

Information Pack: Introductory Experiences, Entry Level & Children's Courses (Leicester)

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About Us

Scuba 2000 was founded by Karen Parrott in 1995 and the business began in Uckfield, East Sussex. With a strong team behind her, Karen evolved Scuba 2000 into a very successful business, with an outstanding reputation for quality, professional and safe training.

In 2017, Karen relocated to Cornwall, where the Scuba 2000 HQ is now located. Cornwall is renowned for hosting some of the best diving in the UK and is a popular tourist destination.

From 2021, we are pleased to also offer training within Leicester and the surrounding areas.

Through our long-standing partnership with Scuba Schools International (SSI), we provide a full range of scuba diving courses from 8 years plus. We also offer family-friendly diving trips and holidays, have an active dive club and stock a range of professional quality equipment, from suppliers such as Mares and Cressi.

Our full range of courses will be introduced in Leicester throughout 2021 and 2022. **We're offering some special promotional rates and inviting all interested parties to get in touch with us to take advantage of these offers.**



What makes Scuba 2000 stand out?

There's a few unique factors that make **Scuba 2000 a preferred choice** for your scuba training and **make us stand out** beyond others in the industry.

- We've been in business for 25+ years with a strong reputation for safe, professional training
- We're family-friendly, welcoming and inclusive through and through
- We provide top-notch customer service, pay attention to detail and develop a personal relationship with all our clients
- We teach in small classes or on a VIP 1:1 basis, to provide a safer and more personalised experience
- We have flexible training and travel schedules to suit your needs and budget
- Our teaching goes beyond the industry standards
- We have a highly experienced, dedicated and passionate team.



Training in Leicester

Meet your Instructor, Ayaan!

[Ayaan Chitty](#) leads all our training in Leicester. He learned to dive with Scuba 2000 back in 1998 and progressed to become an Advanced Open Water Instructor. He was also Crew Manager and leader of the junior programmes at Scuba 2000 for several years until 2012. After a few years away from diving, due to life changes and other work commitments, Ayaan is now very excited to be back at Scuba 2000 and running courses in Leicester!

Ayaan has always loved the water, having been a competitive swimmer in his teenage years and working as a lifeguard while at college and university. He instantly took to scuba diving and has enjoyed travelling to many amazing locations around the world.

Ayaan's passion is sharing his enthusiasm and love for diving through teaching others. He is now a father and family man, so naturally enjoys promoting the sport to children and families.



You can reach out to Ayaan here:

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- [Instagram](#): @ayaanchitty
- [LinkedIn](#): @ayaanchitty-travel
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- Telephone: +44 (0)7724 412161

Where are we based?

We don't have our own physical location yet in Leicester. We run courses from the purpose-built facilities at Stoney Cove, which is approximately a 20 min drive from most city areas. These facilities are state-of-the-art and tailor-made for scuba diving, to provide you with the best possible experience. This includes a heated swimming pool with depths of 1 metre and 4 metres.

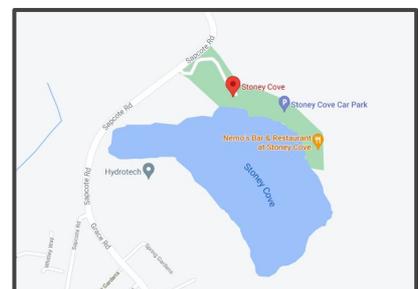
Stoney Cove is also the UK's premier inland diving lake, which makes it an ideal open water location for most of the courses we teach. The freshwater lake has varying depths from 5 metres (for entry level), down to 36 metres (for more advanced training).



Pool at Stoney Cove



Lake at Stoney Cove



Click map to see location in Google.

Other facilities and locations

Occasionally, for operational reasons, we may use other facilities, or need to travel to different locations. You will be advised on this when discussing your experience and booking with us. You may also wish to join us for diving trips or holidays in the UK and around the world!

Training Philosophy

Scuba Schools International (SSI)

SSI have been leading the way in diving education for 50 years. Since its start in 1970, by a group of dedicated scuba industry retailers, Scuba Schools International (SSI) has been an industry leader, offering high-quality training materials, standards, and instructors to new and experienced divers alike.

SSI is a founding member of the Recreational Scuba Training Council (RSTC) in the United States, the WRSTC, and the European Standards Organisation, and holds a global ISO certification. These organisations set standards for scuba training, which means that your training with us is recognised and accepted anywhere in the world.

