

RIBBON ROAD are :

Brenda Heslop – Vocals, guitar

Jill Heslop – Vocals, accordion, keyboards

Geoff Heslop – Vocals, guitar

Ribbon Road have been together for 20 years. Seven albums have been recorded containing over 70 of Brenda's songs. Brenda's husband Geoff, who has produced over 100 folk albums in the last 40 years, arranges and records them as well as often playing the instruments and providing harmonies. Just recently they have been joined by Jill, providing a third harmony and accordion.

The background of the hills of Northumberland, where Brenda has lived and worked as a shepherd all her life gives her the imagery; the arrangements have an original quality, often using folk tunes as a secondary melody to the main tune. The sound is very much based on their harmony singing, accentuating the words of these beautifully crafted and haunting songs. The subject matter can range from love songs to concerns over marriage break-up and homelessness, but always written with great understanding and sympathy.

Ribbon Road's music has received much critical acclaim and Brenda was recently named as Songwriter of the Week and Album of the Week (Roadside Dreams) on BBC Radio Scotland's 'Iain Anderson Show' and featured on Colum Sands show on BBC Radio Ulster.

Their 7th album 'Roadside Dreams' was released in April 2012

'I took the disc home and put it on the CD player and I've got to tell you something.....I don't think I can remember a time when I was so completely engrossed, impressed, entranced - I do believe that this song is very special indeed – from the CD 'Roadside Dreams' by Ribbon Road, the beautiful voice of Brenda Heslop – I just think this is simply amazing' **Mike Harding**
Radio 2

'These are modern folk songs chronicling the lives and the sometimes dreadful preoccupations of the underdog and the disenfranchised. All written by Brenda Heslop whose sensitive voice brings such warmth to these tales and pictures – there's much lightness to balance the dark. The album celebrates the strength of human spirit in the face of adversity. As such a very relevant set of tunes for these times. It is far from classic rock, but it's a truly classic album'.

Roadside Dreams – The Link Magazine

"Ribbon Road is songwriter Brenda Heslop and her husband Geoff (famed producer of many classic releases). They sing in perfect balance and gentle close harmony on Brenda's acutely personal songs. Tender, intimate and haunting, these songs are genuinely moving and all the

better for using absolutely minimal instrumental settings". – fRoots

"Songwriter Brenda Heslop has a secret, and she will whisper it in your ear: but a shocking secret, and its effect on you is much greater than you expect from a whisper. True, Brenda's secrets are in song, but the effect of her quiet vocals and harmonies with husband Geoff whacks you in the lughole and makes you pay attention. - The Living Tradition

"Brenda is one classy writer and vocalist - her albums are slow burners that reveal their charms on repeated exposure..." - Rock and Reel

Albums - 'The Music of My Heart' / 'The Mortgaged Heart' / 'The Moving Cloud' / 'The Tender Coming' / 'Golden Bells' / 'It Couldn't Last' / Roadside Dreams

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