

New Year's Day Dip 2027

Terms and Conditions

Registration

- All participants must pay the applicable registration fee.
- Online registration for the New Year's Day Dip 2027 will close at the date and time specified on the event registration page.
- Participants may register on the day of the event, subject to availability.
- Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Fees contribute towards the costs of organising and delivering the event.

Fundraising

- We encourage participants to raise at least £27 in sponsorship in aid of St Margaret's Hospice Care.
- Participants who raise £27 or more will receive a complimentary bobble hat, subject to availability.
- By taking part, you agree that all sponsorship and donations raised in connection with your participation will be paid to St Margaret's Hospice Care in full.

Event Changes and Weather

- The event is subject to weather, sea and tidal conditions.
- St Margaret's Hospice Care reserves the right to alter the event format, delay the start, shorten the event or cancel it if conditions are considered unsafe.
- If, for reasons beyond our control, the event cannot go ahead or needs to be postponed, participants will be contacted as soon as reasonably possible by email. Updates will also be shared via our website and social media channels.

Health and Safety

- St Margaret's Hospice Care has taken all reasonable steps to minimise risks associated with this event. However, participation in an open water event carries an inherent level of risk. By taking part, you accept these risks and agree to participate at your own discretion.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring they are medically fit to take part. We do not recommend participation if you are pregnant or have a heart condition, respiratory condition, epilepsy, Raynaud's syndrome, uncontrolled high blood pressure, or any medical condition that may be worsened by cold water immersion. If you are unsure, please seek advice from your GP or healthcare professional before participating.
- Participants must not be under the influence of alcohol or recreational drugs before or during the event.
- Participants must follow all instructions given by event organisers, marshals, lifeguards and other safety personnel before, during and after the event. Failure to do so may result in participants being prevented from taking part or asked to leave the event.
- Participants should wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring warm clothing, a towel and dry clothes to change into after the event.
- The purpose of the New Year's Day Dip is to take part in a brief sea dip. Participants should remain in the water for no longer than ten minutes. Swimming away from the designated event area is not permitted.
- Participants must only enter the sea within the designated event area and during the times instructed by event organisers.
- Participants must leave the water immediately if instructed to do so by marshals, lifeguards or emergency services.

- Participants should take care when entering and leaving the sea, as the beach may be uneven or slippery. Diving or jumping into the water is not permitted.

Children and Accessibility

- This event is unsuitable for children under the age of 12 years.
- Participants aged 12 to 17 years must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.
- Due to the nature of the beach terrain, accessibility is limited and the event may not be suitable for wheelchair users. If you require additional support to participate, please contact the event organisers before registering so that we can discuss any reasonable adjustments that may be available.

Dogs

- Dogs are welcome on Minehead Beach but remain the responsibility of their owners at all times. Dogs must be kept under control and should not interfere with participants or the event.

Photography and Media

- By registering for this event, you agree that official photographs and videos taken during the event may be used by St Margaret's Hospice Care for promotional, marketing and fundraising purposes. If you would prefer not to appear in official photography or videography, please contact us after booking.
- We welcome participants sharing their own photographs and videos on social media. By tagging St Margaret's Hospice Care or submitting content to us, you give permission for us to share and use this content for promotional purposes.
- Participant Behaviour
- Any participant displaying abusive, aggressive or anti-social behaviour towards participants, volunteers, staff or members of the public will be asked to leave the event immediately.

Liability

- St Margaret's Hospice Care, its employees, agents and volunteers accept no liability for any loss, damage or personal injury sustained during the event, except where caused by our negligence or where liability cannot legally be excluded.
- Personal belongings are brought to the event at the owner's risk. St Margaret's Hospice Care cannot accept responsibility for any lost, stolen or damaged items.
- Privacy
- The data consents and communication preferences selected during registration will apply to all participants included within that booking.
- Any personal data collected during registration will be processed in accordance with St Margaret's Hospice Care's Privacy Notice.

Event Day

- All participants will receive a complimentary hot drink, subject to availability.
- St Margaret's Hospice Care will provide comprehensive medical cover for the duration of the event.

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. If you are resident elsewhere, you will retain the benefit of any mandatory legal protections applicable in your country of residence.

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