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Derby, Burton & District Panel
Serving Derbyshire & East Staffordshire

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Remap is changing the way in which referrals are submitted. To send a referral, log on to the Remap website, <https://www.remap.org.uk/referral-form/>. Please select to submit a referral for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, and then fill in the form as best you can, giving the same level of information as before. Please pay particular attention to your contact details, specifically your email address and phone number and the client's postcode, which will be used to contact you and determine the Remap panel to which the referral will be sent.

Referrals are now submitted to a secure national portal, where they will be more safely stored, and will be passed on to us for action. Once you have submitted the form you are welcome to let us know directly so that we can look out for the referral. If you have any problems, then please contact our Chairman, Allan Sutton (remapderby@broadway53.plus.com).

The winter period has seen a reduction in activities by the Derby and Burton panel due to covid lockdown restrictions. We hope to resume normal activity once the restrictions are lifted. The newsletter for this period is dedicated to an article published in the Peak Advertiser that was written by one of our volunteers, Nich Holberton.



Remap is a special charity that works through a nationwide network of inspired and dedicated volunteers. These people use their ingenuity and skills to invent, design or modify equipment, to help people living with disabling conditions. Remap aims to provide people with greater independence or to allow them to enjoy leisure opportunities previously closed to them.

Remap focuses on people for whom the mainstream services have not been able to provide suitable aids. Remap does not make aids that are available through other sources, but it will make modifications to them to suit a particular person's problem.

The special equipment that is tailor-made by Remap volunteers is **provided free** to the people who need it.

The Peak District straddles an area in the middle of three potential Remap Panels – Derby, Staffordshire, and Sheffield. Requests for help can be made to any one of these but will most likely be referred on to the closest. See above for referral information.



The majority of Remap's clients are referred by health professionals, but Remap is happy to be contacted by carers or directly by potential clients.

There are no restrictions on the type of aids that are made. Some can be simple, like this modified knitting needle, enabling an arthritis sufferer to wring out a dish or face cloth. Others

are quite technical, such as the kitchen trolley/lift (see above), that enabled a lady with back problems to lift her wet washing and other heavy household items to a convenient working level. Children are regular clients; for example, this young lady's cycle also has stabilisers, a backrest and pedal operated brakes to compensate for her reduced upper body strength, in addition to the handlebar extension.

Remap has no facilities. Its volunteers are people who enjoy making things and they work from their own home workshops, garages, sheds, etc, using their own tools. Volunteers give their time and energies for free, taking the trouble to ensure that each item they make really suits the individual person. They get recompensed for the cost of materials and travel. Each branch raises the money locally to cover these costs.

Volunteers need to be able to have freedom during the normal working day so they can meet up with clients and their health professionals. They tend to be retired engineers, craftsmen, keen DIYers, etc. with all types of practical skills.

Despite the present COVID-19 pandemic we are still providing a service to those that need us but we are being careful to do what is necessary to control the risks to our clients and to our own volunteers.

New clients and volunteers are always welcome.

Zoom Talks on our work can be given to interested parties.

For more information please visit the Remap National website page;

<https://www.remap.org.uk/>, or our local website; <https://www.derbyremap.info>

