



# News

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## Mystical Knight Brings Lotto Luck To Andover Housewives

A lucky syndicate of housewives from Andover in Hampshire scooped a 'magical' £113,929, after matching five numbers plus the bonus ball in the Lotto draw held on Saturday 20 August 2005.

The syndicate members – Julie Ferris (40), Gary Ferris (34), Alison Carter (39), Amanda Britton (29), Nicola Lant (34), and Ros Hughes (42) – all live in the aptly named King Arthur's Way in Andover. The head of the syndicate, Julie, inherited the lucky numbers from her late parents and the group of housewives has been playing Lotto with the same numbers for the past six years.

Julie Ferris said: "I had a premonition that something good was going to happen to me, when I read my stars on Saturday afternoon. It said that the letter 'R' would bring me luck and my dad's name was Robert! We were out with the children for most of the day and didn't get home until late, so it wasn't until after 10 o'clock that night that I checked our numbers on Teletext. When they flashed up before me I thought I was dreaming!"

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Julie continued: “We always buy our tickets on the internet, as we have an account set up, so I put the numbers into the results checkers and the words ‘Congratulations’ flashed up before me. I just couldn’t believe that anything like this could happen to me so I got my husband to check again! We were completely stunned and only just managed to call the other members of the syndicate, before finally getting to bed at about six o’clock in the morning!”

The syndicate members are all in agreement that the money they have won will make their lives much easier. It means they are able to pay off debts and live on a more relaxed budget, making Christmas something to really look forward to.

The winning Lotto ticket was purchased on the National Lottery website and the winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 20 August were 07, 11, 12, 20, 44, and the bonus number, 45. There are now over one million registered users who play online at [www.national-lottery.co.uk](http://www.national-lottery.co.uk). Players can buy tickets for Lotto, EuroMillions, Thunderball and Daily Play at a click of their mouse, as well as playing interactive Instant Win Games. Winners of all prizes, big and small, receive an email alert telling them the good news and explaining the next steps to claim their prize.

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