



Shark Encounter Challenge for The Message Trust

It is now very popular for people to do something quite out of the ordinary to raise money for a worthwhile cause. We are now giving you the opportunity to raise money for our work in numerous challenging and exciting ways.

The Shark Encounter challenge is certainly not for the faint hearted, so is worthy of you asking your friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you! You will not only have the experience of a lifetime, but you'll have a huge sense of achievement as you raise much needed funds for the young people of Greater Manchester.

Thank you so much your interest in our Shark Encounter in aid of The Message Trust. You will find below further information about the challenge ahead and how to book, payment options, location, duration and kit list.

Information

Dive Info

- Close-up shark encounters guaranteed
- Join Europe's largest collection of sharks
- PADI recognised Discover Scuba session (absolute beginners welcome)
- Full equipment
- Free entry for 2 spectators

Each shark dive slot (2.15pm and 4.15pm every day except Christmas Day) has space for 6 divers; therefore, please do try to get a team together of 6 people so that you have exclusive access to the sharks! Also, multiple divers will receive a discounted rate. If you are not able to get this many people on board, please do still lodge your interest with Tess at The Message Trust (details below), who will endeavour to get other Message supporters to join your dive.

Once you have a team together, please let Tess know (see below contact details). Then you will need to get available dates from your team – we recommend giving yourselves at least 6 months between booking and doing the shark dive to maximise the amount of sponsorship you will be able to raise for The Message Trust.

Once you have agreed some dates with the other divers, please let Tess know and she will set a date with the Blue Planet Aquarium on your behalf. Then you will be required to pay a deposit to The Message Trust.

Payment Options

N.B. Discounts available on multiple bookings, contact Tess for further info.

Self Funder: Deposit = £49
 Balance = £150

Self funding participants are also requested to raise a minimum sponsorship amount of £400.

Flexi: Deposit = £49
 Balance = £50
 Minimum Sponsorship = £600

Minimum Deposit = £49
Sponsorship: Minimum Sponsorship = £650

(See 'Payment Options Explained' info sheet for further information and to help you decide which payment option to choose.)

Location Blue Planet Aquarium
 Longlooms Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 9LF

By Road: Blue Planet Aquarium is at J10 of the M53 and is easy to find from the M56 and M6. If you're travelling from the M6, join the M56 at J20, then head towards Ellesmere Port and turn onto the M53 at J15. Follow the brown tourist information signs for Blue Planet and Cheshire Oaks. There is ample car and coach parking.

Sat Nav: Anyone using satellite navigation systems should type in either the postcode **CH65 9LF**, or **Kinsey Road**.



By Train: If travelling by train, the nearest railway station is Ellesmere Port, about 2 miles away. Services run from Chester and Liverpool Lime Street Underground Station (Wirral Line). There are regular trains between Manchester Piccadilly and Liverpool Lime Street. See www.gmpte.com for further information on travelling from Greater Manchester.

Duration ½ day (approx. 2½ hours training and 30mins in tank)

Kit List Please bring swimming costume/trunks, shower products and any food and drinks you will require. Everything else will be provided by the Blue Planet Aquarium.

Thank you so much for your enquiry, if you have any further questions about the work of our charity or about the challenge, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course when we'll hopefully be booking you in to dive with sharks!



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