

# 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 deserving causes.

Caring cousins Rachael Cassidy and Joanne Deans 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 letter-boxes 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 charitable organisations.

The journalistic genius of both pupils at St Cuthbert's High School – write and edit all the articles themselves then design the lay-out of the Milliken Messenger, before



WRITE ON: Joanne, left, and Rachael present a £100 cheque to Tricia McGregor, 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, overjoyed to receive a letter from staff on 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 Kilbarchan, and Rachael, from the Johnstone Castle area, are both pleased with the success of their publication – but even more so by the amount of money it has coined in for charity.

Recently, they handed over £100 to Tricia McGregor, manager of the Cancer Research UK shop in Houston Court, Johnstone. 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 ideas for other articles in the pipeline, so our copy sources aren't in danger of drying up for a while yet."

Tommy Cassidy, who is Rachael's

### KEY WORDS

Newspaper Name

Image

Detailed paragraphs

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Headline

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