



Thank you for enquiring about making a Tandem Skydive for St Wilfrid's Hospice at Headcorn.

Here is some more information:

What is a Tandem Skydive?

A Tandem Skydive is an amazing once in a lifetime experience which allows you to jump out of a plane securely attached to a very experienced Skydiving Instructor. After a training session lasting about 30- 40 minutes the jump is made from around 10, 000 feet and includes a freefall of 30-40 seconds before your instructor opens your parachute. You will be given an opportunity to steer however the instructor remains in control at all times.

What is it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft at 10,000 feet – the noise of the engine 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 back down to the centre of the drop zone below. Stop imagining..it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be a part of it!

Go to www.headcorn.com to view a video

Where does the jump take place?

Saturday 30th October (other dates available please email simon.cosham@stwhospice.org for more details)

Where does the jump take place?

At Headcorn Airfield right in the heart of Kent with incredible views of the South East corner of England, the south coast of Essex and the northern coast of France.

How much does it cost?

We will require a £50 deposit to secure your booking and a minimum of £500 sponsorship (the total cost of the jump will be taken out of that - £260)

How do I book?

A **£50** non-refundable booking fee is required. You can pay this online or by calling 01323 434230. You will be sent a full confirmation email with all the details you need for the day including your arrival time soon after we have received payment.

On the morning of the jump **please bring the remaining sponsorship money with you (if offline donations)**

How does this raise money for St Wilfrid's Hospice?

It is not a free jump, but the jump can be free to you by paying the jump costs out of the money you raise – you don't need to anything except raise the minimum sponsorship required and pay the £50 deposit – we do all the rest!

Please note that the £50 deposit is not part of the minimum sponsorship.

Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed on the day Saturday 30th October
- Harnessed to an inexperienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 feet – just like professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 feet – falling through the air at 120mph
- Ride the parachute down to the ground
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two mile high; Tandem Skydive

Where can I get a sponsorship form from?

[Here!](#)

To set up for online donations you can use Just Giving or another platform. For advice on how to set up a page please email simon.cosham@stwhospice.org

Photography

You can hire a qualified skydiving cameraperson to jump with you and record your experience at an additional cost of **£150**. They will produce a USB with an edited video of your jump plus all the raw footage and about 30-50 still photographs all in HD. **BS regulations do not allow you to wear or take your own camera. You will need to liaise directly with Headcorn to arrange and pay for this www.headcorn.com**

Safety

The sport is governed by very strict rules and regulations of **British Skydiving (BS)**.

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 please arrange this yourself through your own broker.

Are there any restrictions on age or health?

You must be 16 years or over for safety reasons our general weight limit fully clothed is **86kg (13½ stone)**. However, this limit is proportional to height.

A lower weight limit of **80kg (12st 9lbs)** applies to someone who is **1.57m (5' 2")** or shorter. However, if you are **1.72m (5' 7")** or taller; the **absolute** limit is **92kg (14½ stone)**.