

## **THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM**

Local surfer and founder of Paddle4Relief Tim Tanton will embark an whopping 7 mile challenge of paddling from Woolacombe Beach to Saunton Beach on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August to help raise awareness of the main Paddle4Relief sponsored Paddle-a-thon the very next day from Saunton Beach to Croyde and back.

On Sunday August the 17th, the event is expected to be quite a spectacle with lots of surfers signing up from all over the UK who will descend on North Devon next weekend. There will also be a raffle, BBQ and live music on the beach.

Paddle4Relief was set up after Tim and friend Paul Martin paddled out to the point at Downend, from Saunton, shortly after the 2004 Tsunami disaster and 'brainstormed' as how to help the suffering who had lost their loved ones. As soon as Tim stepped out of the sea that day, his work started for the cause. The response from local surfers was so positive that we wanted to get as many local beach goers involved as possible.

Tim comments on his solo paddle on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> "I just wanted to do this pre paddle to encourage participants to come to the event on Sunday with your family and friends and support Paddle4relief". He continues "It is such a good way to pay your respects and at the same time have fun".

Paddle4Relief helps empower the survivors of Arugam Bay in Sri Lanka – a village where the 2004 Tsunami hit. Paddle4Relief was purposely set up by Tim within weeks of the disaster.

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