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‘It takes a community to foster a writer’

THE launch of the third Anthology ‘Sea Spray and Woodland Glades’ by writers from the North Coast of Ireland was held at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush, on Wednesday, 22 May.

Three separate writing groups contributed to the collection: Pen and Paper, a u3a Group, Sanderlings, an independent Group from Portstewart and Words Inc, a Group sponsored by Libraries NI, based in Coleraine.

Its 21 contributors come from along the length of the North Coast of Ireland spanning from Ballycastle to Eglinton.

The event was again officially hosted by Causeway u3a.

Fifteen of the contributors read a piece of their work to an enthusiastic audience.

Pen and Paper met for the first time on Wednesday, 9 January 2019, in Agherton Church Hall, Portstewart, and now continue to meet weekly on Zoom.

Words Inc began in Coleraine Library in September 2022, and Sanderlings first met in Agherton Church Hall in January 2023.

The writers involved have proven to be so talented, prolific and enthusiastic that seven of the contributors have now published their own individual Collections, with two more in the planning stage.

Impspired Press is also delighted to announce that the Second Annual Soundwaves Competition is now open for submissions (closing date 31 July). This competition has been devised solely for writers from the North of Ireland.

The ten winners of Part One: the Writing Competition, will be published in the Winter 2024 Impspired Anthology and their online magazine. These ten will then go on to Part Two: The Showcase Event, performing their work in Portrush Town Hall on Saturday, 5 October as part of the Swell Festival.

The three winners chosen for the Best Poem, Best Prose piece and Best Performance will all receive trophies at the Showcase Event.

This anthology, the third in a series, all published by Impspired Press based in Lincoln, is on sale in No 6 Queen Street, Coleraine, and can also be purchased online from Amazon.

All proceeds from this book will go to The British Heart Foundation and to the RNLI.

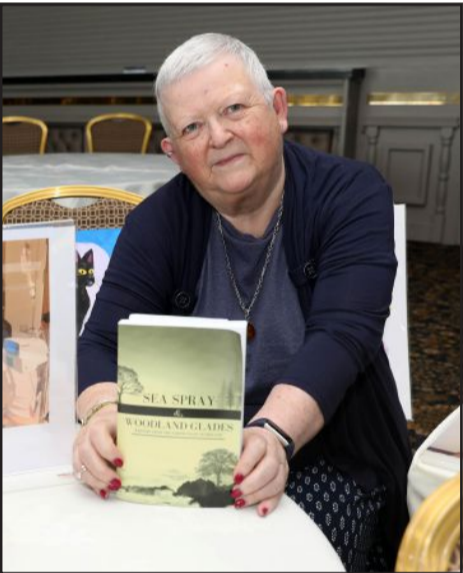
Its contributors wish to thank everyone in the North Coast community for their continued encouragement and assistance.

“On the surface writing appears to be a solitary pursuit but nothing could be further from the truth,” commented a spokesperson.

“To rework the old adage: if it takes a village to raise a child it takes a community to foster a writer.”



Helpers and guests enjoying the launch of the third Anthology ‘Sea Spray and Woodland Glades’ by writers from the North Coast of Ireland held at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush. WK22-12TM



Mary Farrell pictured during the launch of the third Anthology, ‘Sea Spray and Woodland Glades,’ by writers from the North Coast of Ireland at the Royal Court Hotel. Raffle money and proceeds from book sales will go towards the ‘Miles for Steve’ fund. WK22-09TM



Portstewart grandmother Mary Farrell and contributors pictured during the launch of the third Anthology ‘Sea Spray and Woodland Glades’ by writers from the North Coast of Ireland held at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush. WK22-11TM



Mary Farrell, contributors and helpers pictured during the launch of the third Anthology, ‘Sea Spray and Woodland Glades’ by writers from the North Coast of Ireland at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush. Raffle money and proceeds from book sales will go towards the ‘Miles for Steve’ fund. WK22-10TM



A section of the audience at the launch of the third Anthology ‘Sea Spray and Woodland Glades’ by writers from the North Coast of Ireland held at the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush. WK22-13TM