Over the years, SSI has expanded to include more than 30 Service Centres, is represented in more than 110 countries, with over 2,800 international locations, and has materials printed in more than 30 languages.

World-class training

SSI pride themselves on the quality of their training materials, as well as the teaching abilities of their professionals. Two signature components of SSI, that are interwoven into all training programmes and have proven success, are:

1. **The Diver Diamond:** the four components required to create safe and comfortable divers are knowledge, skills, equipment and experience.
2. **Comfort through Repetition:** teaching and practicing skills in a logical and progressive fashion, to the point they become second nature is integral to comfort and confidence. This philosophy requires students to practice and refine their skills many times over, to develop the muscle memory, that comes with learning a new skill. More often than not, this cannot be achieved in a fast-track course.

The SSI education system allows (and actively encourages) us to provide as much time in the water as needed and to complete additional open water dives, in order to build experience.

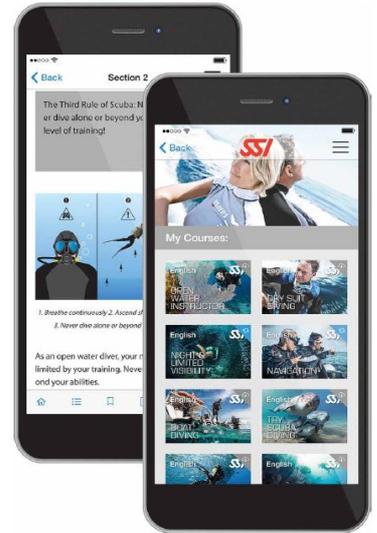
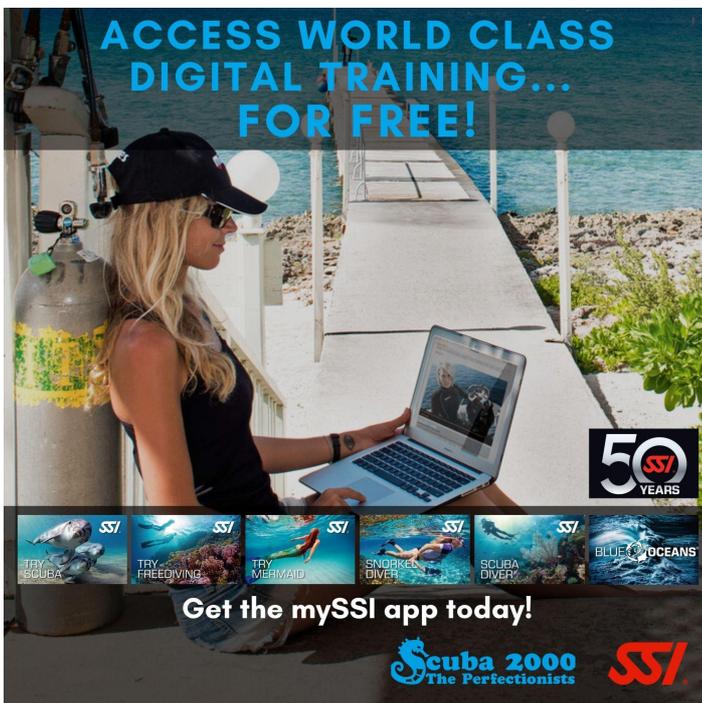
We strive to incorporate these facets into all of our training programmes.



Digital Learning & Certifications

SSI has continued to lead the way within the diving industry, by being the first to offer a full digital experience. The MySSI app is an “all-in-one” tool for all your diving adventures. The app (and equivalent desktop web portal) features:

- Digital learning tools
- Digital certification cards
- Digital dive log
- Digital worldwide dive guide
- Access to events and news
- Access to the SSI global community and training centre network
- Digital Insurance – show proof of accident and travel insurance plans (available from select insurers).

Get FREE access to MySSI, including some digital material, now!

Even before you start any training with us, you can register for the MySSI app and get access to a several online courses absolutely free!

This is a great way to check out how the SSI learning system works and enables you to learn some of the basics about diving or freediving, before making any financial commitment!

[Find out out how to get free access right here!](#)



See a Preview of the MySSI App

Learn more about the MySSI app and see a short preview by clicking the image to the left.

What Others Say About Us

Here's a selection of reviews from some of our clients, taken from our [business page on Google](#).

