

## 84-year-old 'Super Ron' set to take on skydive for local farm charity The Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm near Reach

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At 84, you wouldn't blame a man for looking forward to having a relaxing summer.

But instead, Ron Cornell is set to take to the skies for a skydive, raising money for a local charity. Ron, who will be 85 at the time of the skydive, will be raising money for The Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm, near Reach in Cambridgeshire to mark their 25th anniversary.

The 18 acre farm provides work based training for people with learning difficulties, disabilities or health needs, and grows fresh vegetables including onions, garlic, spinach and peas. All produce is sold in the on-site shop before the money made is ploughed back into the project.

On Sunday, June 8, Ron, dubbed "Super Ron" by the team at Snakehall Farm, will lead 24 skydivers up to 13,000 feet to help raised

£25,000 for the Trust in the year they will be celebrating their 25th birthday.

Mark Cornell, farm manager and Ron's son, said: "The figurehead of this fear inspiring feat is an 84-year-old, 85 when he takes the leap of faith, our very own Super Ron."

Despite his age and a disability of his own, as well as acting as a full time carer for his wife, Ron still makes the trip from Hertfordshire every week to help out on the farm.



Mark added: "He is one of our weekly volunteers, topping the fields and fixing machinery back on the farm to gain respite from his full time carer responsibilities. "He is not just super for doing this skydive, but also because he is my dad." And while staff at Snakehall are in awe of his challenge, Ron isn't fussed.

He said: "It's not a problem at all. I just decided to do it because my granddaughter did it. I thought I'd give it a go. "I'm not worried about it. I'm just looking forward to it. I'll be the one that's jumping out first hoping the rest will follow."

The money raised as a result of the skydive will be put straight back into the farm.

Rhian Elis, office manager who is also joining Ron as one of the 25 Snakehall skydivers, said: "The money raised just keeps us going. We are a charity and we always need money.



"At the moment we are hoping to make the barn bigger so we can get more people on site."

A skydive isn't the first daredevil stunt that Ron has pulled.

The grandfather to 103 grandchildren and great grandchildren also used to race motorbikes when he was in the army, and has also been passenger in a racecar around a racetrack. Mark added: "He is pretty much an unsung hero. Nothing fazes him."

To sponsor Ron or any of the Snakehall Superheroes, go to [prospectstrust.org.uk/snakehall-superhero-skydive-2014](http://prospectstrust.org.uk/snakehall-superhero-skydive-2014) or find them on Facebook with Tilly Tractor

