

LANDPORT: Scuba divers immerse themselves in marathon swim for charities

Flippers' attitude raises thousands

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DIVERS took the plunge to raise thousands of pounds for charity with an underwater marathon.

Members of Triton Divers – a diving club based at Triton Scuba in Highland Road, Southsea – hit the water at Victoria Swimming Pool in Anglesey Road to raise cash for two local charities.

A total of 28 divers took part in a fund-raising relay scuba dive which lasted two hours and 10 minutes to raise the money.

The cash was in aid of The Rowans Hospice in Purbrook and the Rainbow Centre for Conductive Education in Fareham, which helps youngsters with cerebral palsy.

The money will be presented at a charity dinner to be held at the Queens Hotel in Southsea.

Divers aged between 13 and 50 swam the equivalent distance of a marathon underwater in scuba equipment to raise the money.

More than 100 club members, including divers, were involved in the fund-raising bid, and others turned up to show their support.

They helped with equipment changes, length count and worked as rescue divers or provided surface cover.

Twenty students from



Triton divers surface for a breather during their marathon swim

PICTURE: MAX GREEN

South Downs College also volunteered to help with lifting and carrying.

Triton Scuba director David Jones said: 'Everyone had a fantastic time. There were a

few weary legs at the end and a lot of cheering and support.

'And it was great to see so many people getting involved. We had no idea there would be over 100 people there on

the day. We wanted to raise money because we are a big group and can help. We are part of the community so we wanted to give something back to the community.'