

# Mountaineer Lee finds that the only way is up

A MOUNTAINEER from Woolton Hill will start his epic journey to scale Mount Everest tomorrow (Friday), to raise money for charity.

Lee Farmer will join a small team of other mountaineers attempting to reach the summit of the world's highest mountain on an unguided expedition. Mr Farmer will make the attempt along the north ridge where British explorers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were last seen in 1924. The Newbury man is one of only four British mountaineers in the invitation-only eight-man team, who will make a series of camps as they progress up the 8,850m mountain. They will make their final camp at 8,300m., which means sleeping while breathing from oxygen cylinders.

Mr Farmer's fundraising target is £8,850, which he plans to donate to the National Society for Epilepsy. Readers can sponsor Mr Farmer online at [www.justgiving.com/challengeeverest12008](http://www.justgiving.com/challengeeverest12008)

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Lee Farmer practising for his climb