



Prestatyn Pensioner Up and About Again

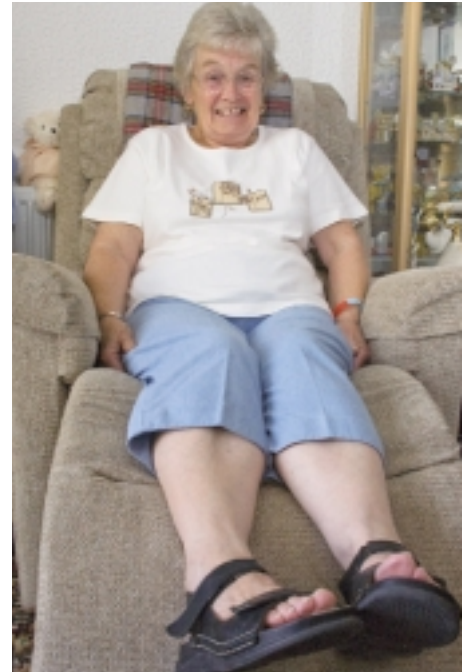
AFTAID - helps 72 year old by supplying a Riser/Recliner chair

London, July 2009 - *"It has been a Godsend!"* exclaimed Freda Edgar, 72, when asked about her new Riser/Recliner chair. She lives with her husband in Prestatyn and like many of our older citizens Mrs Edgar suffers from generalised arthritis. As a result her mobility is now severely restricted and getting around is difficult. Consequently she has to spend a lot of each day sitting down. Because of her condition she was finding it more and more difficult to stand up from sitting without risking toppling over. In fact the only way she managed was with the help of her husband. Unfortunately Mr Edgar is not in the best of health either and was finding this more difficult. The couple were worrying what would happen in the future.

Her doctor recommended the purchase of a special Riser/Recliner chair which would ensure Mrs Edgar had proper support whilst sitting and provide appropriate assistance to ensure she could stand up out of the chair safely and without the need to worry her husband. Such specialist chairs are not cheap. Mr & Mrs Edgar rely on their pensions and incapacity benefit, like too many older people, they just could not afford this extra expense.

In view of his former occupation Mr Edgar was already in touch with Perennial, the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society. Their case worker decided something must be done, although that charity could not purchase the chair. So an approach was made to AFTAID – Aid for the Aged in Distress on behalf of Mrs Edgar.

Within a couple of days of receiving details of Mrs Edgars situation AFTAID was able to make funds available. Very soon afterwards Mrs Edgar had her new chair. Mrs Edgar whilst speaking to the AFTAID explained that *"it has made such a big difference"* to her daily life.



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About Aid for the Aged in Distress - AFTAID

Established in June 1982, AFTAID (Aid for the Aged in Distress) gives direct financial relief to elderly people in distress. It concentrates its efforts and resources directly to elderly people in the UK, who, because of ineligibility or, who are only receiving partial funding through statutory or voluntary services, fall through the 'safety net'. Registered Charity No. 299276. AFTAID is based at 18 Hand Court, High Holborn, London WC1V 6JF Tel: 0870 803 1950 Website: www.aftaid.org.uk

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