

Football Fans Lacking Passion For Christmas Gifts

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Football fans of Britain don't want to share their passion for their club with the other love in their life this Christmas, with more than one third of fans claiming that the football themed gift they'd least like to receive is a club branded condom.

Whilst football fans are often known to be passionate about their team, 34.6% of supporters questioned by Football Scores.com (<http://www.footballscores.com>), in association with OnePoll, said that they least wanted to share that passion with the other love in their life this Christmas by unwrapping a condom in their club's colours.

Fans in the North West were found to be the least vehement, with 45.1% hoping that they wouldn't find a club condom in their stocking, closely followed by 42.5% of all fans in East Anglia.

But over in the North East, where fans are often considered to be amongst the most passionate, just 22.9% of fans would object to receiving a club-branded condom.

Other presents that proved unpopular in the Festive Football Gift Survey included a football shirt for the pet dog (12.5%) and a team garden gnome (10%). Football themed cutlery (5.5%), slippers (5.3%) and a team rubber duck (3.5%) were amongst items that fans were most willing to see under their tree.

The Festive Football Gift Survey also found that heading to your club's Megastore may not be the best idea if you're looking for that last minute gift, with just 13.5% of fans suggesting that they would be happy to receive and keep a gift bought from their club shop. That compares to one third (33.4%) who would throw their gift away, whilst one in four of those surveyed said that they would donate the gift to charity. 21.6% admitted that they would keep the gift but never use it.

It's unlikely that clubs will find the tills ringing this December either, with fans claiming that they would be spending an average of just £14.22 on football related Christmas gives, with two thirds claiming that they would spend less than £10, if anything at all in their club shop.

Clubs in the East Midlands are most likely to find their tills full in the run-up to the 25th, with fans in the region spending the most on average at £22.17, whilst fans in the South East were planning on spending the least at just £10.33.

View the full results of the Football Scores Festive Football Gift Survey at <http://www.footballscores.com/giftsurvey>