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## **The National Lottery Creates Its First Manx Millionaire** *Ballasalla Man has Lucky Star to thank for £1.2 million EuroMillions win*

Jimmy Goodwin (62) of Ballasalla is celebrating in style after becoming the Isle of Man's first National Lottery millionaire – he matched five main numbers and one Lucky Star number to bank £1,228,704.80 in last Friday's EuroMillions draw (20 October 2006).

Local steel worker Jimmy's cheque was presented to him by Camelot's Head of Player Services, Dot Renshaw, who flew over to the Isle of Man this morning (Wednesday 25 October) to congratulate him. Jimmy is still on a high from the massive excitement of the news but in his own laid back fashion, the brand new 'EuroMillionaire' is trying to take this momentous win in his stride. However, he knows that this will make an enormous difference to his life.

Jimmy commented: "This kind of win means a huge weight of my mind in general, especially with Christmas coming up. And it gives me the freedom to think about things other than work, which is wonderful".

Currently working for Ronaldsway Aircraft Company, Jimmy is now thinking about a life of leisure with his £1.2 million winnings – spending his time fishing and shooting, two of his main passions. With a great interest in sea fishing, the first dream purchase will be a boat. Jimmy is also an avid fan of Manchester United, so some trips away to see the team play are certainly on the cards – this will no doubt give partner Rosie a great excuse for some shopping excursions too.

It was a colleague at work who first alerted Jimmy to his win. He explained: "I thought he was kidding around! He had to get the crumpled up results out of the bin to show me I really did have the numbers.

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Jimmy added: “Everyone at work was absolutely delighted for me – they were all shaking my hand”.

The winning Lucky Dip® ticket was bought from Station Garage, Castletown. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 20 October 2006 were 10, 19, 34, 45, 47, and the Lucky Star numbers were 3 and 6.

This Friday’s (27 October) massive estimated EuroMillions mega-jackpot is now a whopping £75 million, after it rolled for an eighth time last week. Jimmy has bought his ticket already and is now urging National Lottery players all over the Isle of Man to do the same. To win the EuroMillions jackpot, players need to match five main numbers from one to 50, and two Lucky Star numbers from one to nine – but with 12 prize levels in total, EuroMillions actually offers a greater range of prizes than any other National Lottery draw.

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