



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Date: Saturday, 13 May 2023

Location: Hibaldstow Airfield, Redbourne Road, DN20 9NN

## How much does it cost to participate?

£60 per person with a minimum sponsorship of £349

## What time should I arrive?

Your check-in time will be confirmed nearer the event date.

## Is there a minimum and maximum age limit?

The minimum age is 16, with parental consent for age 16/17.  
There is no upper age limit for tandem skydiving, subject to health.

## What about my health and fitness levels?

All our skydivers are required to sign a BPA Tandem Student Medical Declaration form 115A (this will be emailed prior to the event). Those unable to sign the form due to medical conditions, injuries or anything listed on form 115 A must bring a copy of the BPA Tandem Doctors Medical Certificate Form 115B signed and stamped by their doctor instead (please request this if required).

## If I have a medical condition, can I still skydive?

Certain medical conditions may prevent you from taking part in a skydive. These include epilepsy, some cardiovascular and neurological conditions, some forms of diabetes and recurring injuries. If you have previously dislocated your shoulder/arm it is vital that you inform us and consult your doctor.

## Are there any height and weight restrictions?

The maximum weight for tandem skydiving at Hibaldstow is 95kg (approx. 15st) fully clothed. A surcharge of £15 will be added to those weighing between 96kg and 100kg. The minimum weight is 7st and minimum height 4ft11". Those who have a height and/or weight under this will require a harness fitting assessment before being approved. This can be in advance, or you can arrive 15 minutes early on the day. There is no upper height limit, Skydive Hibaldstow have been able to accommodate taller customers, but we advise that anyone over 6' 5" will need to fit comfortably in the harness.

## What will happen on the day?

You will check in and undertake a 20 minute briefing for your course and then you will jump from 15,000 feet harnessed to the front of a fully qualified BPA Tandem Parachuting Instructor to experience the thrill of a 120mph free-fall!!

## Is this event just for The Kirkwood supporters?

Yes, we have booked for 30 of our supporters to check in and fly in groups together. However, there may be other participants/supporters at the airfield.

## Can I bring the sponsorship money I have raised with me on the day?

Absolutely! If you have raised sponsor money for The Kirkwood and want to hand this in on the day please bring it with you, along with your sponsor forms. There will be staff attending to support you on the day.

## What should I wear on the day?

We provide you with goggles, headgear and a jumpsuit to go over our clothes for your skydive. It is advisable to wear loose fitting comfortable clothes, and layers are advisable as you can always add or remove them. Flat soled shoes or trainers should be worn. Slip-on shoes, heels and boots with eyelet hooks are not suitable.

## Can I bring friends and family with me on the day?

Yes, spectators are very welcome. Many of our skydiving customers bring their families and friends along to watch. If you have young children, they must be supervised at all times. Dogs are not permitted on the airfield.

## Is there somewhere to buy food and drinks?

There is a cafe on-site serving hot and cold food and drinks, open

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## Is there car parking available?

There is plenty of free parking at the airfield.

## Will my jump be videoed?

You are able to pre-book for your jump to be filmed, including your own dedicated skydiver to record every aspect of the jump. This is a really special memento of your big day and the current cost is £99.00 (bookable and payable directly to Skydive Hibaldstow).

## What does Skydiving feel like?

: When you do your first skydive the feeling will be completely different to what you were expecting. In free-fall, the feeling is similar to the floating sensation you have in a swimming pool.

Some customers are scared that there are similarities with sensation of going over the edge on a roller-coaster. This is not the case. Skydiving is an exciting and exhilarating experience and one you will not regret.

## How safe is Skydiving?

Skydive Hibaldstow adhere to a strict set of safety practices. Skydiving has far less injuries proportionally compared to other adventure sports such as skiing, snowboarding, white water rafting, rock climbing, etc.

To give you an idea of how safe parachuting actually is, here are a few points:

- They are affiliated to the British Parachute Association (BPA), the most safety conscious skydiving association in the world.
- Their Chief Instructor (CI) is also an Examiner and helps to develop new standards in safety and the progression of the sport.
- Every person who jumps on one of their skydiving courses is equipped with a main and reserve parachute, helmet and fully automatic opening device.
- Regular checks and maintenance servicing of our parachuting equipment by a qualified BPA rigger.
- 4 Levels of checks before you make each parachute jump – when the parachute is packed, when the flyer puts it on, a check from the instructor on the ground and another check before they leave the aircraft.

## What if my parachute doesn't open?

This is a very commonly asked question. Answering this is simple, parachutes are designed to open, however if the main parachute does not open fully or correctly, there is a secondary reserve parachute which acts as a backup and your instructor would carry out these emergency procedures. The reserve parachute is packed by our rigger who is a specialist and is certified to do so. In addition, there is also an Automatic Activation Device (AAD) which will open your reserve parachute at a lower altitude. AAD's are there as backup to the fully qualified instructor.

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## What happens when the weather is bad?

Skydiving is a weather dependent sport and we cannot guarantee that conditions will be suitable for parachuting every day. On some occasions rain, heavy low cloud or strong winds can prohibit jumping. If you are unable to skydive then we will re-arrange it for a mutually convenient date and we will arrange an alternative date within 12 months from your first visit.

## Refund policy

All deposits paid are non-refundable. This does not affect your statutory rights.

## Do I need to bring anything else with me?

There may be opportunities to buy merchandise and food on the day of the event so you may want to bring along some cash/card. Finally, your sense of adventure!!! Doing a skydive is an amazing experience and a challenge and we thank you for doing this to raise funds for The Kirkwood.