

COUSINS FIND 'WRITE' WAY TO RAISE FUNDS

Schoolgirls' newspaper coins in charity cash

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

During summer holidays, Joanne and Rachael put it all down in writing when they made up their minds to raise vital cash for their favourite charities. They splashed out to produce their very own newspaper, which they now push through local house-houses, to keep readers up to date with what's going on in their neighbourhood.

The Milliken Messenger is crammed 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 invited to make donations which the girls send off to charity for organisations.

The journalists, who are high pupils at St Columba's High School, write and edit all the articles themselves then design the layout of the Milliken Messenger, before



WRITE ON: Joanne, left, and Rachael present a £100 cheque to Tricia McGrogan, the manager of the Cancer Research UK shop.

neighbourhood newspaper every two months. And although the circulation area is mainly in and around Milliken Park, they enjoyed to receive a letter from staff at the prestigious Liverpool Echo newspaper, congratulating them on their journalistic skills.

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

Joanne, from Kilmahon, and Rachael, from the Johnston Castle area, are both pleased with the success of their publication - but even more so by the amount of money it has raised so far for charity.

Recently, they handed over £100 to Tricia McGrogan, manager of the Cancer Research UK shop in Houston Court, Johnston. They also hope to support Macmillan Cancer Relief in the future.

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

"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."

"We have been the only school in the pipeline, so our copy sources aren't in danger of drying up for a while yet."

Terence Cassidy, who is Rachael's

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