M **Magi Bennett** 1 review ⋮

★★★★★ a week ago **NEW**

Positive: Communication, Professionalism, Quality, Value

Friendly, knowledgeable and very calm instructors. Made my experience of learning stress free and really enjoyable. Fab group of dive buddies.

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T **Tim Myers** Local Guide · 21 reviews · 56 photos ⋮

★★★★★ a year ago

Great team, very attentive and supportive. My kids (11 + 14yrs) loved the training. We'll go back as we advance through the sport.



P **Penny Rowden** Local Guide · 97 reviews · 78 photos ⋮

★★★★★ 3 years ago

Bespoke service offered, high quality and personalised scuba needs and broad range of courses offered, ring/email first

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What matters most to our clients?

In a recent survey, we asked our clients what mattered most to them and why they continue to choose to dive with us... here's a few of the responses we received back:

- "Diving with my friends, enjoying experiences in a small group."
- "Diving with like minded individuals and having fun."
- "To have fun safely, to continue to explore and learn, with support from friends with more experience"
- "Friendship and being able to ask for help without being made to feel awkward, and the good and varied knowledge in the group."
- "Being with safe, fun, friendly like-minded people."
- "Good leadership, diving with friends and like minded people."
- "Seeing Scuba 2000 thriving and being with my scuba family."

Introductory Experiences

We have a range of introductory experiences for both children and adults. These are designed especially to let you ‘try out’ snorkelling or scuba diving, within a safe, comfortable and controlled environment.

These experiences are ideal if you want to ‘give it a go’ without making a commitment to a full qualification.



EXPERIENCE	INCLUDES	COST
SNORKELLING <i>Min age: 6 (water confident)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 hour, pool based experience ● All equipment ● Supporting digital materials ● Digital recognition card ● Certificate of completion. 	£30 pp (promotional rate - will increase in August/September) Contact us to discuss rates for VIP 1:1, couples or families.
TRY SCUBA <i>Min age: 8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 hour, pool based experience ● All equipment ● Supporting digital materials ● Digital recognition card ● Certificate of completion. 	£30 pp (promotional rate - will increase in August/September) Contact us to discuss rates for VIP 1:1, couples or families.
SNORKELLING & TRY SCUBA COMBO <i>Min age: 8</i>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 hour, pool based experience for each activity (2 hours total) ● All equipment ● Supporting digital materials ● Digital recognition cards ● Certificates of completion. 	£65 pp (promotional rate - will increase in August/September) Contact us to discuss rates for VIP 1:1, couples or families.
BASIC DIVER <i>Min age: 10</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 hour, pool based experience ● 1 open water diving experience ● All equipment ● Supporting digital materials ● Digital recognition card ● Certificate of completion. 	£200 pp (group session) Contact us to discuss rates for VIP 1:1, couples or families.

Entry Level Certifications

The following are entry level diving certifications that allow you to dive worldwide. The most popular choice for most people is the Open Water Diver.

CERTIFICATION	INCLUDES	COST
<p>SCUBA DIVER <i>Min age: 10</i></p>  <p>Provides students with the knowledge and training necessary to dive under the direct supervision of a dive professional, in environments equivalent with their training and to depths shallower than 12 metres.</p> <p>This course is ideal for those who want to scuba dive on holiday but may not want to, or have the time to complete a full Open Water Diver course. It's always possible to upgrade to a full Open Water Diver certification, if you find yourself hooked (which you probably will!)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 pool sessions • 2 open water dives • All equipment • Supporting digital materials • Digital recognition card • Certificate of completion. 	<p>From £300 pp</p> <p>Click here to view more information and pricing.</p> <p>Contact us to discuss rates for VIP 1:1, couples or families.</p>
<p>OPEN WATER DIVER <i>Min age: 10</i></p>  <p>The SSI Open Water Diver certification is globally-recognised and the most popular entry level course. If you want to start exploring the magic of the oceans around the world, this is the course for you!</p> <p>On completion of the course, you will be certified to dive to a maximum depth of 18 metres (for 15 years+). Junior Open Water Divers (10 – 15 years) will be able to dive to 12 metres, with a qualified and responsible adult diver.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 - 6 pool sessions • 5 open water dives • All equipment • Supporting digital materials • Digital recognition card • Certificate of completion. 	<p>From £495 pp</p> <p>Click here to view more information and pricing.</p> <p>Contact us to discuss rates for VIP 1:1, couples or families.</p>

Scuba Rangers (Coming Soon)

Later this year, we will launch our Scuba Rangers programme. The details below are for information purposes only and are subject to changes, including planned changes by SSI to the programme for later in 2021.



