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You may have seen mention of REMAP in the Derby Evening Telegraph recently. The local paper reported a donation from Lubrizol following on from Paul Gillian's work for Rachel Ross. Rachel has severe physical difficulties and plays boccia. Paul assisted by providing a holder for the boccia balls. The donation is very welcome and will help the group provide aids for the elderly and disabled over the coming months.

In October, Nich Holberton and John Gellatly presented a stand at the Rolls-Royce Wellfest display. Wellfest is put on for employees approaching retirement and there was a lot of interest in helping out with REMAP. If you are, or know, a retired engineer and would like to put your creative and practical skills to good use, why not get in touch.

DB-129-18 – John Gellatly

An autistic Whatstandwell boy who puts anything into his mouth, needed a suitable sized maze puzzle or similar challenge to occupy him. The requirement was for some “more complex cause and effect toys than preschool toys”, which would help stimulate Stan who has learning difficulties as well as



Autism. Following discussions with his mother we came up with two ideas, a “coin drop” as he liked posting things and a more complex marble game requiring Stan to rotate and slide movements to move marbles to a specific end point.

DB-041-19 – Chris Morison



A Swadlincote man who uses a stoma bag needed a cabinet/trolley to hold a commode bucket, into which he can empty the bag when sitting on the bed or on a chair.

Chris identified that best solution was to fit a sliding tray that holds the commode bucket underneath a stool that client uses whilst emptying his stoma bag. Chris used a spare stool and commode bucket to fit and test the tray.

The completed stool was delivered, and the client was very happy with the outcome. He indicated that once he had used it he may request a repeat order for a downstairs toilet, depending on space.

DB-061-19 – Vic Brown



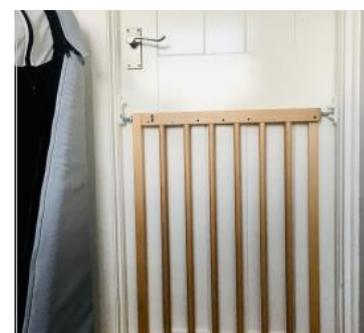
A Shirebrook girl with spina bifida needed steps to enable her to bottom shuffle on to her bed, the bath seat and her outdoor trampoline. The

requirements for this referral were for 2 sets of steps; one set to give the young client independent access to her new profiling bed, the other was for her to be able to climb on to a trampoline, which had been provided for her. She was able to negotiate the house stairs on her hands and bottom, her legs having no use in them, therefore the steps were made to the dimensions of the stairs. Both sets were constructed from 15mm thick red wood plyboard glued and screwed, with suitable soft coverings.

DB-035-19 – James Wong

A Derby boy with autism needed a secure high gate fixing to his bedroom door to ensure his safety. The Client likes climbing and does not like staying in his bed. He is approx. 3ft tall, therefore an extra gate on his bedroom door was recommended by the OT. Unfortunately, the door frame is relatively narrow (61cm wide) for standard stair gates.

Based on measurements, a wooden width adjustable gate was found and fitted. As the wooden gate does



not have a bottom cross bar at floor level, it was fitted approximately 10cm from the carpet to increase its height.

DB-062-19 – Bernard Killeen / Dennis King



An elderly Burton man with walking problems was struggling to reach his lower garden. A handrail on some steps to the lower part of his garden was needed to aid his stability. The path was surveyed and several handrail parts were purchased. The rail was assembled on site and provides a safe and secure means of getting down to the garden.

DB-071-19 – Mike Banks / Malcolm Logan



A Sandiacre man with a brain injury needed spring attached exercise aids attaching to each side of his wheelchair to enable him to develop his arm movement.

The 27 year old client is wheel-chair bound and behaves as a 2-3 year old. His left arm and

hand are very strong but he has little strength in his right arm and hand. His mother asked for spring-loaded levers to be mounted on either side of his wheel-chair which the client could use for exercising and as a daytime distraction.

A pair of levers were fitted which were individually tailored to the clients differing arm strengths.

DB-046-19 – John Gellatly

A Young Alvaston boy with mental deficiencies needed a stairgate on his bedroom door that he couldn't climb over. The requirement was for a high gate to be fitted across bedroom opening to retain a safe area. The solution was a simple wooden gate using dowelled construction. An additional support was required on the locking side to enable effective locking via a simple barrel bolt catch.



DB-063-19 – Malcolm Logan

A Toton amputee who uses a wheelchair needed a tray attaching so he can transport food and drinks round the house.



A standard plastic tray was secured to a plywood support using custom made clips. The complete top was then secured to a 22mm tubing stanchion using pipe clamps. The wooden top was covered with waterproof Fablon.

DB-056-19 – James Wong

A small Chesterfield lady amputee, who uses a Zimmer frame to exercise after injury, needed the handles making more comfortable when taking her weight. The OT had looked into a frame with forearm supports, however the almost vertical handles would not have worked.



Foam was attached to the frame using double sided tape and secured with tie wraps. The lady found the additional foam much more comfortable to hold and was able to walk more easily due to the improvement.