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Third Time Lucky On EuroMillions

Local Elvis fan celebrates scoring £4.2 million at the Reebok Stadium

Good luck has definitely come in threes for a couple from Bolton, who are now 'All Shook Up' after scooping £4,255,018 on EuroMillions.

Elvis fan, Graham 'Chubby' Everall (28), and his wife, Julie (36), were not only one of three UK ticket-holders to win a share of Friday's jackpot (30 September) – but also struck lucky with only the third EuroMillions ticket they have ever bought.

Graham was out when he noticed he had some loose change in his pocket, so decided to pop into the Post Office on Moss Bank Way in Bolton to get a EuroMillions ticket and a newspaper. They left the ticket with the rest of their newspapers so did not realise their good fortune until midnight, when Graham checked the EuroMillions numbers on Teletext.

Graham explains: "Julie was upstairs when I checked the numbers. I couldn't believe what I was seeing so when Julie came downstairs I asked her to check the ticket again. We really couldn't believe it was happening – winning the lottery is something you only dream of!"

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The couple quickly visited Julie's cousin, Debbie, to let her know. Graham continues: "When we got to Debbie's house we had a cup of tea and chatted about the win. It still hadn't sunk in and I stayed up through the night with the winning ticket safe in my pocket waiting until I could ring Camelot's regional centre at 9.00am the next morning. I even wrapped the ticket in cling film so it wouldn't get damaged!"

Graham plans to watch Bolton Wanderers more often following the win – but as a former landscape gardener, top of his shopping list is a new house with a garden for him to work on. Julie, who is taking her driving test next week, has her eyes on a new car, while Graham would also love to go on holiday to see Elvis's home in Graceland.

Graham and Julie have been playing The National Lottery[®] since it began over 10 years ago. Graham chose the numbers with a Lucky dip. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 30 September were 6, 11, 47, 48, 50, and the Lucky Star numbers were 1 and 6.

There is a £2.8 million estimated jackpot on tomorrow's Lotto draw (Wednesday 5 October) and a £9.7 million estimated jackpot available to win on Lotto Extra – while this Friday's (7 October) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million.

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