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We will be exhibiting again at the Etwall Well dressings next year. Please offer your support by visiting our stand.

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. Note; the creative volunteers often need to be available during the working day so they can visit the client with involved NHS personnel to agree the solution. The panel also needs 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](mailto:derbyremap@gmail.com).

We are now receiving referrals using a website portal. To send a referral, visit 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. 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.

### DB-23-056 - Trevor Beeson

Client was supplied with a bath lift. Unfortunately, they were unable to use it because their bath had the taps in the centre and as the lift lowered into the bath the guard got stuck under the taps.



To stop this happening a removable plastic fence was made from fascia panel material which fitted under the taps. and was held in place with a removeable dowel. This holds the bath guard clear of the tap spout so preventing it from getting caught when rising. The fence can be readily removed when not needed.

### DB-23-055 - Nich Holberton

A client wanted a sofa raising by 10cm. Eight new sofa legs 14cm long were cut from 6cm x 6cm planed spruce. 8mm double end fixing bolts were screwed into one end. They were painted black to match the original leg colour. They were used to replace the original legs.



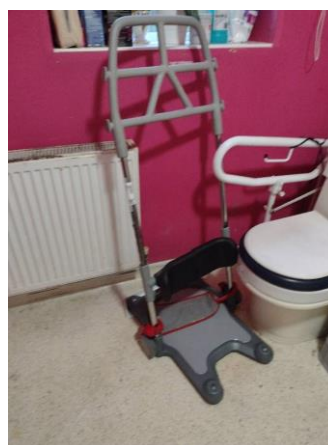
### DB-23-042 – Peter Brien



Client uses a downstairs toilet in a utility room and is recovering from a stroke. A handrail is needed to get from toilet to the door, but there's no wall to attach it to and there is a tumble drier in the room that still needs to be accessed.

The solution was to make a frame that comes out from the wall. A handrail was then attached to the frame. The frame can also be used for storage.

### DB-23-050 – Vic Brown



This referral was for some form of “docking” arrangement for the clients transfer appliance when she is moving from her wheelchair onto the toilet, such that it prevents the wheelchair from moving about. A retaining bracket was fabricated in steel using 40x40x03mm angle iron, which was cut to length and angled at both ends to provide a guide-in for the wheels. Once the required angle had been decided for each end a cut out was made in the angle iron, which was then bent and welded in position. The docking station works successfully, and the client feels quite safe in using it and is very pleased.

**DB-23-061 – Mike Banks**

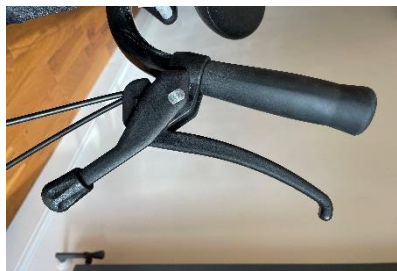


The client required a fixed half step at her back door to aid safer entry and exit from her kitchen.

A stable wooden half step was constructed from decking with timber side supports. All timber was already pre-treated against but a further two coats of Cuprinol Duck's Back paint were applied to improve the resistance to rain and to give the step a more pleasing appearance. Anti-slip tape was applied to the platform to make the step more secure to use and the whole assembly was screwed to the concrete path for complete stability. A minor complication was the step had to accommodate a kitchen drain pipe and so the platform passes over the top of the pipe and there are pipe supports at the back of the new step.

**DB-23-039 – Allan Sutton**

The client has no usage in her right hand and uses a rollator. She needed the brakes modifying so both wheel brakes were operated by the left hand brake lever.



The solution was to transfer the right brake cable to the spare location on the left brake lever. The cable tensions were adjusted so both brakes came on equally.

To give the client better support the forearm pads needed raising. It was found that there was a removeable stop on the end of the vertical supports. By removing this stop it was possible to gain an extra hole and enable the arm support pads to be raised about 40mm to a much more comfortable position.

**DB-23-063 – Paul Gillians**

A non slip step was requested for use near a patio door. The step was made and installed.



**DB-23-071 – Peter Brien**

A disabled client wants a handrail outdoors to allow her to access the garden from the patio. Two steps are already in place, so just a free standing handrail needed.

A rail made from two 3"x3" vertical posts, and a 4" x 2" sloping rail. Coated with Cuprinol forest green preservative. Upper post fixed to sturdy brick retaining wall for the patio, lower post fixed to stout wooden frame for the steps. For once, a job where everything was easy and went according to plan!

