

COUSINS FIND 'WRITE' WAY TO RAISE FUNDS

Schoolgirls' newspaper coins in charity cash

TWO talented Johnstone schoolgirls made the headlines when they decided to do something a little bit different to raise money for charity.

Using common sense, Joanna and Rachael put it all down to writing what they made up their minds to make real cash for their favourite charities. They started out to produce their very own newspaper, which they now push through local areas to raise money up to date with what's going on in their neighbourhood.

The Millstone Messenger is crisscrossed full of news, features, local history and information about what's going on in the community.

The newspaper is delivered free of charge, although recipients are asked to make donations which the girls send off to their favourite charities.

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WRITE ON: Joanna, left, and Rachael present a £100 cheque to Tracy McGregor, the manager of the Cancer Research UK charity.

neighbourhood newspaper every two months. And although the circulation area is mostly in and around Millstone Park, they have managed to make a better focus and on the grounds of the local newspaper, incorporating them in their promotional skills.

Chargers after a copy of the Messenger was taken into custody there.

Joanna, from Kilmarnock, and Rachael, from the Johnstone area, are both pleased with the success of their publication - but even more so by the amount of money it has raised for the charity.

Recently, they handed over £100 to Tracy McGregor, manager of the Cancer Research UK, charity in Glasgow, Scotland. They also hope to support Scotland's Cancer Relief in the future.

"We got the idea of producing the newspaper from a book which we looked up while searching and ways of raising money for charity," explained Joanna.

"Writing it is great fun and we are just pleased it helps to raise money for deserving charities. We plan to keep it going as long as possible."

Joanna and Rachael are both 14 and are currently studying at the Millstone High School. The girls, who are both 14, have been writing and editing all the articles themselves from the very first issue of the Millstone Messenger, before

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