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### **FIREFIGHTERS' FOUR-HOUR LADDER FEAT**

Newbury firefighters will be climbing ladders NON-STOP for four hours on Saturday 19 September in a marathon charity fundraiser.

The tireless team will be centre stage at Newbury racecourse from 1pm until 5pm and are planning to put on a good show for the crowds. Nine firefighters will take it in turn to climb a ladder up a tower measuring nine metres high, sliding down pole drops and then starting the climb again.

Firefighter Simon Denman, who has been organising the Newbury ladder climb, explained: "This is definitely a real challenge for all of the team members. As firefighters, we have to be fit to cope with the demands of the job, which includes climbing ladders – but we don't have to do it for four hours non-stop!

"The team at the racecourse have been marvellous, they have been incredibly helpful and we are hoping that we will be able to raise a really good amount for some fantastic charities – as long as the race goes haven't bet all their money!"

The ladder climb will raise money for:

- **The Fire Fighters Charity**, which provides a range of services for fire service personnel and their families, including therapy and rehabilitation for injured firefighters
- **Tommy's**, a national charity which funds research ensuring more babies are born healthy
- **Swings and Smiles**, a local charity which aims to build a recreational facility for children with special needs

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