



# The **WORLD** in our street

Interview with

## Lee Kelly – Scuba Diving experience

Ten years ago I decided to take up a new hobby, so I went to Dee Sports in Brook Street and met with Stewart to talk about becoming an open water diver.

After many weeks of classroom lessons and tests and hours in the swimming pool learning all the skills of diving I then had to go to a quarry called Dorathea in Wales to put what I had learnt into practice. The water was so cold that I had to wear special diving suits called ‘dry suits’. You would wear your normal clothes underneath the dry suit to try and keep you warm.

Over a few days I did several dives in Dorathea and also a dive in a smaller quarry called Vivian. After these dives I passed my first PADI qualification and became an open water diver.

Soon after this I went for the next level which meant more training.

I had to do a 15 meter dive in Dorathea. I was very nervous as this was the deepest I’d been. It was very strange seeing the huts and road ways of the old quarry where people used to mine all under water.

I gained my second PADI qualification and I am now an advanced underwater diver and a dry suit specialist.





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These qualifications have enabled me to dive in St Lucia and to see turtles, amazing fish, lobsters and a rainbow of colourful coral. It has also allowed me to dive with sharks at the Blue Planet Aquarium which has to be one of the best experiences I've ever had.

