

PEMBROKESHIRE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH PRESS RELEASE

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**Green Group Celebrates 25 Successful Years**



Pictured are supporters of Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth who, last Sunday, did a sponsored swim at Tenby's North Beach as part of the group's celebration of 25 successful years.

Over 50 people attended the anniversary celebration at the Fourcroft Hotel where, after an excellent lunch, they heard presentations from marine scientist Blaise Bullimore, the former Executive Director of Friends of the Earth, Charles Secrett, the Director of Friends of the Earth Cymru, Gareth Clubb, and the group's co-founder and main campaigner, Gordon James.

Speaking after the event, Gordon James said:

"It's been an excellent day which enabled all of us to realise how much we've achieved over the years. We have been at the forefront of almost all the main environmental campaigns in the area, most of which have been successful.

“We began by setting up a paper recycling scheme in Narberth before going on to help bring about improvements in bathing water quality; oppose plans to burn a filthy fuel (orimulsion) at the old Pembroke power station; respond in many ways to the Sea Empress oil spill; put forward cost-effective alternatives, which were accepted by the Welsh Government, to the dualling of the A 40; encourage the development of cleaner forms of energy; raise awareness about climate change and solutions to the problem; and much else.

“We have also done numerous practical projects like beach cleaning, putting up bird boxes and planting trees, and regularly organise walks, talks and public meetings.

“Although Pembrokeshire is renowned for its natural beauty and wildlife, it has had more than its fair share of environmental problems. We hope to be around for another 25 years to protect the natural environment, help develop the green economy, and improve the quality of people’s lives.”

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