

# I'll take my £2m prize all in one go, please

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**A Portsmouth gambler who won the largest amount ever from a British bookmaker has taken the whole £2,086,585 in one go.**

The lucky 49-year-old computer engineer decided to take the money now rather than receive it in instalments.

Some people choose instalments as it stops them blowing the money straight away.

The man, who has asked to remain anonymous, won the online MegaJackpots Cluedo game hosted on Coral bookmakers' website on November 12.

David Stevens, spokesman for Coral, said: 'Once it was known that a Coral customer had won the jackpot, it was verified by an operations team who had to confirm it was won fairly.'

'Once it is all confirmed, we call the lucky winner to tell them the good news and the American company come in and sort out all payment and paper work from there.'

'He had to choose between taking the money in instalments or all the money outright. I suppose anyone in that position would want time to come to terms with it, but it's a nice problem to have and I'm sure he'll find himself in no shortage of people willing to offer financial advice.'

'The last time I spoke to him he was undecided what he was going to choose but I heard he has now taken all the money.'

The game is an online slot machine, where the traditional symbols of cherries and bells are replaced by characters from the Cluedo board game, such as Colonel Mustard and Miss Scarlett.

Players can stake between 2p and £5 a line.

The game, run by American firm WagerWorks and played by people on websites all over the world, had its prize money rolling for over a year until the man matched the five symbols.

It is understood that he had placed a 50p bet after opening an account with the bookmakers with an offer to receive £10 in free bets for a deposit of £10.

Finance expert Jonathan Davis said the winner should ride out the current economic market

before investing too much of his winnings. He added: 'The economy is crumbling so he should hold on to his money for a couple of years until things cool down.'

In the long term it would be best to maximise his tax efficiency by putting as much as he can into a pension scheme.'