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From Redundancy To Riches ***Local couple celebrate scooping £8.5m Lotto Rollover jackpot***

Neil and Kate Chester from Margate are now celebrating a complete change in their fortunes after winning the £8,531,595 Lotto Rollover jackpot on Wednesday 5 September.

Neil (31) was made redundant only two weeks ago from his IT job in Guernsey. Neil and Kate (30), who have four young children aged between 15 months and 10-years-old, found out about the win on Friday, when Neil was travelling home from London, where he had been for the day for some job interviews. The lucky couple now plan to purchase a new Chrysler Voyager and a new family home with a large garden with their winnings. Kate is also looking forward to taking up horse-riding lessons.

Neil said: "If I hadn't been made redundant I would never have won the Lotto jackpot because you can't buy tickets in Guernsey. After I was made redundant we decided to move to Margate to stay with Kate's family and I bought a ticket. They do say that everything happens for a reason – and the win is an absolute dream come true. After 11 years of marriage, I can now take my wife on a honeymoon!"

He added: "With two job offers under my belt, I was very happy. So when I was walking home from the station I decided to pop into a shop to buy a chocolate bar and check my Lotto ticket at the same time. When the shopkeeper checked the ticket and told me I'd won, I nearly passed out! I ran home and planted a big kiss on Kate."

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Neil continued: “Our plans now are to enjoy life and fulfil our dreams. I am going to enjoy spending time with my family not going to work. We haven’t ever taken the children abroad on holiday so we are ecstatic that we are now able to do this. First on the shopping list will be a trip to Disneyland Paris for the whole family.”

Neil and Kate’s winning ticket, which was a Lucky Dip[®], was bought at Tesco Extra in Westwood Cross, near Broadstairs, in Kent. The winning Lotto numbers on Wednesday 5 September were 11, 24, 26, 35, 39 and 40.

Tomorrow’s (Wednesday 12 September) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.5 million, while Friday’s (14 September) 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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