




Remap news

Summer 2021



In this issue : Theo's Tractor, Alun's Dog Whistle National Lottery funding grant, Remap Scotland merger and our Volunteers Week celebrations.

Making things possible!

Continuing to provide our essential services...

Over the past year, we have implemented several processes to ensure we can continue to provide our essential services in local communities.

Covid-19 has affected many in several ways; physically, mentally, and emotionally, making it incredibly clear that the need for the custom-made equipment Remap provides will only continue to increase.

We are committed to delivering our essential services as safely as possible. We continue to ensure the safety of the people we serve, their Occupational Therapists, carers, and the Remap volunteers who design, make and install specialist equipment. We will continue to monitor government and NHS guidance regarding social distancing and Personal Protective Equipment and we will undertake sufficient risk assessments.

We are still here, able to provide help, and we will continue to take special measures to do so. Lastly, we want to thank you for your continued support for our charity throughout this difficult period.



A treasured memory

Within our 1982 yearbook, there is a very special picture of HRH Prince Phillip visiting the Remap stand at the Naidex exhibition. As you can see in the image above, he watched intently as our volunteer engineers demonstrated a one-handed can opener, and discovered how Remap was making a difference to those with disabilities.

Rest in peace HRH Prince Phillip and thank you for your support.

To find out more about the custom-made equipment we make, visit:
www.remap.org.uk



Adapting Theo's toy tractor...

Like most small boys, Theo loves tractors. Theo has a condition called tar syndrome, which means he was born with very small arms. His parents came to Remap for support as he had been finding it difficult to reach the steering wheel on his toy tractor. What he needed, was a small steering wheel close to his hand which could steer the tractor electronically.

Remap volunteers Gerry and Rupert came up with a fantastic solution, taking inspiration from state-of-the-art tractors currently used on large modern farms. These tractors are often driverless and remote-controlled, and by using the same style of technology, they were able to adapt Theo's tractor to fit his needs. They mounted a small,

accessible steering wheel to the toy tractor, that Theo could easily reach. Then they added an electric motor and angle sensors which are programmed by a micro-computer to help Theo control the direction of the tractor. To make his toy as safe as possible for him to play with, they also fitted a cradle to prevent him from falling out and made some final stability changes.

Theo can now play safely on his tractor with his brother whilst being able to steer it himself. His mum has said that it has also helped improve his posture as he is not having to bend to reach the controls, helping his back, breathing and confidence too. He loves it so much he even eats all his meals in it!



Helping Alun to carry on sheepdog handling!

Alun has been farming for many years and had relied on a sheepdog to help manage his sheep. He also regularly competed in sheepdog trials before almost losing his life to cancer. He recently underwent laryngeal cancer surgery, which involved removing his voice box (larynx). This meant that he could no longer speak as he did before, and as a result, he cannot use a conventional shepherd's whistle or command his dog using his voice.

Alun's friend Angie Driscoll breeds and trains sheepdogs at Kinloch Sheepdogs. She got in touch with Remap to see if our volunteers could help. Angie had sourced an electronic whistle that she could potentially use to train Alun's dog – Jock, to manage sheep. However, the problem with existing devices was that they only had two or three different frequencies, and she needed four to train the dog.

Derek, a Remap Volunteer at the Gwent/Cwmbran panel, was more than happy to help. He cleverly designed a device that could produce four different sounds using the components from commercially available whistles. The compact device is worn on a lanyard and uses 4 buttons for the various sounds.

Angie has successfully trained Alun's dog to respond to the whistle. Jock can work 350 yards away in windy and wet conditions and still responds to the whistle.

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Celebrating Volunteers Week

The commitment and dedication of our volunteers has been extraordinary and despite a worldwide pandemic many of our volunteers have contributed to safely supporting over 1500 people throughout the UK.

Each of our 954 volunteers, contribute to transforming lives and making more things possible for people with disabilities. Without them we would not be able to provide our service.



Did you know?

Remap gets a donation from Amazon every quarter as a qualifying charity? AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk, you'll find exactly the same items and prices as at the main Amazon site, but with the added bonus that they donate a portion of the

purchase price to your selected charity. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk. On your first visit you need to select a charitable organisation to receive donations before you begin shopping. Once you select Remap, every eligible purchase will result in a donation coming to Remap.

Thank you for your support!

Kind comments...

“ We are so grateful to you for making our lives just that little bit easier. ”

“ I can't thank Remap enough. They have renewed my enthusiasm for my music and have helped me to enjoy my hobby even more, without the constraints of my disability, ”

Remap celebrates being awarded £98k from the National Lottery to support volunteer recruitment project over a two year period.

We have recently been awarded an initial £49,000 in National Lottery funding to support our life-changing work, creating custom-made equipment to help people with disabilities. The funding will be used to develop our Reaching Out project, which will see us increase our volunteer workforce and enable us to support more people with disabilities across the UK. The funding will continue for an additional year, which will take the total grant amount to £98,000.

Remap has over 900 dedicated volunteers across 70 branches throughout the UK. Every year, we support approximately 3000 disabled people with custom-made equipment, that is designed to increase their quality of life and well-being.

The new funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest funder of community activity in the UK, will enable us to recruit and expand



our volunteer workforce across the UK. At the same time, this project will allow us to provide more support to the 14.1 million disabled individuals in the UK, who may need specialist equipment.

Sue Boyes, General Manager at Remap, says:

“We are delighted that The National Lottery Community Fund has recognised our work in this way. Now thanks to National Lottery players, we will be able to press on with plans to widen our awareness and create more life-changing pieces of equipment for those with disabilities”.



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Charity merger will provide wider national coverage to support more people with disabilities.

On the 6th of April 2021, REMAP Scotland merged with Remap 2010, its sister charity, to support the expansion of its service across the United Kingdom. Both charitable organisations share a common objective: to custom-make equipment that helps transform the quality of life for those with disabilities. Together we are working in collaboration to improve support, impact, and reach on a national scale across the United Kingdom.

We are a unique national charity founded in 1964 by Pat Johnson, an Engineer with Imperial Chemical Industries. The charity brings together two sets of people; volunteers who are skilled at making things and those with a disability who may require specialist equipment.

In 1990, the Scottish contingent parted to form REMAP Scotland, leaving Remap 2010 to be responsible for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In 2014 Remap 2010



“ We are certain that we will be able to reach out to many more individuals across Scotland who need our support”.

celebrated 50 years of its inspiring charity work. Today we have helped over 140,000 people.

The organisational change comes at an exciting time for Remap, as we harness the commitment of our existing 900 volunteers, along with 60 Scottish volunteers, to increase the quality of life for people with disabilities.

With your support, we can continue to make more things possible.

As a charity, we rely on your donations to continue to provide our free service to disabled people. Our volunteers respond to almost 3000 projects a year that cost an average of £75 per project. Your gift will help us to continue to keep providing custom-made equipment for disabled children and adults throughout the UK.

Make a donation to Remap

To make a donation, please complete the form below and send to us via post or email. Thank you.

(Please make all cheques payable to Remap.)

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