The Scuba Rangers programme was designed specifically to welcome children into the diving community and keep them a part of it for the rest of their lives, while learning valuable life skills.

The programme teaches children the knowledge and tools required to be a safe diver, while encouraging them to have as much fun as possible. The programme is purely pool-based only but offers all of the training and education that a regular Open Water Diver receives, customised for a younger child's level of understanding.



The programme is designed to keep children active, while teaching them to reach their goals through hard work, commitment, and fun. Key life skills such as self confidence, responsibility, leadership, discipline and self esteem are all developed through the programme.

This is not just a one-off course. After successful completion of the Demo Ranger level, the Scuba Ranger has the opportunity to enroll in ongoing pool sessions and continuing their learning. They are encouraged to attend club meetings, where they can practice their skills in the pool, be involved in activities and socialise with other Scuba Rangers! Once the child reaches the age of 10, they have the opportunity to immediately progress to the Junior Open Water Diver programme, remain an active member of the Scuba Rangers programme, or both. Having learned all of the skills already, the transition to Junior Open Water Diver is seamless and typically makes them a truly exceptional diver for their age!

Participation offers children the opportunity to learn more about the world around them, gain diving proficiency, be active in the community, meet new and interesting people, and do things they never imagined possible.



Register your interest now for the chance to win a free Scuba Ranger programme for your child!

Simply email us to register your interest (please clearly state your interest in Scuba Rangers and provide the ages of your children): info@scuba2000.org.uk

Anyone registering with us by email before 31st August 2021 will automatically receive a 20% discount on the Scuba Ranger programme when we launch it! Don't delay - get in touch with us now!

What Comes After the Open Water Diver?

Once you have qualified as an Open Water Diver, the world really is your oyster! There's a whole host of amazing experiences that you can have in our magical underwater world. Many people choose to develop additional skills and experience based on their own personal interests and goals. To give an idea of some of the additional training available, you can take a look at our [continuing education programmes](#).



SSI also acknowledge your continuous experience and award the following recognition cards free of charge!



When you reach 12 dives + 2 specialty courses

When you reach 24 dives + 4 specialty courses



When you reach 50 dives + 4 specialty courses + Stress & Rescue certified.

Coming soon!

During 2021 & 2022, we plan to launch additional training programmes, including the following...



...and in 2022, we will also be running more trips & holidays, which may include the following locations:

- Cornwall, UK
- Egypt
- Lanzarote
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- South Africa

