fourth with her £35.4m win in August 2007. The Sturt Family, who won £26.1 million just last month, are now fifth in the UK's National Lottery millionaire league table.

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Nigel plays the lottery regularly and has played EuroMillions since its launch in 2004. He recently started playing online and bought his winning Lucky Dip ticket at [www.national-lottery.co.uk](http://www.national-lottery.co.uk). The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were 1,5,18, 38 and 45 and the Lucky Star numbers were 4 and 6.

This Wednesday, 17 February, there is a Lotto jackpot with an estimated jackpot of £2.4 million and this Friday's EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £13 million. Every EuroMillions ticket now includes the Millionaire Raffle game, where every week one lucky UK player will win £1 million – guaranteed.

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