

Latest News

Allan Sutton

Our former chairman, Allan Sutton, has been ill and died recently. He joined the panel in 2010 and took over as panel chairman in 2012. In 2016 Allan won a national Remap prize. A photo of this device has featured for many years on our events display board and always gains the interest of visitors to our stand at exhibitions. In recent years he has also become well known for his very neat and clever aluminium safety gates! We and clients will greatly miss his considerable talent for ingenious Remap solutions to tricky problems.

Nottingham Panel

As part of the Nottingham Panel revival we will be exhibiting at Papplewick pumping station open day and we hope that we see a steady flow of visitors to look at our stand on September 19th & 20th.

We are looking to recruit volunteers to help with both the technical and organisational side of making a successful panel.

Getting help

We are now receiving referrals using a website portal. To send a referral, go to the Remap website, <https://www.remap.org.uk/referral-form/> You can submit a referral for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, and then fill in the form with as much information as you have. Please pay particular attention to your contact details, specifically

Volunteers

In view of several recent retirements, we would like to recruit more new members. **We need volunteers** in the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas 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, please contact Don Walton on 07484 855081 or send an email to don1waltonremap@gmail.com.

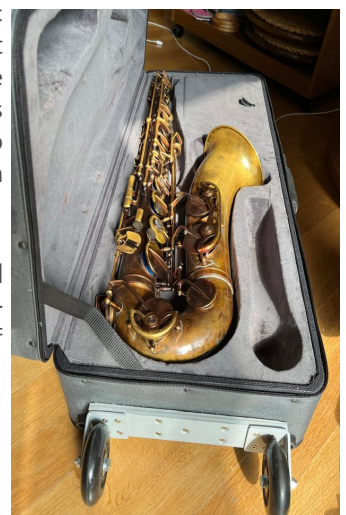
Keeping the Music Playing by Trevor Beeson



Caroline is an active saxophonist and music teacher, but a back condition was making it increasingly difficult to carry her tenor saxophone to rehearsals and performances. After a previous successful REMAP adaptation to her alto saxophone case, she asked if the same approach could be used for her heavier tenor instrument.

REMAP volunteers reinforced the case and fitted sturdy wheels, creating a durable, easy-to-manoeuvre solution that reduced the strain of transporting the instrument.

The adaptation has enabled Caroline to continue performing with her local bands and teaching music independently. She was delighted with the result, saying it had allowed her to keep playing when she feared she might have to give it up.



Bespoke Pram Attachment for a Wheelchair by Mike Banks

A wheelchair user who was expecting her first child wanted to be able to take her baby out independently. She needed a way to attach her pram to her wheelchair without affecting the chair's ability to fold for transport.

REMAP volunteers designed a pair of folding support arms that securely connect the pram to the wheelchair while allowing both to be steered safely. When the pram is not in use, the arms fold upright and are neatly retained out of the way.

The bespoke adaptation has given the new mother the freedom to take her baby out independently, making family life easier and more enjoyable.



Preventing Bathroom Falls by Bernard Killeen

Rae was experiencing frequent forward falls from the toilet, often after falling asleep while seated. A wheeled commode had become unsafe, as it tipped forward with him, so it was replaced with a fixed toilet frame and raised toilet seat.

To provide extra support, REMAP volunteers designed and installed a hinged support arm that folds down in front of Rae. It provides a secure surface to lean on and helps prevent him from falling forward. When not in use, the arm folds neatly upright against the wall.

This simple, bespoke solution has made toileting significantly safer, reducing the risk of injury while maintaining Rae's independence.



Bespoke Bathroom Rails to Improve Safety by Don Walton



Helena was finding it increasingly difficult to get on and off the toilet. The layout of her bathroom meant that standard grab rails and toilet frames could not be fitted safely, as an airing cupboard and nearby fixtures restricted the available space.

REMAP volunteers worked with the occupational therapist to install bespoke grab rails tailored to Helena's bathroom. Following use, further adjustments were made to reposition one rail and shorten another to improve comfort during personal care.

The customised solution has made toilet transfers safer and more comfortable, demonstrating the value of adapting equipment to meet an individual's needs.