

# Picture special

*Blackpool's annual pier to pier swim*



Family event, mum Sally-Anne and daughter Sheridan McWilliam all set in their wet suits to brave the Fylde coast sea



The swimmers take to the water at North Pier

## Pier pressure as 120 take plunge

Scores of hardy souls took to the water in the annual open water challenge from North Pier to South Pier.

The event was organised by channel swimmer Julie Bradshaw, via her Getset4success organisation, and safety cover was provided by the Blackpool Beach Patrol as well as the volunteers from the life saving

clubs organised by Syd Holt. Julie Bradshaw thanked the council, the RNLI and volunteers who helped.

She said: "It went really well and all the swimmers loved it. I can't wait to run the next one in 2022."

"While the water was only 54F, 12.2C, this didn't deter participants."



Craig Nobes surveys the route from the Promenade



Dave Williams, Jacqueline Blight, Liesl Allen, Carol Brown and Fiona Geldard



Safety marshals patrolled alongside the swimmers who all had bright floats to show where they were in the water



The Swimmers wore pink hats supplied by Swimzi to ensure visibility