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Lotto Draw Sparks Success For Derby Electrician

An electrician from Ashbourne is boosting his 'current' account after matching five numbers plus the bonus ball to scoop £125,711 in the Lotto draw on Saturday 23 September 2006.

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Richard Smith (22) was queuing at the checkout at his local Tesco's when he saw a woman in front of him buy her ticket using National Lottery Fast Pay.

Richard said: "I saw a woman in front of me in the queue buy her lottery ticket at the checkout and I thought it was great idea so when I came to pay for my shopping, I bought a Fast Pay ticket for Lotto too.."

Richard found out his lucky news when he got a text on his mobile phone, sparking a celebration with close friends on Saturday night. Richard explained: "I was at a friend's house when I received a text with the lottery results and I immediately checked my numbers. I started running around like a madman, yelling and shouting. My friends looked stunned and when I told them I wasn't crazy but I'd won on Lotto they were jumping up and down with me. It was the most incredible feeling."

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Richard's win continues the county of Derbyshire's lucky streak - Rachel and Tony Bryan from Swanick scooped a £2,593,004 jackpot on 11 January, a syndicate of 38 Virgin train drivers from Derby train station shared £114,196 in the Lotto draw on Saturday 22 April and Donald and Ann Webster won £1,023,801 in the draw on 6 May.

A Harley Davidson motorbike is top of the shopping list but Richard is taking a down to earth approach to enjoying his win and plans to invest most of his money in savings. A holiday in Mexico is also on the cards for the autumn and Richard is looking forward to taking a well-earned rest from running his business,.

The winning ticket – a choice of regular numbers – was bought at the Tesco store on Kipling Drive, Mickleover, Derby. The winning Lotto numbers on 23 September were 6, 26, 28, 35, 42, 43 and the bonus ball 38.

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This Saturday (30th September), there is an estimated £X.X Lotto jackpot while this Friday there is an EuroMillions rollover jackpot estimated at £39 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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