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It is with a lot of sadness that we report the sudden death of Robert Little who was one of our panel members. Robert has completed many referrals over a number of years and his contribution to the group will be missed. Our sympathies to Robert's family and friends. On a lighter note we organised the panel lunch in April that was attended by 12 members. We also exhibited at the Etwall Well Dressing. Both these events are the first times since 2019.

We are now receiving referrals using a website portal. 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 determine the Remap panel to which the referral will be sent if you haven't selected one.

### DB-22-009 – Allan Sutton



The requirement was for a small carrying tray attached to a young woman's walking frame. As the frame is supplied by Mediquip no permanent modifications were permitted.

A tray, approximately 6" in diameter, was mounted on an arm and attached to the front righthand leg of the frame using a readily removeable clamping. A standard mechanism for a folding tray was used so the tray could be stored in

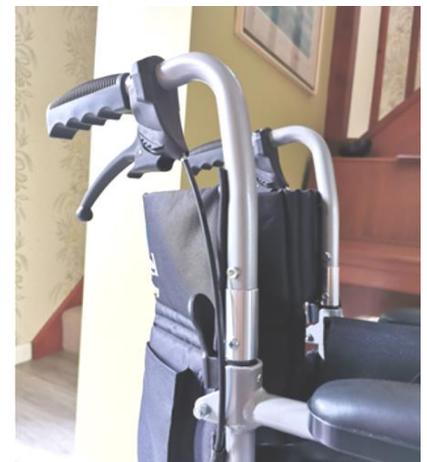
an unobtrusive position when not in use. The tray is made from fibre board and has a non-slip coaster surface and a lipped rubber surround to minimise slippage. The support/folding mechanism is made of aluminium angle and bar. The pivot bolts are in tapped holes in the aluminium and locked by additional nuts.

When not in use the tray folds down to the frame right hand side. It is held in position by a magnetic door catch clamped to the frame leg in a similar manner to the main mount.

When the walking frame is folded for transport, the tray can be rotated so it lies between upper and lower side frame bars and is given some protection from potential damage.

### DB-22-024 – Nich Holberton

The client required the handles on a privately owned wheelchair to be raised by 5 cm to ease back problems caused when pushing the chair. The handles were unscrewed and two 5cm lengths of aluminium rod were turned, bored and drilled to securely fit and extend the height when the handles were re-attached.



### DB-22-006 – Brian Barry



An elderly client who lives in a caravan required a step, that does not interfere with the door, to help get in and out. The solution was to modify a set of existing plastic steps to provide hand rails which allowed the door to be opened/closed whilst still giving the client easy access

to/from her caravan. The job was completed using available 42mm aluminium tubing & standard plastic plumbing unions.

### DB-22-010 – John Gellatly

The requirement was for a ramp to enable the client to access the garden with her wheeled walker. The ramp was made of wood frame construction to achieve the correct height and slope to match height of the door threshold. Decking was fitted on top to provide a solid platform. At the end of the ramp a taper piece was provided to enable a smooth walk onto the ramp with the wheeled walker. Around all external edges a strip of wood was added to prevent inadvertent rolling off the ramp. Due to the problem of slipping on decking when wet, anti slip strips were provided. Due to the need to allow access to a drain the ramp had to be tapered away from the wall.



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### DB-22-014 – Robert Little



Padded tray needs recovering. Remap made the tray c.2015; now it needs repairing. We might not be able to if no-one has upholstery skills.

The client is autistic and spends many hours each day in a special wheelchair. Remap provided a tray several years ago that has now worn out. The tray is attached by clips and webbing and effectively keeps her safely in the chair. The tray is now very worn, the straps are breaking and the padding underneath needs to be enlarged. Because of its constant use, it was only possible to borrow the old tray for a few hours each day, so it was necessary to create a totally new tray rather than just re-upholster the old tray. The old tray was dismantled and its measurements taken to be used as a template. Improvements were made where possible and the new buckles had to be especially strong

### DB-22-019 - Paul Gillians



The client wanted to be able to work in her mother's kitchen from her wheelchair. There is not enough space for a permanent area of worktop, but she has a small camping table that is almost suitable. Paul raised the table and stiffened it with plywood reinforcements to ensure that it is stable.

### DB-22-020 - Nich Holberton

A client wanted to use an Xbox controller, but lacked the dexterity in his right hand to manipulate the only button he needed to use. The solution was a 'stick' like lever attached to the button. The stick was moulded from Multi Morph, a 'super strong hand mouldable plastic' that softens in hot water. Its base was moulded round the top of the xbox button and set upon cooling.



### DB-22-028 - Mike Banks



DRH requested some modification to a patient testing chair used by young hospital clients. The chair already has a mount on the left and right hand arm rests to support a tray but the tray lifts up when in use. A length of profiled aluminium angle was attached to the right hand tray mount to prevent the tray from lifting. The tray can still be inserted and removed sideways.