

## PRESS RELEASE

### SCARBOROUGH AUTHORS' UNIQUE HOMAGE TO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Despite failing to get backing from the University, 26 local writers, all mature students or tutors from the University of Hull (Scarborough Campus) Creative Writing Honours Degree Programme have come up with a headline grabbing homage to their former *alma mater*.

The 26 authors have written and financed the publication of a book, which illustrates all of the seven basic plots said to exist in literature, hence its title "Plotting Shed". The contributors to the anthology hope to sell copies, not only to the general public, but also to educational establishments worldwide. They believe it is a unique publication in a niche market and should become a standard course work book for aspiring writers.

One of the authors, John Cooper, said, "We thought the university would leap at the chance to show how graduates have succeeded in their writing careers. But, they were cold on the idea. We got little encouragement or assistance once Hull had pulled out from Scarborough. We decided to press ahead and celebrate our achievements anyway'.

Editor and a co-author of the anthology, David Lewis, a final year student on the Course, said 'This has been a long year in the making but the effort has been so worthwhile; the result is a book that the general reader can enjoy as well as providing a much needed source book for Creative Writing students everywhere. We have already received orders from Holland, South Africa, Germany and Indonesia. It will make an ideal Christmas present for all who love the printed word.'

A film has been made telling the rationale behind the anthology and the book is being actively promoted in the UK and abroad. It has a strong local as well as international flavour. The book, published by Bryn Stowe Publications is available from booksellers on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The Mayor of Scarborough, Councillor Simon Green, will attend a sell-out Grand Charity Gala launch night of the book at the Stephen Joseph Theatre on 27 November, when Lady Heather Ayckbourn and poet Felix Hodcroft will co-host. Ticket proceeds will go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

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13 of the authors taking a summer break from planning the new book, *Plotting Shed*

Putting the book together at one of the *Plotting Shed* writing workshops.





Editor David Lewis discusses finer points with the authors.



The cover.