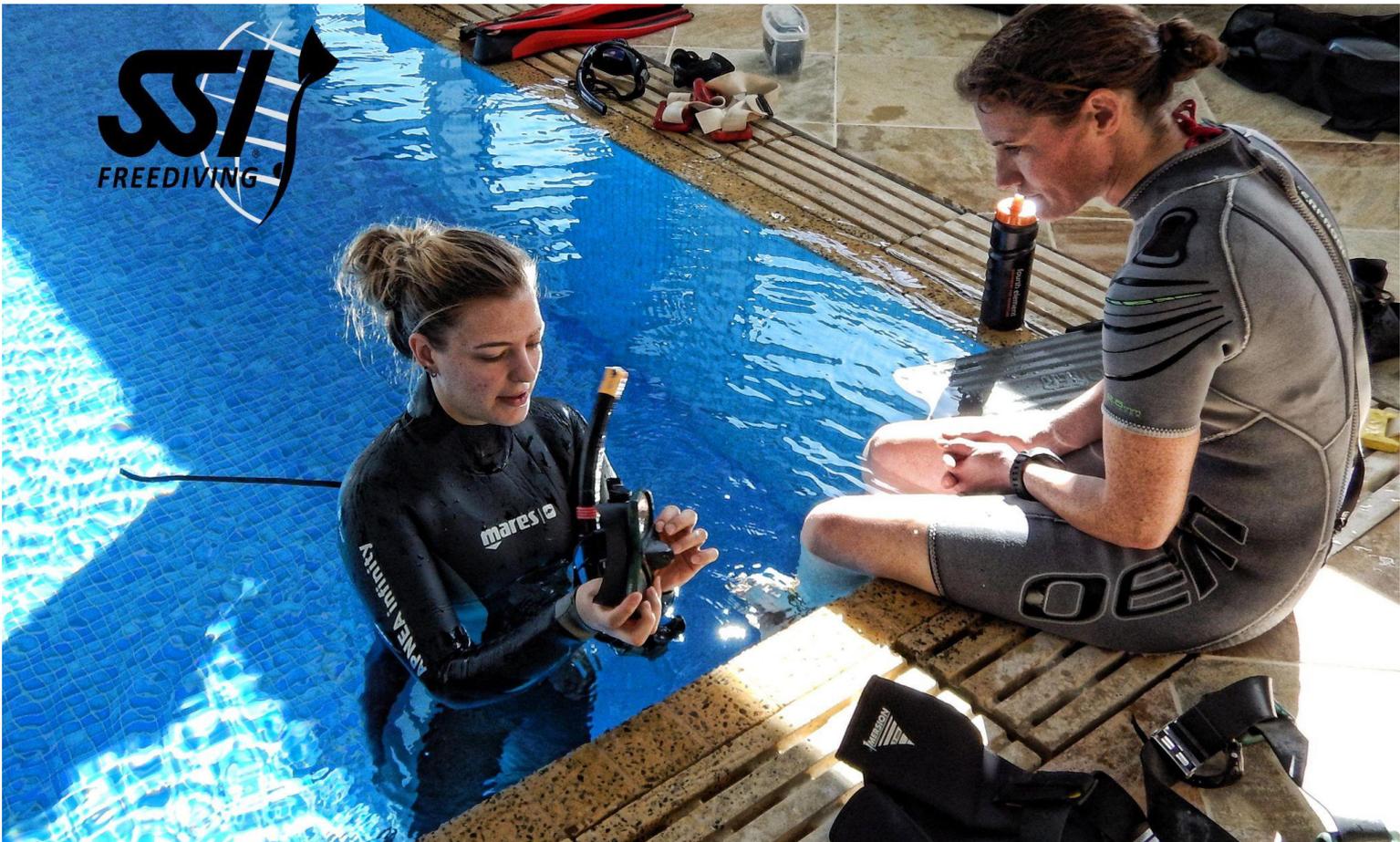
Chat with us to find out more

We appreciate there's a lot of information to take in and that you will have many questions for us! Equally, we do not just provide 'off the shelf' courses. We much prefer to chat with you to find out more about you and your family. This is the only way we can really help you to have the most amazing experiences possible.

Therefore, we'd like to offer you a the opportunity to chat with us, through a no-obligation Zoom call, where we can talk you through the best options for you and answer any questions you may have.

To arrange a Zoom call at a convenient time, please e-mail: info@scuba2000.org.uk

Of course, you are welcome to call us anytime too on 07724 412161, If we're not available, we'll call back as soon as possible.



Frequently Asked Questions

We've tried to cover most points within the information in each section, but there are often common questions we get asked. These have been listed below. If you still have questions or would like to chat, please get in touch and we'll be glad to help.

Do I need to be able to swim?

For try scuba and snorkelling, we ask that you are comfortable and confident in water that you cannot stand in. It helps to be able to swim a little but as you will only be in a indoor pool, you should just be confident to swim to the poolside should you need to.

For the open water qualifications, you will need to demonstrate that you can swim 200 metres prior to your open water dives.

What medical / health requirements are needed?

For all SSI programmes you will need to provide a validated [SSI Medical Form](#) prior to starting the course. This form then remains valid for a 12 month period, so any additional courses taken during that period will not need another form. In *some* circumstances, you may need a GP to sign the form. For this reason, we recommend looking at the form in good time before your course commences. Unfortunately, we will not be able to start your course without a valid medical form.

Do I need to buy any equipment?

No. For each of these experiences, we will provide all equipment. You will only need a swimsuit. Most people also prefer a t-shirt, rash vest or even a thin wetsuit too for a little extra comfort - but this is optional.

As you develop more interest in diving and go on to Open Water Diver and other qualifications, you may wish to purchase some of your own kit. Having your own properly fitted kit, that you are familiar with is definitely recommended as you continue diving. We will be able to advise you on the different options to suit your personal need and budget.

How about insurance?

For all training we provide a fully qualified SSI Instructor and a €1,500,000 insurance cover for the duration of your course / experience. It is important to note that this insurance is only valid while under our direct supervision during your chosen course (or try scuba / snorkelling experience).