



Leicestershire Panel NEWSLETTER No. 6 September 2007

Welcome to our 2006-7 newsletter. When you have finished reading it, please circulate it amongst your colleagues, or put it on a notice board

We have received nearly 50 referrals so far during 2007, and we have been able to satisfy a good number of these by much hard work from our small team of volunteer engineers.

We can always use additional help, so if you know anyone with a few tools and time on their hands do get them to contact us.

We are grateful to the management at the Leicester Space centre for allowing us to use their meeting room for our monthly meetings.

At the REMAP national AGM this year we received the "Inman Award" for the best work related case.

This was for **Dick Gays** work on a sorting aid that helped a lady with whiplash injuries sorting mail at the post office.

Professor **Heinz Wolff**, one of the REMAP vice presidents, presented the award.



Here, and overleaf, are a few examples of the work we have completed this year:



Dick Gays made a combined hairdressing chair and stool for a hairdresser who had a spinal injury and no use of his legs. The hairdresser is able to move his stool up and down, round, towards and away from the client.

This was our biggest project for some years, and it will enable the client to return to employment, despite his injury.



A young girl with cerebral palsy needed extra back support and **Mike Nevett** made a pair of tapered wooden blocks which could be fitted to her special chairs at home and at school.

which could be located conveniently by the sink.



A REMAP panel member needed something to raise her legs whilst travelling in her wheelchair, to prevent her legs from dragging or snagging on obstacles. **Huw Thomas** made a padded bar under the knees, which could be raised using a lever.

wheelchair. **Graham Law** removed the control panel and mounted it on the other side of the bed where it would be less susceptible to damage.



A golfer had been unable to grip his clubs following a stroke, so **Martin Grant** made a special glove which could be secured in a gripping fist position round the club. Client now can't wait to get back to the golf course.



A man unable to use his hands, needed his toothbrush fixed in position where he could use it by moving his mouth. **Martin Grant** mounted an existing toothbrush holder to a weighted wooden box



A client who has a special electrically controlled bed but was accidentally damaging the footboard mounted controls with his

We are always pleased to hear from people who wish to join the Panel, especially those with technical know-how and a few tools. Also, if you need more referrals forms, you can download them from:

<http://freespace.virgin.net/mike.nevett/index-page5.html>

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For urgent referrals telephone one of the officers