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Lotto Luck For Young Folkestone Couple

A teenage couple from Folkestone in Kent are celebrating beginning a whole new life together after winning a £716,766 share of the Lotto jackpot on Saturday 15 September.

Ollie Kennedy and Kelly Lucas (both 18) discovered they were jackpot winners on Sunday afternoon, after Ollie finished playing a Sunday league game of football for the Gillespies. The Sunday evening celebrations for their 3-2 win were extended when Ollie arrived and announced that he and Kelly had hit the jackpot.

Kelly, who turned 18 earlier this month, and Ollie have a seven-month old son and plan to use their winnings to buy a house together. The couple only started to play the lottery two months ago and have kept the same numbers since the start – a selection based on birthday dates of family members and lucky numbers.

Ollie said: “I checked our lottery tickets on Teletext when I got back from playing football on Sunday. Kelly was with me and we couldn’t believe it when we saw that we had matched all six numbers – we’re still in complete shock, but obviously completely over the moon! We didn’t know what to do with the ticket so we decided the safest place to keep it would be in Kelly’s dad’s safe. We left it there while we went out to celebrate.”

Ollie continued: “Our families are really happy for us and we’re looking forward to buying a house together. I plan to have driving lessons and Kelly really wants a pink Peugeot 206.”

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Ollie and Kelly's winning ticket was bought at the Post Office in Bouverie Square, Folkestone, Kent. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 15 September were 3, 7, 12, 21, 25 and 36.

Today's (Wednesday 19 September) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.5 million, while Friday's (22 September) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £18 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 it chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip®.

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