

Press Release

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BROWNIES IN OAKDALE HAVE FUN EXPLORING THEIR GUIDING HISTORY

Girlguiding Cymru received over £41,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Young Roots project to help young people explore their heritage. The Young Roots project enabled local young volunteers from across Wales to discover the history behind Girlguiding in their local area.

1ST Oakdale Brownies were one of the six Girlguiding Cymru Units who were selected to carry out the Young Roots project. The Units carried out interviews with past members as well as key community figures that had some involvement with their Unit. The girls looked at old photographs, badges, uniform and memorabilia to discover and gain a greater understanding of what their Units used to be like years ago.

As part of the project there was a Young Roots showcase conference held at Girlguiding Cymru's Headquarters, Broneirion on 11 March. The participants each had the opportunity to share their findings with the wider community.

Chloe, 9 a Brownie from Oakdale Unit said: *"I've had do much fun doing this project, my favourite part was trying on the old uniform. I love being a Brownie and I am proud to be part of something that has been going for so long."*

The project was a great success and provided the girls with the opportunity to learn new skills as well as learning about the history of the organisation.

Girls in guiding can get involved in everything from science experiments and performing arts, to adventure sports and community action projects. For more information about volunteering or how to become a member visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

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Pictures attached show: 1st Oakdale Brownies and their Leaders at the Young Roots showcase conference.

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