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The Remap panel exhibited at the Etwell Well Dressings again this year. The event took place on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May. The event was well attended and we were able to make contact with several OTs, potential volunteers and clients.

Brian Barry has recently decided to retire from the panel after 21 years as a volunteer. Brian has been a respected member of the panel and has completed many referrals. We wish Brian all the best for the future.

In view of several recent retirements we would like to recruit new members. **We need volunteers** who want to help disabled people live better lives by making or adapting aids. The panel also need members to assist with talks, exhibitions and publicity. If you know anyone who would like to help, then please contact Peter Brien on 01773 821768 or send an email to derbyremap@gmail.com.

We are now receiving referrals using a website portal. Please select to submit a referral for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, and then fill in the form as best you can. 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. To send a referral, log on to the Remap website, <https://www.remap.org.uk/referral-form/>

DB-22-058 – Brian Hermiston



Tall man with loss of leg function requires modifications to a shower chair. The client did not feel safe sitting on the chair and it was decided that a new seat cushion was required.

A cushion covered in waterproof vinyl was obtained. A plastic base to fit the chair securely was also made.

DB-22-022 – Malcolm Logan / Mike Banks / Bernard Killeen

Kane has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. He likes to use



an iPad but requires a carer to set the device in position so that he can operate it. When not in use it needs to be safely stowed away. The Brighton panel was approached to produce an automated mechanism to hold the device and position it in an operational position.

Kane recently moved to Derbyshire and wants REMAP to continue to support the equipment. We have visited the client and met the Brighton engineer who devised the system. The Derby panel will now be offering ongoing support with assistance from Brighton where necessary.

DB-22-085 – Peter Brien



A ramp was required for a stroke victim to access the garden.

The ramp was made from battens and decking. It was made in 2 parts for carrying, and reassembly on site. Non-slip tape provides non-slip surface. Aluminium checker-plate for the foot. A wooden handrail

was also provided with metal support brackets, screwed onto adjacent garage wall.

DB-22-081 – John Gellatly



A gate was required to limit access to a kitchen for a young boy. The gate is a wooden construction that is dowelled and glued together. As always the difficult part was establishing a locking mechanism which prevented Logan from opening the gate. In discussion with the client it was agreed that the gate would be key locked. A door security bolt with rack bolt key was used. The key was stored on

a hook that was out of reach of Logan

DB-23-003 – John Gellatly

The requirement was to enable Grace to access the water trough on the Mud Kitchen in her wheelchair and with her limited reach. In discussion with her teacher it was agreed that the best solution was to extend the kitchen with a bespoke arrangement. This would give her better wheelchair access and enable the water trough to be close to the edge.



As can be seen the extension was at 90 degrees to the existing Mud Kitchen with the worktop raised to allow wheelchair access under it. The worktop was made from treated wood planks screwed together with stainless screws and corner brackets. Support blocks (with spacers to ensure a level worktop) were screwed to the existing Mud Kitchen walls to provide a positive location for the worktop. A rectangular stainless steel trough was provided to give better access.

DB-23-006 Vic Brown

This referral was for a modified communications board to attach to the client's wheelchair.



The client's comms board was attached to a suitably shaped plastic-coated M.D.F tray. An acrylic Perspex cover was secured at the top to protect the board. The lower edge of the board nearest the client was covered with 8mm thick foam to protect her arms. A soft pad was Velcro fixed to the underside to protect her thighs and knees. The board was then fitted to the wheelchair and adjusted for the correct height.

DB-22-092 – Brian Hermiston

An elderly man had a stroke and now has difficulty climbing stairs. He has difficulty at the top of his stairs where the hand rail stops. Due to the layout on the landing, there is nowhere to fix additional hand rails. A removeable rail was designed and fitted that provides an extension to the existing rail but can be lifted away to allow access to the doorway at the top of the stairs.



DB-23-028 Paul Gillians

A wheelchair user plays and needed a means of holding a set of balls within easy reach.



A holder made from plastic guttering was attached to her wheelchair with simple hooks. Having this equipment has placed the balls in a convenient position and made it easier for her to play.