

LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS... WIN AGAIN!

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Mr and Mrs Mills of Smith Lane, Ports Bay, could quite possibly be the luckiest couple in the country. William and Betty, who buy a lottery ticket once every month, have been celebrating for the second time in four years.

The fortunate couple first scooped a huge £275,000 back in February 2012, having bought their ticket at the last minute. 'We almost forgot to buy our ticket,' Mr Mills explained. 'We remembered just before our local supermarket closed and rushed down to get it.' Once they'd recovered from the initial shock, they donated a large amount of their winnings to several different charities, as well as making improvements to their home and treating their family and friends to special holidays. The lucky pair never thought that they'd win again but continued to take part in the lottery because the money goes to charity.

However, Mr and Mrs Mills were in for a shock as their lottery numbers were chosen again! On the night of this most recent win, Mr and Mrs Mills had their granddaughter staying with them.

Betty informed us how it happened, 'The lottery draw was on television and Alisha happened to be watching it. My husband and I were busy doing the dishes in the kitchen so she asked if she could check the numbers for us. In the next moment, she's screaming and shouting the house down! I thought she was joking.'

The couple had five matching numbers, winning them an even larger, life-changing amount of £800,000. Mr Mills added, 'We were all jumping around and dancing in the living room. We never believed it could happen again.' Alisha commented on the experience, 'I never knew my grandad could move like that!'



William and Betty Mills - are they the luckiest couple in the country?

When asked about their secret and top tips for choosing winning numbers, Mr Mills explained, 'We've always chosen numbers which mean something to us, like family birthdays or house numbers. My lucky number is 13. But really, we have just been hugely lucky. There's no secret method I'm afraid.'

The two winners have revealed that they'll be donating £600,000 of their win to local, national and international charities. 'They need the money more than we do,' stated Mrs Mills. 'We'll treat ourselves to a fancy meal out somewhere and give the rest to the family. We have our health and happiness so what more could we ask for?'

When asked if they would continue to play the lottery, Mrs Mills replied, 'I suppose we don't really need to but it's become a bit of a habit now. We go down to our local supermarket, choose our numbers and have a cup of tea at the coffee shop around the corner. So, I suppose, yes, we will continue to play. Surely we couldn't win again?!'

Money raised by the lottery is used to fund and support good causes. For every ticket sold, a large portion of the money goes to a huge variety of projects, both big and small – from repairing park play equipment to funding future Olympians and Paralympians.