

TOWN COUNCIL NETS A WINNER TO HELP GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM

Rhyl Town Council has stepped in at the final whistle to save a girls' football team.

Rhyl Hearts FC U16 girls' team – known as The Divas - was at risk of folding for good after the players out-grew their kit.

Without the funding to buy new, the team feared it would either have to disband or play in ill-fitting, uncomfortable gear. Moved by the team's dilemma, Rhyl Town Council stepped in and will sponsor the 14-strong squad for the next two years.

Rhyl Mayor Cllr Sarah Roberts said: "The team are a great bunch of girls, all of whom wanted to continue playing the sport they so love. They are fantastic ambassadors, not just for their sport but also for Rhyl.

"We were impressed by The Divas' dedication and know how desperately they wanted to keep playing. Now the squad can kick off the season in comfort in their Rhyl Town Council-sponsored kit."

The council worked with Deganwy-based Grassroots Sports Kits and Services which specialises in finding support for up and coming clubs.

Grassroots' Mike Smith said: "Having a new kit has really made a difference to the players. They have gone from considering winding up to facing the season and their matches in style. Thanks to the town council, they are now a very, very, happy bunch of girls."

The team, which trains at Rhyl's Coronation Gardens and plays in the North Wales Girls Football League Under 16s - has been given a full match day kit with rain jackets for the players and coach.

Caps: Rhyl Mayor Cllr Sarah Roberts and Rhyl Hearts FC U16 girls' team manager John Watkiss.

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