



# SKYDIVE SATURDAY FAQS



## When is Skydive Saturday?

Our summer skydive is held on the 31st August 2019.



## What time is the skydive?

We advise arriving at 8am at Kent and Cambridgeshire, 9am if you're heading to Salisbury. The earlier you arrive, the more chance you have of taking part in the morning jump. Your time at the airfield could span 8 hours inclusive of the jump so block out this day in your calendar.



## Where is the skydive held?

You can take part in the Skydive Saturday at three different locations;

The Aerodrome, Headcorn, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9HX

Old Sarum Park, Salisbury, SP4 6EB

Chatteris Airfield, Block Fen Drove, Wimblington, March, Cambridgeshire, PE15 0PL



## How much does it cost?

The cost of the jump is free if you sign up before 24th May. We ask that you raise £500. Part of this fundraising will go towards paying for your jump.



## Where does my fundraising go?

Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) was established 100 years ago in 1919 to help wounded, injured and sick ex-Forces personnel returning from World War I, RBLI has a proud heritage as a charity helping to improve the lives of those who sacrificed so much. Your fundraising will go to help with our different projects and services and ultimately will allow us to continue to provide the vital support needed by these men and women, enabling all ex-service personnel and people with disabilities to take steps towards independence.



## What does RBLI do?

We offer accommodation, welfare support and convalescent care to more than 300 people in the **RBLI Village** in Aylesford, providing independent living in a safe and caring environment. We also offer a personalised support programme **STEP-IN** that assesses each individual's needs and circumstances, for example PTSD and homelessness. Our team ensure that they receive bespoke support best placed to aid their development. This year we are hoping to expand our village further with a new phase in our Centenary Village so that we can support more veterans.



**Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company** is our social enterprise which directly employs over 100 people, more than 70% of whom are veterans, disabled or both. It offers a safe and inclusive working environment with a focus on ensuring our employees have a role which suits them and their needs.



Our **RBLI Employment Solutions** division provides support to those who are long-term unemployed, have disabilities or health conditions, helping people stay in work and gain the skills they need to gain employment. We have 12 Community Hubs around Kent and Sussex where our team focus on CV advice, interview preparation and job searching.



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**LifeWorks** is our UK wide employment support programme designed to help veterans back to work on civvy street with an 83% success rate. The course is delivered in five days and following on from the course, our trainers stay in touch to ensure support is maintained for up to a year. We also deliver LifeWorks to the spouses of current serving personnel, many of whom experience difficult finding work due to the military lifestyle.



## **Will I receive any help along the way?**

Fundraising may seem daunting at first, but it's actually a lot easier and a lot more fun than you'd think. There are always plenty of people who want to reward your bravery and help us improve lives, and we'll be with you throughout your journey to give advice, offer fundraising tips and answer any questions. We have given you lots of ideas and tools in our fundraising area, take a look for inspiration and choose something that works for you!



## **Sponsorship milestones**

Please be aware of the following milestones that you should use to plan your fundraising. If you raise money offline we will need to pay in the milestone amount by the dates set out to complete your jump. Part of the £500 sponsorship raised covers the cost of the jump the rest go towards our vital work at RBLI.

**1st June 2019: Raise at least £100 by this date either online or offline.**

**21st June 2019: Raise at least £250 by this date either online or offline.**

**19th July 2019: Jump day raise at least £450 by this date**

**30th September 2019: £500 must be received by RBLI either online or offline to complete your fundraising**



## **What happens if I don't reach my fundraising milestones?**

If you haven't managed to raise your sponsorship in time then you may still be able to take part if you can cover the cost. If you're unable to do this, we can delay your jump until our next event to give you more time to fundraise.



## **Can I raise my fundraising target online?**

Absolutely, there's a link to Just Giving on our website.



## **Will RBLI be there on the day?**

We will be able to visit the team at Headcorn on the day, however we aren't able to see those in Salisbury or Cambridgeshire but we will be in touch throughout the day and we'd love to see your selfies!



## **What happens on the day?**

After a training session lasting about 30- 40 minutes the jump is made from between 10,000 and 12, 000 feet depending on your skydive centre 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.



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## **Would you like to take part with a friend?**

If you'd like jump on the same day as someone else, you can sign up separately online but we advise travelling together on the day to ensure more chance of being in the plane together on the day. If one of you arrives after the other, you will have to forgo your place in the queue to join your friend who arrived after you.



## **Do I need Insurance?**

The BPA membership includes third party insurance. Personal Insurance is not compulsory but many jumpers do take out some protection. Personal insurance is also available from [www.sky-cover.co.uk](http://www.sky-cover.co.uk).



## **Are there any jumping restrictions?**

Yes, look below for a summary of restrictions.

### **INFORMATION FOR SALISBURY JUMPERS**

If you're jumping from Salisbury, make sure you take a look at their pre-jump checklist to make sure that you are able to take part. This includes information on medical, age or height restrictions.

### **INFORMATION FOR KENT JUMPERS**

If you're jumping from Headcorn, make sure you take a look at their pre-jump checklist to make sure that you are able to take part. This includes information on medical, age or height restrictions, you will be asked to complete this on the day unless you intend to bring a medical note from your Doctor if you have a pre-existing health condition. If you are concerned about anything listed, it is best to call Headcorn Aerodrome to discuss any health conditions on 01622 891670.

### **INFORMATION FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE JUMPERS**

If you're jumping from Headcorn, make sure you take a look at their pre-jump checklist to make sure that you are able to take part. This includes information on medical, age or height restrictions. You will be asked to complete these forms before your registration is complete to ensure you are able to jump.



## **Videos & Photography**

You will be able to book video or photography on the day of your jump. Costs depend on where you are taking your skydive. BPA regulations do not allow you to wear or take your own camera.



## **Weather**

Please note we can only jump in the following suitable weather conditions. The wind must be less than 20kts (24mph), cloud must not restrict our view of the landing area from the aircraft and visibility must be at least 5km

If the weather does not allow the jump to take place on your booked day, you will be asked to return as soon as possible, and within six months, to make your jump. After that time your jump will be subject to additional fees.



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## **What should I wear?**

Please wear something comfortable and appropriate for the time of year. Training shoes are the best footwear. A jumpsuit, hat, gloves and goggles will be provided.



## **Is there anything at the airfield for my spectators?**

There are facilities onsite at each of our skydiving centres, this includes a café and toilets. Spectators will be waiting around for you so please pre-warn them to bring something to entertain themselves during this time.



## **Can I have a celebratory drink on the day?**

The consumption of alcohol is prohibited prior to jumping and alcohol may not be consumed on the airfield until parachuting has finished for the day.