

Volunteer receives highest award in Guiding



Jill Stott from Caernarfonshire has been awarded The Silver Fish, the highest award in guiding for services to guiding in the UK and worldwide.

Jill was awarded The Silver Fish at Hendre Hall in Bangor at the Girlguiding Caernarfonshire awards evening by Chief Commissioner, Felicity Ladbroke following a nomination by her County Commissioner, Gill Wilkinson and many other volunteers within her county.

Jill has dedicated 39 years of volunteering to Girlguiding Cymru. Over the years she has volunteered in numerous ways ranging from being the County Commissioner to opening a new Brownie pack in Llanberis. As well as holding county roles, Jill has represented Wales many times leading international projects in India and Russia. These included setting up a project teaching local women how to make crafts to sell on, encouraging them to be self-sustaining and working with Senior Section members to help children in an orphanage.

Guiding in Wales has truly been enhanced by Jill's contribution of time and effort.

Jill was completely over whelmed with emotions when the award was presented to her *"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be awarded this, I'm speechless."*

The county had been notified about the award but managed to keep it a secret for months. Jill's family were at the award ceremony, completely unknown to her until the award was revealed.

Gill Wilkinson County Commissioner for Caernarfonshire said *"A fantastic and very well deserved award. It's volunteers like Jill that inspire girls and leaders to achieve their potential. She has inspired so many girls and women over the years - me included!"*