

5 Minutes With: Geordie Jackpot Winners...

Short bio about your business and your Geordie Jackpot syndicates...?

Nigel Wright Recruitment, headquartered in Newcastle upon Tyne, is the leading professional recruitment firm in the North East. Established in 1988, the business has three UK offices, as well as a further ten across Europe. In 2018, it will celebrate 30 years of success partnering with the region's talent. The syndicate was set up by our Group Accountant, Sue Sherwood, and consists of 14 support staff across Accounts, HR, Payroll and Business Administration.

What made you group together as a Geordie Jackpot syndicate?

We've been a syndicate for a few years, playing different lotteries with little success. When the Geordie Jackpot was set up, we all agreed it was a great idea – not only because it's supporting local initiatives – but also because it offers a better chance of winning than the other lotteries we've tried. Glad we made the right choice!

What was the vibe in the office on Monday morning after the big win?

It's school half term in Newcastle and a few members of our syndicate were off work, including Sue. We didn't know what the prize was but there was a lot of speculation and excitement amongst the fourteen staff, who exchanged several emoji-filled funny emails. When we discovered the prize was £1,000, we were delighted! It's our biggest ever win and it surpassed our hopes of achieving a £50 each pay out – hee hee!

How do you plan on spending your winnings?

It's already been spent! One of the benefits (or dangers) of working in the city centre.

If we gave you 24hrs to spend your winnings in NE1, what would you do?

We'd enjoy a team day out consisting of lunch at Slice Pizzeria in the Grainger Market, completing an escape mission at Never Give Up Newcastle, a few chemistry themed cocktails at the Alchemist, with a little left over for some shopping in the city.

As an NE1 business, what future projects would you like to see in the city in the near future?

More collaboration and sharing of knowledge between businesses within the NE1 catchment area. There is a diverse range of companies based in the city centre but despite their differences, they could undoubtedly support and learn from each other if provided with the encouragement and platform through which to interact and establish thriving mutually beneficial partnerships.