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## JUMPING FOR THE RAINBOW

Most people look at doing sponsored walks, maybe lying in a bath of baked beans or even shaving their heads when wanting to raise some much needed funds for a charity. So why would someone who is scared of heights and hates flying want to throw herself out of an aeroplane, albeit strapped to someone who just happens to have a parachute on their back?

Well, this is exactly what Kerry Loughrey, the assistant manager at Gosport Business Centre, decided to do to raise funds for the Rainbow Centre in Fareham.

What started off as a casual request ended up being an immense personal challenge for Kerry and as the day of the jump got closer it was obvious that the realisation of what she had let herself into was beginning to sink in, but the amount of sponsorship money that had been pledged kept her going. Organised in conjunction with the Army Parachute Association, the jump took place at their base in Netheravon on Salisbury Plain in near perfect conditions with just a little cloud obscuring the view when Kerry did her jump.

Watched by her partner Richard, her parents and Andrew Weston, the centre manager of Gosport Business Centre, with his wife, Kerry went through the carefully planned briefing and training that was essential to make her feel at ease and have an enjoyable safe experience.

Climbing to an altitude of 13,000 ft and securely clipped to her instructor Stuart, she exited the plane for a freefall descent of approximately 35 seconds followed by a gently drop under the canopy for about five minutes before landing softly and safely in the drop zone.

On completion of the jump Kerry said, 'That was singularly the most terrifying experience of my life, but never, ever again! However, I am so glad I went through with it and delighted to have raised much needed funds for the Rainbow Centre'.

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