

Chris aims to climb Everest

AN AIRCRAFT engineer aims to raise £200,000 for wounded soldiers by conquering the world's highest peak.

Chris Hare, 35, of Bury St Edmunds, is part of a team of eight current and former servicemen planning to climb Mount Everest next year in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

In the run up to the expedition, the group, who are all military climbing and mountaineering instructors, will run a series of activities to raise money.

Anyone can take part in the events which include the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, National Three Peaks Challenge, Hadrian's Wall three day cycle challenge and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Staff Sergeant Hare, who is based at Wattisham Airfield, said they came up with the idea after climbing Aconcagua in South America two years ago.

He added: "After a lot of

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thought and many meetings we decided to try to climb Mount Everest, mainly due to the dream of all of our team to stand on top of the world but at the same time willing to undergo the years of training and the risk of climbing such an imposing mountain.

"Help for Heroes is a great cause and most of us have seen how it can help injured soldiers get through some hard times."

As part of the fund-raising effort, donations can be made to sponsor a foot of Everest on their website.

The team have already amassed nearly £5,000 and mountaineer Sir Chris Bonnington is their patron.

They are also looking for support from mountaineering and equipment companies with items they need.

For further information visit www.everest4heroes.com.



AIMING HIGH: Soldier Chris Hare is part of a team planning to climb Everest in aid of Help for Heroes

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