

## About Remap Berkshire's MAKEABILITY service

The MAKEABILITY service from the charity Remap produces gadgets and equipment for people with disabilities and special needs where there are no suitable alternatives.

This service is provided free of charge and is delivered entirely by volunteers.

Remap Berkshire is one of 70 local groups spread across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Each piece of equipment is tailor-made to suit the specific needs of one individual or group of users and is for their use only.

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## Remap Berkshire

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### Find out more at:

[www.berkshire.remap.org.uk](http://www.berkshire.remap.org.uk)



Our help is provided free of charge because we are a branch of the charity Remap and rely on volunteers giving freely of their time and skills. We are passionate about helping people with disabilities or special needs to become more independent and enjoy the things they want to do. In 2017 Remap helped over 3,000 people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and all the equipment we made was given free of charge.

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**Custom-made Equipment & Gadgets for People with a Disability or Special Need**



Remap Berkshire volunteers are experienced engineers or craftsmen with access to a wide variety of skills and expertise.

Remap Berkshire usually works with health professionals like occupational therapists, physiotherapists, doctors or Special Educational Needs staff to make sure that the equipment provided safely meets individual situations.

Remap Berkshire has assisted people in all age groups with a wide variety of issues.

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### *In these pictures...*

- 1: electric grabber;
- 2: long-reach window opener;
- 3: bullbars for ankle protection;
- 4: access steps;
- 5: adult stairgate;
- 6: easy-grip smartphone charging leads;
- 7: car tailgate strap

***Could we help you or someone you know?  
Please just ask.***

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CHARITY FOUNDED IN 1964

Individually designed & built by experienced volunteer engineers

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# Free Custom-made Equipment & Gadgets for People in Berkshire with a Disability or Special Need

## Can I get help from Remap Berkshire?

Yes, if you have a disability or a special need and cannot find anything suitable on the market.

## Who can ask for help?

People are often referred by a health professional like an occupational therapist (OT) or physiotherapist (physio), but this is not necessary as carers or individuals can contact Remap directly. However it is important to involve health professionals whenever possible to make sure the equipment is going to be suitable.

## How do I get help for myself or someone else?

You, your carer or health professional can contact us directly.

Telephone: 07790 127123

Email: [berks.caseofficer@remapgroups.org.uk](mailto:berks.caseofficer@remapgroups.org.uk)

## Do you charge for your service?

No, it is free to you, there are no forms to fill in and no tests - you just have to ask. We welcome donations, which go towards the cost of materials and engineers' travel costs.

## Can I be sure of confidentiality & security?

Yes. Our engineers are bound by a Code of Conduct and have all undergone character references.

## How do you raise funds?

From public donations or from other organisations who sponsor us or give us grants.

## Is Remap a registered charity?

Yes. Reg Number 1137666

## Where's the Head Office?

D9 Chaucer Business Park,  
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## Amongst those assisted by Remap recently were:

A **school pupil** unable to make himself heard.  
An **elderly wheelchair user** who struggled to use a 'standard' ramp.

A **person with dwarfism** who couldn't reach to do the washing up.

An early-onset **dementia patient** who wanted to keep track of time again.

An **angler with Parkinsons** which prevented him from pursuing his hobby safely.

A **young stroke patient** who wanted to tie her hair into a pony tail using only one hand.

An **elderly gentleman** who found it impossible to pick up a tissue.

## Find out more at:

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## A 3-stage system

## - how Remap Berkshire's MAKEABILITY service works in practice

**1**

A telephone or email 'conversation' to determine the issue, and discover whether Remap can assist.

**2**

An engineer will visit to get further details of what is needed, design and build the gadget or equipment.

**3**

Further visit(s) to fine-tune the design, ensure suitability, deliver equipment, and ensure safe operation. Job done!

## In these pictures...

- A: wheeled garden seat for amputee;
- B: buggy access steps for a special school;
- C: safe kitchen knife for amputee;
- D: computer swivel screen;
- E: wheelchair conversion;
- F: safe stand for disabled archer

**For more examples  
of Remap's work please visit  
[www.MakeAbility.org.uk](http://www.MakeAbility.org.uk)**

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