

**Mary King**, a long-standing member of our writing group has been selected as one of the winners of The Poetry Business Book & Pamphlet Competition (see [www.poetrybusiness.co.uk](http://www.poetrybusiness.co.uk)). The Sheffield-based Poetry Business is a poetry publisher and writer development agency which publishes under the smith|doorstop imprint, edits a literary magazine and runs a wide range of classes and courses. It also runs the annual Book & Pamphlet Competition. According to former poet laureate Andrew Motion, The Poetry Business is, “One of the most vital and vitalising literature organisations in the country.”

Now in its 30th year, the competition is a significant event in the literary calendar and has helped to launch the careers of poets including Mike Barlow, Mimi Khalvati, Michael Laskey, Allison McVety, Kim Moore, Daljit Nagra, Jane Routh and David Tait.

This year's winners were chosen in March by Billy Collins, former United States Poet Laureate, and a launch reading at the Wordsworth Centre in the Lake District on 18 June is part of their prize.

Mary's collection, entitled 'Homing' consists of 'The Godwit' (based on the incredible annual migration story of this bird) and other poems. The dedication includes “Borderland Voices, who write for mental well-being”.



Mary King (left) with Sheena and Pauline Heathcote