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£15bn cost of looking for a lover

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MONEY can't buy you love, according to the old song, but it seems Britons spend £15.2billion a year in pursuit of it.

Men fork out nearly twice as much as women on their partner during the first six months, splashing out £970 on drinks and dinners, £148 on presents and £63 on taxis, flowers and chocolates.

But a third of relationships end within 12 months, according to online dating service **Parship**. co. uk.

People lose £5billion a year when they break up, paying for CDs, clothes, pets, jewellery and cars, that are not returned to them by their ex.