



WRITING
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Writers' Groups in Cumbria

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Literature Information from NEW WRITING CUMBRIA

Barrow Writers

Contact: Mark Miller
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Meets twice a month, first & third Tuesdays.
Contact for venue details. All kinds of
writing welcomed.

Brewery Poets

Contact: Patricia Pogson
4 Gowan Crescent
Staveley
Nr. Kendal LA8 9NF
Tel. 01539 821304

Meets monthly at the Brewery Arts Centre
in Kendal. Has broadcast on radio.
Experienced writers only.

Brough Poetry Group

Contact: Meg Peacocke
Tel: 017683 41218

Small group of both beginners and
experienced writers who meet fortnightly in
Brough on Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Sometimes members' poems on the table, or
exercises and games or the study of poems
from Chaucer onwards. Spaces are available
from time to time, please phone to enquire.

Carlisle Writers

Contact: Marjorie Carr
6 Cliff Road
Sandysyke
Longtown
Carlisle CA6 5SU
Tel: 01228 791905
Or email: marjoriecarr51.btinternet.com
www.carlislewriters.blogspot.com

Fortnightly group which meets at The Fire
Station, Rickergate, Carlisle first and third
Mondays of the month. 7 - 9pm. Has
published its own anthology. A chance to
read and discuss your own work and
complete optional assignments - poetry or
prose. Beginners welcome. Cost: £15 for
year.

Cockermouth Writers Circle

Contact: Michael Baron
Watergate Barn
Lowswater CA13 0RU
Tel. 01900 85289
mikbaron@macunlimited.net

Interests include fiction, travel,
autobiography. Six guest tutors a year. Meets
once a month, Wednesdays 7.30pm at the
All Saints Learning Centre in Cockermouth.
Beginners welcome.

Cumbrian Literary Group

Contact: Joyce Fisher
Calgarth, The Brow
Flimby, Maryport CA15 8TD
Tel: 01900 813444

Meets once a month from April to October
at the Quaker Meeting House, Keswick. For
writers and readers associated with the Lake
District, including beginners. Varied
programme of talks, visits and competitions.

Cumbrian Poets

Contact: Christopher Pilling
25 High Hill, Keswick CA12 5NY
Tel: 017687 73814

Meetings once a month, usually on last
Friday, where poets discuss critically and
offer feedback one poem from each
participant.

Chrispilling@onetel.com

Cumbrian Rural Women Writers

Contact: Zosia Wand
11 Clarence Street
ULVERSTON LA12 7JJ
Tel: 01229 585534
zosia@magicwands.org.uk

Meet one evening a month at Ford Park House in Ulverston for a creative writing workshop. Sessions are facilitated by local writer Zosia Wand. New members welcome at any time.

Dove Cottage Poets

Contact: Andrew Forster, Literature Officer
The Wordsworth Trust
Dove Cottage
Grasmere
LA22 9SH
015394 63523
A.Forster@wordsworth.org.uk
www.wordsworthtrust.org.uk

Poetry group based at the Wordsworth Trust in Grasmere. All comers welcome on last Friday of the month 2-3pm in the Rotunda at the Jerwood Centre, usually working with the Trust's Poet in Residence.

Eden Children's Writers

Contact: Veronika Robinson
The Cottage, Glassonby
CA10 1DU
Tel: 01768 897121

Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at the New Crown Inn, Ainstable 7.00 - 9.00pm. Beginners welcome.

Fourth Monday Poets

Contact: Mark Carson
Plumpton Hall
Ulverston LA12 7QN
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The poetry group for Barrow, Coniston, Millom, Ulverston and area. Meets at the King's Arms, Ulverston at 7.30pm every 4th Monday. Admission free: bring 10 copies of a poem to discuss over a friendly pint.

