



JUST PUBLISHED: Gladys Hobson, of Ulverston, and Bob Taylor with their new poetry and story book *Northern Lights*

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# Ulverston writer co-author of new book

A WRITER from Ulverston is one of the co-authors of a new book of poems and stories about Northern England.

*Northern Lights* features a delightful cover photograph of snow-covered Ulverston and its famous landmark, the Sir John Barrow Monument.

Ulverston-based writer and illustrator Gladys Hobson combined her talents with Yorkshireman Bob Taylor and other guest writers for *Northern Lights*.

The 144-page paperback has been produced by Magpies' Nest Publishing, which Mrs Hobson originally set up to publish and print her book *Red Boxes* from

which profits are being donated to charity.

She has since extended Magpies' Nest publications to include a number of novels and other books including *Blazing Embers* by Angela Ashby and *When Angels Lie* by Richard L Gray.

*Northern Lights* includes 65 poems and stories, many by Mrs Hobson and her co-writer and editor Mr Taylor.

It begins with a charming descriptive poem about Ulverston called *Remember?* written by John A Silkstone, from Lincolnshire.

It features the ancient market square, old buildings and new

shops and the "quaint museum, with its ten-seated cinemas, dedicated to Stan and Ollie".

Among Mrs Hobson's contributions is a poem called *Morris Dancers*, vividly describing displays by local dancers, even referring to women dancers now joining the jolly throng.

Another of her works is the poem *Ulverston* — a lovely offering to publicise the town, featuring its setting between the mountains and the sea, the canal, monument, bands, the market hall and the start of the Cumbria Way.

The authors mainly live in the Northern England, and the book contains an interesting mix of

stories and poems, from light laughter to dark humour, charming tenderness to heavy drama.

She said: "I got friendly with Bob Taylor and liked his poems and stories so much that we decided to do a book together."

"Then we joined up with other writers to produce the *Northern Lights*."

"I've done the illustrations as I did for my other books, while my husband Ralph took the photograph for the front cover."

*Northern Lights* costs £6.99 and is available from local bookshops or direct from Magpies' Nest Publishing.

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