

Skydiving: all you need to know



What is it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft flying at 10,000 feet - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below.

Skydiving - a summary

- Jump and training completed in one day
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 feet - just like the professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 feet - falling through the air at 120 mph
- We teach you how to steer onto the drop zone
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' tandem skydive.

What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'tandem skydive'. It is a skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor at all times throughout the descent. This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

The jump and training are completed in one day and your instructor will be in control of your landing.

Registration fee: £70

Minimum sponsorship: £395

Your sponsorship is split into two sections:

£170 - £230 training and jump (varies between airfields). This can either be paid in cash on the day to the airfield or if you have raised the minimum sponsorship amount before your jump using an online giving page then the charity will be invoiced.

£165 - £225 sponsorship money that Together for Short Lives will get. If this money has been raised online it will come direct to us or you can send us a cheque or pay by online banking.

Once registered, you are automatically set up with an online giving page at www.doitforcharity.com/give which is who Skyline (the Skydive organisers) use. We recommend using Just Giving as this means more of the money gets to where it is needed.

You can also use the sponsorship form that we will send you for any offline sponsorship.

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Important information



Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be at least 16 years old and be under 15 stone in weight. For all jumps your weight should be roughly in proportion to your height and some centres have lower weight limits - please contact Skyline for details.

The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor.

Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform Skyline of any physical condition as this may affect the location of your jump. If you are in any doubt then please contact Skyline for further information.

What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this will not cover you for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should either arrange this through your own broker or you can contact Skyline who will send you a Personal Insurance Form.

Where is the airfield?

There are over twenty British Parachute Association approved centres across the UK which are indicated on the enclosed map. Once Skyline have received your reservation form they'll do their best to place you at your nearest available centre but if this is not possible they will contact you to discuss the alternatives.

How do I book my place?

Book online at www.skylineparachuting.co.uk/52944 or over the phone on 020 7424 5522. You'll pick your airfield, a suitable date and then pay your £70 deposit.

We really do hope that you decide to give it a go - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day. So bring along your friends and family for support on a day you'll simply never forget!



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Paying your sponsorship



Paying for your jump and sponsorship money.

On the day of the jump you are required to have reached your £395 sponsorship target. If all your sponsorship is online, you will not be required to pay your training and jump costs on the day.

If your sponsorship is offline, you can pay for the training and jump costs out of this sponsorship money, which will be approximately £195 depending on the airfield. This can be paid in the form of cheques, one cheque made out to the airfield and the remaining balance made out to Together for Short Lives.

In the unlikely event that you haven't quite reached your £395 sponsorship target, the training and jump costs will still need to be covered on the day. The remaining balance (ie. sponsorship money) can be

- a posted dated cheque for Together for Short Lives
- or your card details

* the remaining balance won't be taken from your account until four weeks after your jump so this gives you 4 weeks to collect any sponsorship up.

Precise instructions on how to operate the above system (including how much to pay your local airfield on the day and how much sponsorship money is due to the charity) will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form and booking deposit.

Points to note

- Skyline cannot start organising your jump for you until you reserve your date and pay your deposit. Please do this as soon as possible so that they can give you the date of your choice and so that you can start preparing yourself for what has often been described as 'the experience of a lifetime!'

What do I do next?

- Choose a date and location for your jump by looking at the locations on the next page and calling Skyline on the number below

- Pay your registration fee

- Start fundraising!

- After that, all you have to do is make an exhilarating tandem skydive from 10,000 feet!

Have fun!

