

Derby, Burton & District Panel

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Sadly, after months of deteriorating health, one of the leading members of the panel, Barry Wildgoose, has died. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Pauline and to his family. Barry was a gentleman, friend and mentor and will be sorely missed. He organised presentations that various members of the panel, gave to groups to widen awareness of Remap and to raise funds. John Beckett has agreed to take over this aspect of our work.

A reminder - I am no longer the contact for new referrals. After 11 years as chairman I stood down last September and was replaced by Allan Sutton. I have attached the revised referral form that gives his contact details, so please use it for any new referrals. I have included information about Remap websites including our new one that Peter Harris has organised. It contains lots of information about us including how to volunteer to join or obtain help from us.

DB-023-13, Mike Banks

A chair at a Day Centre used by a 14 stone man with learning difficulties needed to be made mobile so that he could be evacuated easily in case of an emergency.

There were problems getting the chair through a doorways along the exit route as there was only 35 mm clearance each side. Then the floor dropped 80 mm in 330 mm, making ground clearance an important consideration when fitting wheels to the chair.

Two front wheels were fitted to the chair on a fixed axle sunk into the front of the chair while the rear two wheels were braked castors carried on brackets protruding behind the chair

The wheels raised the chair by 10mm and a third pair of wheels were fitted within the frame midway between the front and rear wheels to prevent the chair from “bottoming” and getting stuck when it negotiated the drop in floor level.



DB-078-13, Steve Pilkington

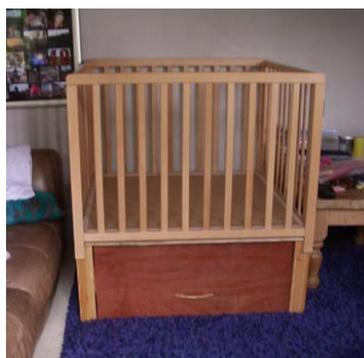
This boy had severe epilepsy and developmental delay and as a result he had no awareness of danger. The fire-guard in his house had many sharp edges on it on which he had already hurt himself quite severely.

Foam pipe insulation sleeving was fitted to the frame with plastic tie wraps and this solved the problem.



DB-086-13, Steve Pilkington

This lady with muscular dystrophy had difficulty picking up her 8 month old child from her playpen because it was so low. A cabinet 15 inches high was made, on which the playpen could be fixed raising it to a reasonable operating height.



DB-059-13, Mike Banks

This lady needed a cradle to reduce pressure on her heels when lying on her powered profiling bed.

An easily removable bed cradle was made that fitted on to the foot board via two spring loaded hooks on top of the foot board and two fixed hooks underneath.



DB-080-13, Malcolm Logan

An elderly man with severe learning difficulties had a profiling bed where its' surrounds were being dislodged when the bed was pushed against the adjacent wall. Buffers were fitted that stopped this occurring.



DB-012-13, Mike Banks

A lady with muscular dystrophy used crutches to assist with walking could not bend down in comfort due to a surgically implanted titanium box in her side. She needed a battery powered, height adjustable trolley to enable her to: -

Safely remove hot ovenware from her low level oven and transfer it up to her kitchen work top.

Lift and transport her loaded washing basket from floor level in front of her washing machine to her kitchen work top.

Carry recycling material from her kitchen and lift it to the top of her wheelie bin outside her front door.

A four wheeled "fork lift truck" carried on pairs of fixed and free castor wheels was built. It comprised a chassis that supported two vertical bars guiding an electrically powered wheeled carriage that moved up and down under the control of a switch.

A pair of horizontal "prongs" could be fitted and locked to the front of the carriage in a variety of positions to suit various shapes of load platform e.g. an oven wire shelf, washing basket etc. The basket was used to carry other items in such as her recycling material.

When not in use, the prongs are removed and stowed in a vertical position under the handle enabling the trolley to be parked relatively unobtrusively at the kitchen table, much like a chair is pushed up to the table.



DB-076-13, Maurice Elliot

This lady suffered from cerebral palsy that affected her left side. She wanted to carry things from the kitchen to her living room on a trolley but as she could only weight bear and control through the right hand she had found that Foxfield type trolleys tipped over with the added pressure on the right side.

It is our policy to recycle as much as possible and this turned out to be a classic recycling project. In 2011 Keith Hunter had made a trolley that enabled a mother to transport her baby and care for her at two different heights. It was heavy and very stable so it seemed a good candidate for adaptation for this project.



The rear castors were replaced with a pair of fixed ones with matching braked ones fitted at the front. The cot support frame was much simplified and converted to a table whose top was covered in Fablon.



This provided the lady with the support she needed and enabled her to transport items safely.

DB-032-13, Dennis Whinfrey

This man with cerebral palsy was very physically handicapped. He could crawl, with some difficulty, around the home on a flat smooth floor. He wanted to be able to get into bed with minimum help.

A ramp was made with bobbins fitted at intervals on each side of it as well as ropes along its length anchored on the other side of the bed. A flat trolley on ball bearings was made to run along the ramp. He would lie on the trolley and pull himself up the ramp on to the bed using both the bobbins and the rope.



DB-055-13, Keith Hunter

This lady could not balance without supporting herself on some kind of walking frame. She needed baby seats on her two household trolleys to enable her to transport her baby around either the ground or first floor of her house

A pair of 'low profile' seats was made from Zimmer frame parts and non-slip netting held in position by a combination of 20 mm self-adhesive Velcro and nylon webbing and tensioning buckles. The child was kept in place by a 50 mm wide webbing lap strap.

