A Great Big Thank You To 4th Hale Brownies

We were kindly invited by **4th Hale Brownies** to give a talk after being selected by the girls as the local charity that they would like to fundraising for. The girls asked lots of questions, had loads of stories to tell about their own pets and there was an overwhelming and collective "aww" each time a photo of a cute puppy or kitten appeared. Their confidence and thirst for knowledge about animals was very encouraging for the current and future welfare of animals; one Brownie even went home with a leaflet on "Working for the RSPCA" - obviously a long way off yet for her but still very heartening that she wanted to make a difference not just now but also in the future.

The talk lasted for about 40 minutes and the girls were amazing. They were quiet, inquisitive and very attentive – that is until the squash and cake arrived……but then who isn't easily districted by cake?! A week or so afterwards we were thrilled to receive many cards from the girls thanking us for giving the talk – all were individually drawn and handwritten!

The Brownies then had the task of deciding how to raise money. Leader Cathy says,

> *"We had a Brownie Pow Wow and the girls came up with lots of fundraising ideas and then everyone voted to show which ideas were most popular. The idea of a bake sale appealed to lots of the girls, as many of them were part-way through their baking badge and thought they could finish the badge and make cakes to sell at the same time. They also loved the idea of a "bring and buy" sale, as lots of them had books and toys they no longer wanted but that they thought might appeal to their friends. They also thought it would be fun to do face painting, but we agreed the standard might not be good enough to sell, so they came up with the idea of doing glitter tattoos instead.*
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> *We decided to combine all of these ideas and have 4 activities at the fundraiser:*
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> - *a bring and buy sale*
> - *a bake sale*
> - *glitter tattoos*
> - *a raffle*
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> *On the evening of the event each girl brought in some money and contributions of toys and cakes. The unit had bought the glitter tattoos and raffle prizes, and the leaders had done some baking too! We then spent an hour and a half having lots of fun, taking it in turns to man the stalls……and spending all of our money!"*



Just one example of the baked good for sale – "RSPCA cupcakes" made by Maisy, aged 9



…..and we are delighted to announce that the Brownies raised a whopping **£130!!!!** for our Branch.

We are extremely grateful to **4th Hale Brownies** for choosing us to fundraise for and for the outstanding money raised. Hopefully we'll be able to do something together again in the future, as teaching children the wonderful diversity of animals and the reward that caring for them brings, is so important.

UPDATE UPDATE

The photograph below shows the huge amount of food, toys and snoozer bed that were purchased from our Amazon Wish List by **4th Hale Brownies** from the money they raised.



THANK YOU AGAIN 4th HALE BROWNIES!