



The Big Jump

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Are you ready for the thrill of a lifetime?

Take on a skydive for RNIB and make the leap to help create a world without barriers for people with sight loss.

21 and 22 Sept 2019
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Join RNIB for our Big Jump in 2019. You'll be part of a massive team taking to the skies over the same weekend.

Skydiving is the sensory experience of a lifetime. The unique sensation of freefalling through the sky as the wind rushes past your ears, the magnificent aerial views of Earth, and the overwhelming emotion as your parachute releases and you glide back to solid ground.

We will be jumping 'en masse' on 21 and 22 September to mark the start of National Eye Health Week 2019, and to raise vital funds and awareness for RNIB.

We want everyone to join us for this challenge. Whether you're blind, partially sighted, or sighted; we want all our RNIB skydivers to support each other and face their fears together. Everyone will jump tandem with a trained instructor so no one will go it alone.

Every day in the UK, 250 people start to lose their sight. Today, too many people with conditions like glaucoma and cataracts still face isolation and depression, unable to achieve their potential in a world that blocks their way.

But we won't stop until every last psychological and physical barrier has gone for good – from classrooms to workplaces, from local shops to far-flung holidays. By jumping with Team RNIB, you'll be helping to smash through the barriers that stop people with sight loss thriving.

Where is The Big Jump happening?

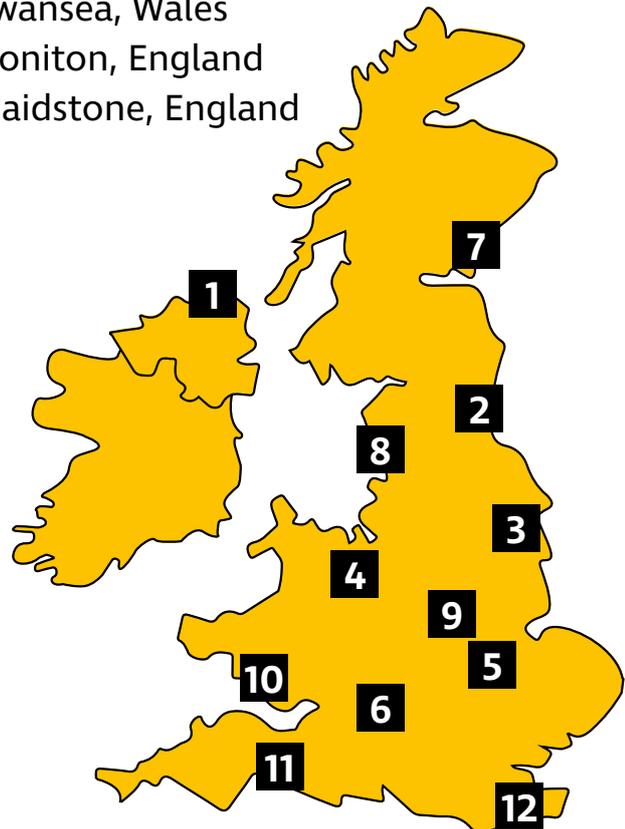
To get as many people jumping together, we've reserved spaces at 12 airfields across the UK.

Saturday 21 September

1. Coleraine, Northern Ireland
2. Durham, England
3. Brigg, England
4. Whitchurch, England
5. Peterborough, England
6. Swindon, England

Sunday 22 September

7. St Andrews, Scotland,
8. Grange-over-sands, England
9. Nottingham, England
10. Swansea, Wales
11. Honiton, England
12. Maidstone, England





Why take the leap for RNIB?

Take on this incredible challenge and not only will you be facing your fears, you'll be helping to make sure people living with sight loss can face the future with confidence.

Here are a few ways your fundraising could help.

£12

could pay for 30 minutes with a Sight Loss Adviser, to help someone cope with the shock of finding out they're going blind.

£400

could help two people rebuild their confidence through a six-day Living with Sight Loss course.

£20

could help someone feel more confident about living with sight loss, with personalised support from our expert Advice team.

£980

could run our Eye Health Information Service for a day, so our expert advisers can support people across the UK to understand their eye condition and available treatments.

£47

could help someone feel more positive about the future, through a one-to-one phone or online counselling session.

£1,500

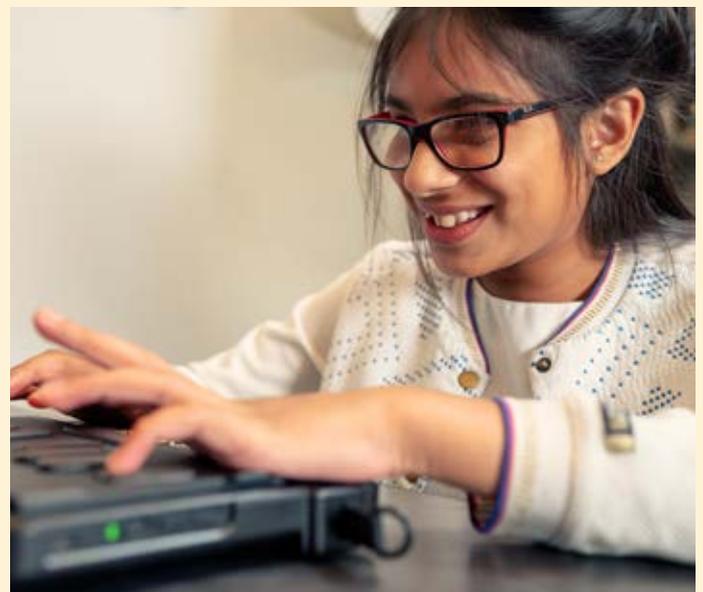
could make a new children's book available in our Talking Books library, enabling a child with sight loss to experience the joy of reading.

