NS&I Jackpot Winner To Remain Anonymous



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NS&I's June jackpot of £1million has been paid to a Surrey resident, who bought his winning bond in March 2006.

The winner, a gentleman from Surrey who wishes to remain anonymous, became ERNIE's 233rd Premium Bond millionaire. He said of the win: "When Agent Million knocked on my door and told me that I'd won the jackpot I thought it was a practical joke! I'm still in shock but once the news sinks in I cannot wait to share the good fortune by treating my family to a lovely summer holiday."

In Surrey, more than 535,300 people hold Premium Bonds worth £1.4 billion. There are more than 13,500 <u>unclaimed Premium Bonds</u> in total worth at least £796,000. This is the 13th time that the £1 million jackpot has been won in Surrey.

In March, <u>NS&I</u> announced that from the April prize draw onwards, one of the two monthly £1 million Premium Bond jackpot prizes will be replaced by a wider mix of other prizes in the monthly draws.

Similarly, a new £25 <u>Premium Bonds</u> prize has been introduced to the draws alongside the existing prizes (ranging from £50 to £1 million). These changes have been introduced because Premium Bond holders say that maintaining the chances of winning tax-free prizes on a regular basis is particularly important to them.

In June's draw ERNIE paid out more than 1.1 million prizes, amounting

to more than £33 million in value. There were 40,520,994,477 eligible numbers in the Premium Bond draw.

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editors: 1. In June there were 1,125,583 prizes and a total prize fund of £33,767,475.

2. All Premium Bonds prizes are free of UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

3. Pictures of ERNIE (including the new ERNIE 4 machine), Agent Million and people buying Premium Bonds are available in highresolution jpeg format from the NS&I media team.

About

NS&I

National Savings and Investments is one of the largest savings organisations in the UK, offering a range of savings and investments to almost 27 million customers. NS&I is best known for Premium Bonds, but also offers a range of savings accounts including easy access savings accounts, savings bonds, investment accounts and children's bonus bonds. All products offer 100% capital security, because NS&I is backed by HM Treasury.

Further information and digital images are available from the NS&I media team. An ISDN line is available for interviews.

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