

EasyLoader makes life easier for Doug Chambers.

Doug Chambers was diagnosed with Muscular Sclerosis six years ago, and his condition has deteriorated considerably over the years. In an attempt to stem the debilitation Doug resisted the temptation to get a wheelchair for as long as possible, using a walking stick, then a walking frame before finally having no other option but to succumb to the chair. As he still had some mobility, Doug initially used a normal Ford Focus, stored the wheelchair in the boot and then walked round to the drivers door, Doug continues:-

“The Ford Focus was a nice car, but the effort involved in taking a trip out was so exhausting that it would take me the following day to recover. In preparation for going out I would stay in the house the day prior to the trip to try and save my energy for the excursion the following day. As I live by myself I had to support myself independently, which meant taking trips to the shops was a necessity which could not be avoided. Also, I wanted to be able to decide spontaneously to go and see my family, or visit friends, rather than working up to it later in the week.”

When the time came to get a new car Doug started to look at the options available to him for customising a vehicle to make his independence simpler. After seeing an advert for Autochair in the local paper Doug made further enquiries and soon realised the EasyLoader was exactly what he needed. He explains: -

“I needed a system which enabled me to be totally independent, and the EasyLoader did just that. I was intending to have the product installed onto a Renault Kangoo and the EasyLoader worked very well within this vehicle. Autochair liaised with Motobility to get the vehicle adapted to my specifications as soon as possible. They came to my house and collected the vehicle, installed the EasyLoader and then arranged for the vehicle to have one of the rear seats

reinstalled. Within a week the car was back with me and I have not looked back since.

I cannot fault the service I received from Autochair. I have been using the EasyLoader for the last year and have not had a single problem with it. The product is so simple that I got to grips with the controls immediately. The fact that I have three seats in the vehicle means that I can enjoy trips out with friends, rather than being limited by how many passengers I can take. The EasyLoader has enabled me to begin living my life the way I wish again, without having to rely on anyone else. I can now go out when I choose without building up to it. Consequently I am seeing a lot more of my daughter and even helping her out with various odd jobs on her stud farm. I have also been able to assist my friends with basic maintenance jobs, which is a refreshing change from people having to help me.”

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