

*Thank you for enquiring about making a Tandem Skydive at Skydive Headcorn. Here is some more information*

## **What is a Tandem Skydive?**

A Tandem Skydive is an amazing 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 c.12, 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.

Go to *Skydive Headcorn's* website [www.headcorn.com](http://www.headcorn.com) to view a video

## **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?**

The total cost is **£250** weekends and bank holidays and **£230** weekdays. **£80** of this price is for your flight ticket which is sold separately by the operators of the aircraft *Headcorn Parachute Club*.

## **Photography**

You can hire a qualified skydiving cameraperson to jump with you and record your experience at an additional cost of **£150**. **£50** of this is for your camera flight ticket which is sold separately by the operators of the aircraft *Headcorn Parachute Club*. 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. **BPA regulations do not allow you to wear or take your own camera.**

## **Safety**

The sport is governed by very strict rules and regulations of the **British Parachute Association (BPA)**.

## **Are there any Restrictions?**

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; our **absolute** limit is **92kg (14½ stone)**.

You may be weighed during registration. We reserve the right to refuse your jump if you exceed these limits.

Please refer to the table below for suggested maximum height to weight ratios. If you exceed these limits but are under the limits published above we will still accept you, but you are accepting a **greater risk of injury**. BPA form 115A refers.

Height Feet	Height Metres	Weight Stones	Weight Kg
4' 10"	1.47	9.5	60.32
4' 11"	1.49	9.9	62.86
5' 0"	1.52	10	63.50
5' 1"	1.55	10.5	66.67
5' 2"	1.57	10.10	68.03
5' 3"	1.60	11.1	70.30
5' 4"	1.62	11.6	72.57
5' 5"	1.65	11.11	74.84
5' 6"	1.67	12.2	77.11
5' 7"	1.70	12.7	79.37
5' 8"	1.72	12.12	81.64
5' 9"	1.75	13.3	83.91
5' 10"	1.77	13.9	86.63
5' 11"	1.80	14.1	88.90
6' 0" +	1.83 +	14.7	92.07

**We have weight limits for safety and for several reasons.**

Firstly, we have an all up weight for the parachute equipment we use which includes the weight of the instructor, the student and all the parachute equipment.

Secondly if the ‘student’ (that is you) is significantly bigger than the ‘expert’ (your instructor) it may be possible for the ‘student’ to take control of the jump which would be unsafe.

Thirdly the heavier someone is the physically harder it is for the instructor.

Fourthly we must consider weight and centre of gravity issues in the aircraft. We work on an average exit weight (that is you, your clothes and the weight of the equipment) and large variations from this can unbalance the aircraft.

Lastly, someone who exceeds the weight limit for the shorter category, may sink down in the harness and find they are unable to lift their legs for landing. If you are concerned that you are outside our weight limits and that we may refuse you the jump; you are welcome to come to the centre in advance so that we may carry out a risk assessment with you. This does not guarantee we will let you jump but will save you disappointment on the day.

You must be at least 16 years of age. Under 18’s require written parental consent. Everyone must sign a medical declaration on the day of their jump. This form can be viewed on the website. If you cannot sign it as you have one of the listed medical conditions, you may still be able to jump by seeking qualified medical advice from your doctor who will assess your risk. There is no upper age limit for tandem.

You must be able to walk to the aircraft, climb a ladder into it and lift your legs straight out in front of you when suspended in a harness.

### **What about the weather?**

Parachuting is a weather dependent sport. The conditions we require to be able to take you jumping are good horizontal visibility, no solid cloud between the landing area and the exit point of the aircraft and wind no more than 20 knots. British weather can prevent jumps from taking place at a particular time but please remember when you book a date we expect you to be available for up to **6 hours** so that we can make the most of any weather opportunities. Weather may be unsuitable first thing but improve as the day goes on. If the weather prevents your jump from taking place you must come back and make you jump within six months or you will incur extra fees.

### **What does the day involve?**

Upon arrival at the airfield by (**8.30 or 13.00**) Weekends and Bank Holidays **10.00** Tues-Fri **13.00** Mondays) you will need to register at the **Tandem Meeting Point**. This is necessary as to determine the order in which you will jump. You will be given the opportunity to book a cameraperson to jump with you and film your experience (at an additional cost of £150). After registering you will complete your paperwork and pay any balance and photography. When everyone booked to jump in your timeslot (it may be up to 20 people) has completed their registration, paperwork and payments we start the training which lasts about 30-40 minutes Provided the weather is suitable we are then ready to take you jumping. This is done in order of your registration at the **Tandem Meeting Point**.

### **Why does it take all day to jump everyone?**

*Headcorn Parachute Club* operates one aircraft at a time which can make up to 20+ flights per day. We may have forty people booked for tandem jumps and up to eight instructors available. Each instructor will jump with four or five people. After each jump he will have to pack his parachute. Although the aircraft can take up to fourteen people we never guarantee jumping more than two tandems at a time.

### **How do I book?**

A **£100** non-refundable booking fee is required. You can pay this online at [www.headcorn.com](http://www.headcorn.com) or by calling 01622 891670 and paying over the phone. You will be sent a full confirmation email with all the details you need for the day including your arrival time.

On the morning of the jump *Skydive Headcorn* require the balance for the jump of either **£70 or £50** (weekend/weekday) plus **£80** for your flight ticket which is payable to the operators of the aircraft *Headcorn Parachute Club* making a total of **£250** or **£230** (weekend/weekday). You will also need to pay for photography services prior to jumping.

## **Can I bring Spectators?**

The airfield is open to the public but facilities are limited. There is a small cafeteria on site and toilets including a disabled one. The parachute landing area is off limits to the public. Please bear in mind that there can be a lot of waiting around and no indoor seating is provided for spectators. The airfield is a working farm and we cannot give you permission to bring your dog.

## **Alcohol and Drugs**

The consumption of alcohol is **prohibited prior to jumping** and until parachuting has finished for the day. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused their jump and **forfeit their jump fees**.

Please call 01622 891670 for further information.