£100

could help a person with sight loss discover ways to live independently, through our two-day Finding Your Feet course.

£200

could run our Employment Line for a day, so we can support people with sight loss to stay in their job or look for work.





We support you every step of the way

Our friendly events team will be there every step of the way to support you. We'll make sure you are fully prepared for your epic challenge, help you to raise as much money as possible and make sure you have an experience you'll never forget.

Once you're signed up, we'll send you an RNIB t-shirt and fundraising pack full of our top tips, and will be in regular contact with expert fundraising advice, giving you all the inspiration you need to smash your personal and fundraising goals.

Join us for this epic challenge and you'll help us be there when people need us most, supporting independent living, creating an inclusive society and preventing avoidable sight loss. With every pound you raise, you're helping create a future where sight loss is no longer a barrier.

We can't wait to welcome you to the team!

You can contact the Events team on **0345 345 0054** or email **events@rnib.org.uk**. We are available Monday to Friday, 9am – 6pm.



"As I flew out the plane 14,000 feet in the air I could hear the wind rushing past at speed and I felt like I was floating on a pocket of air, no sinking feeling like thought it would be. The feeling of pure adrenaline running through my veins was awe-inspiring and I didn't want it to stop. Once the canopy opened and I saw the beautiful view I felt privileged to be able to have such an breathtaking experience."

Kieron, RNIB Skydiver



Frequently asked questions

What does a tandem skydive involve?

We've teamed up with Skyline Parachuting, one of the UK's largest skydive organisers, who'll coordinate your jump and make sure you are fully prepared in the run up.

On the day of the jump you'll spend time with a professional trainer until you are ready to take the leap. Once you're up in the air and harnessed to your parachute instructor, you will skydive from 10,000 feet, free falling for several thousand feet before deploying the parachute at 5,000 feet. You'll then glide under the canopy before your instructor steers you safely to the ground.

How much does it cost RNIB?

The total cost of the jump ranges between £270 and £350 (the costs vary depending on the airfield). The £70 registration fee you pay to our skydive provider Skyline on sign up goes towards some of the cost of your jump and is non-refundable.

We then use £200 to £280 of your £475 fundraising pledge to pay the rest of the costs. So this means RNIB receive between £195 and £275 per person to continue our vital work. Our amazing supporters usually fundraise well above their pledge and our brilliant events team will be on hand to help you do this, so it's likely RNIB will receive even more.

80% of your £475 fundraising pledge will need to be sent to RNIB no later than two weeks before the event. Unfortunately, if this has not been received you will not be able to jump. This is to ensure we cover the cost and RNIB doesn't lose money.

We recommend fundraising online through [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com), it's quick, easy, and secure and all the money you raise comes directly to us without you having to send it in.

Can I claim back my registration fee?

No. You will not be able to recoup the cost of your registration fee, as this goes towards paying for the cost of your jump. As a charity we need to cover all of the costs, whilst making a reasonable profit to help RNIB continue supporting people with sight loss.

Can I pay for the cost of the skydive myself?

Many supporters kindly choose to pay their own costs, so all fundraising comes directly to RNIB. If you are in a position to do this, you can email events@rnib.org.uk to arrange.

What if I can't get to the airfields listed above?

We have reserved spaces on the 21 and 22 September at the airfields listed on page three, so we can get everyone together and fill the skies with RNIB skydivers. However, if you can't make it to one of these airfields on these dates, let us know and we can arrange for you to take part at one of the other nine airfield sites across the UK: Auchterarder, Errol, Bridlington, Lancaster, Norwich, Brackley, Salisbury, Old Sarrum, and Cornwall.

What if I can't make it on 21 or 22 September?

We want to hold the biggest ever RNIB skydive! This is why we want to get

everyone jumping on the same weekend. However, if you're not available on this date, you can still join us, because you can book a jump on any other day of the week, all year round.

Are there any age and weight restrictions?

You must be at least sixteen years old to take part, and if you're between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, you'll need permission from a parent or guardian. There is no upper age limit. Most airfields require jumpers to be under 15 stone in weight, but this can be lower or higher depending on the airfield. Please get in touch with us for the weight restrictions at each airfield.

Will I need to fill out a medical form?

You will be required to sign a medical form before jumping to declare your fitness to take part. There are some restrictions in relation to medical conditions like diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. Full details will be stated in the terms and conditions when you sign up, and if you have any of the medical conditions stated, you will need to have your medical form signed by your doctor.

What about insurance?

If you are a UK resident, you will automatically be covered for up to £5,000,000 third party insurance.

However this will not cover you for any personal injury so if you wish to take



out personal injury cover, you will need to arrange this yourself.

Can I film my jump?

Of course! Most airfields have professional filers available to capture your big jump. There will be an additional cost, which you'll have to pay yourself and you'll need to speak to airfield staff on the day to organise the filming.

How do I sign up?

The easiest way to book is online at rnib.org.uk/the-big-jump. If you require a paper copy of the registration form please contact the RNIB Events team.

More questions?

Please contact our friendly Events team, who are here to answer any questions you may have. Please call 0345 345 0054 or email events@rnib.org.uk.

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Together with your support, we can smash through the barriers that stop people with sight loss thriving.

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