



The Orchid Skydive Fund Raising Scheme

Take on an adrenaline challenge in aid of Orchid, organised by London Parachute School, professionals in organising skydiving challenges across the UK, all year round.

Our exciting new skydiving scheme gives you the opportunity to do a tandem parachute jump for free if you raise a minimum of £400 in sponsorship.

What is a tandem jump?

A tandem jump is a combined freefall and parachute descent where you are strapped to a professional parachute instructor.

On the morning of your jump, you will get a 30 minute ground briefing on the equipment that will be used for your jump, as well as full information on exiting the aircraft, freefall and how to land safely. Once you have been securely attached to an experienced tandem instructor with a 4-point harness system, you will board the aircraft together. The plane will normally climb to around 10,000 feet where you will exit and begin your freefall. After reaching speeds of approximately 120 miles per hour your freefall will end at around 5,000 feet when the tandem instructor will deploy the main parachute and you will begin your descent under canopy. This will last between 4 to 6 minutes as you fly towards your landing area.

Are there any restrictions on who can skydive?

The minimum age for Tandem Skydives is 16 and jumpers must weigh less than 15 stone. There is no upper age limit for Tandems, however anyone over the age of 40 will need to have their 'Declaration of Fitness' signed or stamped by their GP.

There are also some restrictions in relation to medical conditions. Full details are given on the 'Declaration of Fitness' form that you will receive with your sponsor forms but generally if you have a medical condition like diabetes, epilepsy, heart disease or severe asthma you will need to get your Declaration signed by your GP, whatever your age. All under 18s must have their forms signed by a parent or guardian.

How does the scheme work?

The Orchid parachute scheme is operated by the London Parachute School and they will coordinate your jump wherever you live in the UK.

We ask all fundraisers to raise a minimum of £400.

- £165 of this will come to Orchid
- The other £235 will pay for your jump, payable as a deposit of £50 and then a fee of £185 on the day of your jump
- Any funds you raise in excess of the £400 minimum will come to Orchid.

In order to book your jump you will need to pay your £50 deposit and send this in with your registration form. One week before your jump you must send in your £165 sponsorship to Orchid. We will then confirm with the parachute school that this has been received and on the day of the jump you will pay the remaining £185 jump fee to the school.

When can I jump?

On the registration form you can select three dates. The parachute school will try to book your first choice but if not one of your other choices.

Where will I be jumping?

We use a number of British Parachute Association (BPA) approved drop zones around the UK and will book you in to whichever is nearest to you. Please let us know if you would like to jump at a particular site and we will try to accommodate you.

Auchterader	Scotland	St Andrews	Scotland
Errol	Scotland	Grange over Sands	Cumbria
Lancaster	Lancashire	Bridlington	E Yorkshire
Peterlee	North East	Nottingham	Central
Sibson	Central	Peterborough	Central
Hibaldstow	Central	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire
Norwich	South	Swansea	Wales
Perranporth	Cornwall	Honiton	Devon
Netheravon	Wiltshire	Cirencester	Gloucs
Brackley	Northants	Weston	Oxon
Marlow	Bucks		

Northern Ireland currently suspended for payment changes, this will be reinstated asap.

What about insurance?

All jumpers will be covered by the BPA's Public Liability insurance for up to £2 million liability to third parties. However, this does not cover you or your dependents for personal injury (including death). We would advise that you arrange personal accident insurance for your skydive by contacting London Parachute School on 0845 130 7194

Organising a group

If you would like to jump as group of friends or work colleagues please send your registration forms in together with a note. Jumping slots can book up quite quickly during the summer months so please give LPS as much notice as possible.

Filming your jump

Most drop zones will have professional cameramen available to capture your big moment. Video, DVD or photographs make a fantastic lasting reminder of your day – as well as providing proof to your sponsors that you actually did it! The cost of video and 35mm stills vary from drop zone to drop zone, usually £80 to £100. It is worth checking with your drop zone in advance what will be available and how much it will cost.

How do I sign up?

Simply fill in the registration form and Declaration of Fitness Form enclosed and send it with your deposit of £50 (made out to London Parachute School) to the address below. If you have a query about Orchid or fundraising for your parachute jump please call 020 3 465 7293, should you have a question about the jump itself please call 0845 130 7194

