

PRESS RELEASE
**The Bluetits Fundraiser for The Great Solva Mosaic
Steps Project**

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A Full-Moon Swim for Solva Care



The Bluetits on Solva Quay before their swim

On the evening of Sunday 3 December, Solva's famous TV stars The Bluetits Open Water Swimmers (friends of Robson Green, you know!) held a full-moon swim in Solva harbour.

Santa arrived by boat, complete with jingle bells, and there was a tombola and barbeque with meat kindly donated by Jon James. Participants jumped in a hot tub afterwards, and swimmers – and non-swimmers – enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies at Solva's Café on the Quay.

The event was to raise money for the handrails for The Great Solva Mosaic Project. This community venture aims to decorate the steps by the Pwll Melyn lay-by with handmade mosaics created by members of the local community. Weekly masterclasses are being run by artists Penny Dafforn – one of the *Bluetits* (in the white furry cape, below) – and Maddie Janes. The event raised over £800.



One of the Bluetits, Penny Dafforn, in festive attire



Santa arriving by boat into Solva harbour

Solva Care is a community based project focusing on social care. It was set up in 2015, in response to the wishes of the local residents, to support individuals and families with a variety of services. The initiative has been extended following the success of its pilot project.

The aims of Solva Care are to maintain and improve health and wellbeing by:

- enabling residents to stay in their own homes and remain part of the community;
- offering a way to counteract loneliness, isolation and social disadvantage; and
- providing extra support for those who are caring for relatives.
- Running activities to connect the community and enhance well-being.

For further information on Solva Care, please contact Solva Care Trustee Sue Denman on 07817 410 782.

Further information about the **Bluetits** can be found on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Bluetits-Open-Water-Swimmers-Pembrokeshire-539947699493667/posts/>