Grange over Sands U3A Creative Writing Group

Contact: Tony Shelton
1a Kilmidyke Lodge
Kilmidyke Drive
Grange over Sands LA11 7AJ
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shelton@kilmidyke.ndo.co.uk

University of the Third Age writing group (you must be a member of U3A first)

Kendal Writers' Circle

Contact: Chris Tyler
Castle Street Centre
Castle Street
Kendal
LA9 7AD
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chrisjtyler@btinternet.com

Meet second Thursday of the month, 8pm. A self-help group open to all; encouragement of writers, with support and advice. A theme is selected each month 'to get creative juices flowing'. Entrance fee £1 - inc. tea and cakes. Details of programme on website: www.communigate.co.uk/lakes/kendalwriterscafe

The Lakes Writers Circle

Contact: Eric Clayton
10 Rayrigg Rise
Windermere LA23 3DR

Meets on last Thursday of each month at the Ladyholme Centre, Windermere, 7.30pm. Occasional dinners and get-togethers, and very occasionally guest tutors. Beginners

Tel. 015394 42863

Lakeland Writers Group

Contact: Martin Chambers
3 Greenbank Lane
Cockermouth CA13 9EF
Tel: 01900 823882
or Sara Barnes: enquiries@nicheworks.biz

Mungrisdale Writers

Contact: Jill Faux
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jill.faux@googlemail.com
See www.mungrisdalewriters.org.uk for
details of membership & dates of meetings

Orton Scribblers

Contact: Sue Millard
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Or Jackie Huck
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Penrith Writers Group

Contact: Mike Eyles
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Rusland Writers

Contact: Jean Wilkinson
1 Derwent Cottage
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Grange over Sands
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Senhouse Writers Group

Contact: Jane Laskey
Senhouse Museum
The Battery, Sea Brows
Maryport CA15 6JD
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South Cumbria Playwrights

Contact: Zosia Wand
11 Clarence Street
ULVERSTON LA12 7JJ
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Ulverston Writers

Contact: Maggie Norton
12 Townbank Road

warmly welcomed.

Last Wednesday of the month at Papcastle
Village Hall, nr Cockermouth 7.35pm.

A genuine community group which
welcomes established, aspiring and novice
writers on alternate Thursdays in
Mungrisdale Village Hall from 10.30am to
1.30pm with their tutor Angela Locke.

Monthly: second Monday 7.30pm at Orton
Market Hall

Provisionally: Lowther Arms, Penrith - details
of meetings not yet finalised (May 08) so
contact Mike for further information

Very small but very active group in the
Rusland Valley who meet regularly in each
others' houses.

Monthly, on Wednesdays 10.30am - 1.30pm,
at Senhouse Museum. Tutor: Angela Locke.
Contact the museum for details.

Provides a chance to develop skills, and have
work performed. Friendly support and
information for beginners and experienced
writers. Guest tutors; annual showcase
event. Meets monthly at the Coronation Hall
in Ulverston.

Meets fortnightly at Owl Barn, Back Lane,
Ulverston. Saturday workshops open to all;
occasional guest tutors; midsummer and

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Whitehaven Writers

Contact: Mike Harrington

9 Townsfield Close

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Christmas showcases; quarterly anthologies; radio broadcasts.

Meet at the Senhouse Centre, Senhouse Street, Whitehaven on Tuesdays, 2.00 - 4.00pm. Charge £2.00 per session, for room hire (premises fully accessible). Writers in any genre welcome. Informal group with no regular leader.

Wild Women!

Contact: Vik Bennett

Wild Women Press

Flat 10

The Common

Windermere LA23 1JH

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vik@wildwomenpress.com

Aims to 'celebrate life creatively' using *all* arts. Live performances by guest writers and group members; quarterly bulletin; published anthology; Wild Women Press. Beginners welcome on courses.

Website: www.wildwomenpress.com

Workington Writing Group

Contact: Sheila Fielder

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Wednesdays 10.00 - 12.00, term time only, at Harrington Youth Club. Open to all; cost is £40.00 for 10 weeks (but payable in instalments if desired).

Write of Eden

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Temporarily out of action 2008. May start again 2009: contact Lynette for details

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Details correct as far as is known (July 2009) - but you are advised to phone before attending any group.

Please advise us if you think any of the details given here are incorrect.

Are you on the *New Writing Cumbria* email list? It's free to subscribe to our monthly e-Update newsletters – just email sue.allan@edenarts.co.uk