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## Shropshire Sparkies Wired After Lotto Win

An 11-strong syndicate of electricians is only just coming back down to 'earth' after plugging into an electrifying £263,783 Lotto win. The syndicate members were 'shocked' to discover they had matched five numbers and the bonus ball in the Lotto draw on Saturday 31 March.

The group, who all work at ABRO Donnington, found out about their win on Sunday 1 April. Some of the syndicate members thought it was an April Fools' joke – even after midday – and it took some convincing from syndicate leader, Tim Shuker (25), before they would believe it. To prove they really had won, Tim even had to go round to one fellow syndicate member's house and physically show him the ticket.

The lucky group have not yet decided on what to spend their individual shares of the winnings on, but have come up with lots of ideas and are very 'positive' about the future. Their 'current' plans include a deposit for a house, a new conservatory, holidays and a long list of new cars. The group have been playing since The National Lottery® launched over 12 years ago and used a 'system' for picking their numbers.

Tim explained: "Most people choose numbers like birthdays, which are low numbers. We only choose numbers over 31 because if we were ever to win, we reckon the prize split would be between fewer people and our share would be bigger."

The lucky Lotto ticket was bought at the Shell Garage in Ketley. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 31 March were 3, 35, 39, 42, 44, 48, and the bonus ball was 41.

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Tomorrow night's (Friday 6 March) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £18 million, while Saturday's (7 April), there is a £XX million estimated Lotto jackpot available to win. 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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