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Reading Couple Hit For Six By Lotto Jackpot Win

A cricket-mad couple from Reading have been bowled over after winning a £2,436,040 share of last Saturday's Lotto jackpot (26 August 2006).

Annette (56) and Terence Rooke (57) are now busy making plans for the future – including upgrading their holiday to Australia later this year to first class. The lucky couple are still deciding what else they want to spend their money on. Annette, an assistant at Ernst & Young, was at home when she discovered that they had won.

She said: "We always buy two Lucky Dips, but we never thought we would win. I checked the numbers on Teletext and had to go and get Terence from the garden, where he was mixing cement to lay a new patio. Neither of us could believe it, so we just kept checking the numbers over and over again. It is really only just beginning to sink in."

"We are thrilled and emotional. It's still a shock, so we haven't celebrated yet and it's hard to really think what we'll spend the money on. We will treat ourselves though. For a start, we had been planning to visit family in Australia at the end of the year. We'll definitely fly first class and we can have a longer trip. We fully intend to keep on playing Lotto. We'll do Lucky Dips still – we used to have regular numbers but recently changed. It's worked for us!"

The winning Lucky Dip® ticket was bought from Sainbury's in Broad Street, Reading. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 26 August were 10, 17, 24, 31, 42 and 49.

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This Wednesday, there is a £2.6 million estimated Lotto jackpot, while this Friday's EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip®

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