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

Reading firefighters will be climbing ladders NON-STOP for four hours on Saturday 26 September in two marathon charity fundraising events.

The first ladder climb event will take place on Broad Street, Reading from 12pm-4pm, while the second will be on The Riverside at The Oracle from 1pm-5pm. Each team is made up of nine firefighters who will take it in turn to climb a ladder up a tower measuring nine metres high, before sliding down pole drops and starting the climb again.

Blue Watch Manager Steve Trenery from Dee Road fire station, who has organised the events, explained: "This will definitely be 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 of course includes climbing ladders - but we don't usually have to do it for four hours non-stop!

"We'd like to thank the teams at both Broad Street and The Oracle who have been fantastic and without whom we wouldn't have been able to organise these events. We'd also like to thank Screwfix Reading who have very generously donated t-shirts for the teams to wear and Aspect Scaffolding who have provided the towers.

"We hope lots of shoppers will pop by to lend their support and help us to raise as much money as we can for these very deserving charities."

Vickie Randall, Fundraising Manager from Daisy's Dream, said: "We are delighted to be taking part in this exciting event. The fire service is such a well respected and essential service that we are glad to be supporting them and benefiting from all their hard work. The money raised will make a real difference to the children we help and support."

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Sue Duddington, Marketing Controller at The Oracle, said: “We are delighted to be welcoming the firefighters to The Riverside for this exciting challenge. Our staff and shoppers are sure to appreciate the spectacle and give generously to these very worthy causes.”

Both ladder climb events 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
- **Daisy’s Dream**, which provides advice and support for children, young people and their families, both facing and following a bereavement

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