



GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL CHARITY ABSEILS

If you are looking for a unique, exciting and cost-effective fundraising event, this is a fantastic experience not to be missed!

Climb the Tower's spiral staircase of 249 steps to a height of 160ft (49m) and enjoy the wonderful panoramic views of Guildford enjoyed every day by our 15ft (5m) tall Golden Angel ... and then climb over the top!

Guildford Cathedral allows sponsored abseils off the top of the Bell Tower in May and June.

How does it work?

We work with www.thehatt.co.uk who are experts in outdoor sports.

- The Cathedral Events team will discuss available dates with the charities. Once a preferred date has been identified the Events team will then direct the charity to Hatt Adventures to secure the date by paying Hatt Adventures their fee direct. Charities must commit to booking the whole day; we no longer accept shared days with other charities.
- Once an abseil has been booked charities can then speak with Hatt Adventures with any questions they may have.
- Between 40-50 participants can abseil over the course of the day.
- Your charity will need to supply a minimum of 5-6 volunteers available on the day aged 18+. They will be fully briefed on the day, tasks will include registration, harnessing and guiding participants around the site.
- Age of abseilers - minimum age: 14 years (14-17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian). Special arrangements can be made for those aged over 80 who wish to abseil.
- The descent from the tower will be between 30 minutes and 1 hour after the check-in time with the first abseils starting at 10:00 and the last abseils timetabled for 16:00.
- Sensible footwear and clothing must be worn which is suitable for a harness and helmet, fancy dress is welcomed if it fits within these guidelines.
- Spectators and supporters are welcome to bring rugs/chairs and make themselves comfortable on the grass on the south side of the Cathedral (overlooking Guildford).

<https://www.thehatt.co.uk/>

Since 2005, Hatt Adventures has been one of the South East's leading outdoor adventure providers. Founded by Tom Hatt, we've grown from a one-man operation into an exceptional team known for high-quality courses, expert guidance, and unforgettable experiences.

We've been running Charity Abseils since 2005, teaching thousands of people to climb and abseil, overcome fears, and push new limits. Our rigging and instructional expertise spans rock climbing, mountaineering, working at height, as well as the film and television stunt rigging world. We provide safety cover for film crews, stunt performers, and A-list Hollywood actors, working with high profile professional clients such as the BBC and ITV, and on big budget blockbusters like James Bond, Star Wars, Kingsman and Maleficent 2.

In 2020 we started proudly operating the Spinnaker Tower abseil in Portsmouth. Since then, we have been utilising the best techniques and equipment from the climbing and rope access world to run unforgettable abseils from the tallest building on the South Coast.

Charities will be invoiced post event by Guildford Cathedral a facility fee to pay for use of the site.

Case Studies

Guildford Cathedral held their own fundraising abseil in 2017 and, with only 21 abseil volunteers, raised well over £20,000 in sponsorship funds. Other charities have reported raising sums in excess of £40,000 when higher numbers of abseilers take the "leap".

Costs

There will be two fees to pay to abseil from the Tower at Guildford Cathedral, one fee to be paid to Hatt Adventures to pay for the abseil and secure the booking and one fee paid direct to Guildford Cathedral post event to pay for the use of the site. Once you have paid Hatt Adventures, all enquiries regarding the abseil itself will be managed by Hatt Adventures.

a) Fee to Hatt Adventures

| | |
|--|---|
| One rope from £2,650 +VAT per event. Two ropes from £4,450+VAT per event. | Payable to Hatt Adventures to secure the event. |
|--|---|

b) Fee to Guildford Cathedral

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| From £2,950 (VAT exempt) | Facility fee payable to Guildford Cathedral post-event. |
|--------------------------|---|

If you were interested in booking an abseil with us, we would urge you to contact us as soon as possible to secure a date and to arrange payment to Hatt Adventures!

For further information, please contact: Guildford Cathedral Events Team, events@guildford-cathedral.org, 01483 547880