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Fledglings is a national charity which supports parents and carers of children with special needs by finding affordable solutions to everyday practical problems. We offer a free of charge bespoke information service which addresses individual needs of each child and family.

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Dear Friend



Very many thanks to all who responded to our January e-news with ideas for Fundraising and new product ideas which you would like to see developed and some which you have developed yourself and wish to sell on to others. I'm sorry that I haven't yet contacted everyone personally about their ideas but I promise to do so as soon as I can.

We do so appreciate the way in which you support us in the charity in seeking out helpful products. As the poster on our wall reads 'Together Everyone Achieves More'. Please continue to support us and we will do all we can to help you too.

Ruth Lingard Executive Director

Have you tried our Airclip?



This fixes a door in the ajar position and if fixed on a door quite high up it would usually be difficult or impossible for a young child to open it. Many families have them fitted to all their internal doors so they can keep their child safely in or safely out of a room. One mum told us she saw it as a means of making an extended playpen! For example if she was concerned about her child escaping out of the front door, she would just fix the Airclip on the doors which led into the hallway keeping the child in the lounge, dining room and kitchen as all these rooms were interconnected. If she was cooking she would fix the Airclip on the kitchen door to keep the child out of danger. Some families even like to take them along on



holidays away.



Airclip GC0011 £7.95 + p&p

Single Socket Cover Back in Stock

Working together really does help everyone. After hearing that our supplier of socket covers had discontinued the singles (which cover light switches as well as plug sockets) a parent found a new supplier for us, so they are now back in stock. Sadly, however, the price has gone up!

Thank you so much, Karen - the parent who helped us. It saved us a lot of time and will help many more families whose children enjoy switching on lights and electrical equipment constantly.

Please contact us again if you recently enquired about the single socket cover when we were unable to help.



Single Socket cover GC0012 £4.50 (new price) + p&p

Waiting list now reduced on Zak's Bed



The waiting list for the popular Zak's bed is now shorter than it has been for some time. Delivery will be within a couple of weeks if you order now. So, if you have been thinking of ordering later in the year it might be worth going for it now. A little bird has told us prices may be about to rise!

This a solid pine 3' single bed with high sides, made with gate-style opening. It is particularly suitable for children who have outgrown a cot and need to be contained safely during the night in order to protect them from danger.

Current price is **£900** with delivery and installation extra. Please contact us for more details.

Holidaying in Britain

As this awful winter continues (it's snowing here again today), most people will be dreaming of

summer sun and holidays. To help you plan your fun in the sun, we have information about two useful guides :

Accessible Britain by Rough Guides and Motability

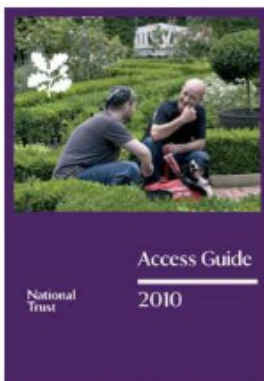


Motability have teamed up with Rough Guides to produce a guide of fascinating places to visit in Britain which includes everything you need to know about accessibility, including tips on parking and getting around. All the reviews have been written by writers with disabilities.

For a limited period the guide is **free** to Blue Badge holders, so don't miss out - place your order now.

Visit their website to order your copy www.accessibleguide.co.uk

Access Guide by The National Trust



This guide is produced each year by the National Trust and covers all the National Trust sites. The guide provides full information about the accessibility to their properties.

Please note that the National Trust recommend telephoning a property ahead of a visit to obtain any specific details about access you might require.

The National Trust admission policy admits the essential companion, or carer, of a disabled visitor free of charge while the normal admission charge applies to the disabled visitor. Please contact them direct for more information.

The guide can be viewed online by clicking on the link below to the National Trust website.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-access-2010.pdf

Fledglings' Charity Ball - seeking a patron

Two local businessmen would like to organise a Fundraising Charity Ball for Fledglings at the end of 2010. However, they feel there is a need for more help to organise the ball and would welcome one or two more people with experience of events management to support their efforts. Could that be you?

We would also like to find a patron for Fledglings, someone well known who would attend the ball and draw in more support for the event. Please contact me directly ruth@fledglings.org.uk if you think you could help us with either of these matters.



View our video. As publicity for reaching the Lottery finals for Best Voluntary/Charity Project

a film was produced about our work [click here to view](#)

Fledglings relies heavily on donations and grants for the income we need to continue our work. We're extremely grateful for all the help we receive. The

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money is all put to good use helping children and families.

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