

COUSINS FIND 'WRITE' WAY TO RAISE FUNDS

Schoolgirls' newspaper coins in charity cash

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

Joanna (16) and Rachael (15) decided to start a school newspaper. They spent six weeks producing their very first newspaper, which they now put through local businesses to help make up to date with what's going on in their neighbourhood.

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

"The Messenger" is delivered free of charge, although companies are invited to place advertisements which the girls send out to their neighbours.

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

neighbourhood newspaper every two months. And although the circulation area is mostly in and around Millstone Park,

Joanna and Rachael also sell copies of the Messenger to other schools nearby.

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

Recently, they handed over a £100 to Tricia McGregor, manager of the Cancer Research UK, charity in Millstone Park, Johnsons. They also hope to support Millstone Cancer Relief in the future.

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

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

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