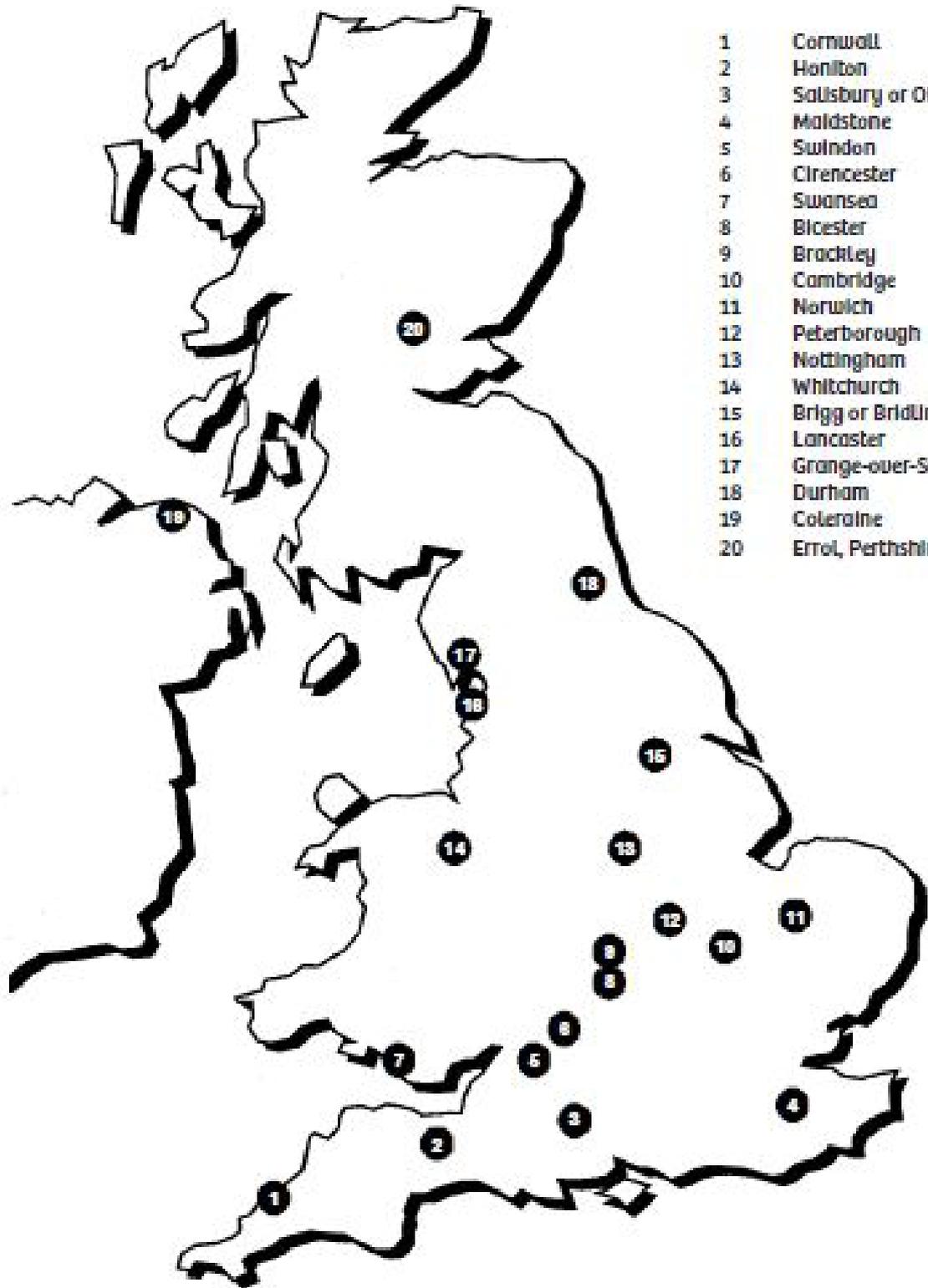


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Jump locations



- 1 Cornwall
- 2 Honiton
- 3 Salisbury or Old Sarum
- 4 Maidstone
- 5 Swindon
- 6 Cirencester
- 7 Swansea
- 8 Bloxer
- 9 Brackley
- 10 Cambridge
- 11 Norwich
- 12 Peterborough
- 13 Nottingham
- 14 Whitchurch
- 15 Brigg or Bridlington
- 16 Lancaster
- 17 Grange-over-Sands
- 18 Durham
- 19 Coleraine
- 20 Errol, Perthshire

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