

Richard Fillan

Assistive Technologist



Personal Profile

With a lifelong interest in technology and mechanics my aim is to provide an innovative and comprehensive service to all users of assistive technology. My problem-solving skills are useful in finding solutions for clients of all abilities, enabling them to access technology to communicate effectively and lead more independent lives.

I specialise in implementing mounting solutions for AAC devices, switches and other peripherals. I can design and create bespoke solutions where off the shelf products are not suitable. I like to keep up to date with the latest developments in Assistive Technology, both hardware and software related.

I have experience of working with young people and adults in both home and education environments, helping them to maximise their participation in daily life.

Areas of Interest

- Assistive Technology
- Environmental Control
- Mounting systems for AAC Devices
- Alternative Access Methods
- Gaming

Training

I regularly attend AAC and AT training courses in order to ensure my knowledge is up to date.

This has recently included the following.

- Ace Centre Mounting course
- Rehadapt Training day
- Getting started with Grid 3
- Doing more with Grid 3
- Inclusive Technology Software and Product information day
- Communication Matters Annual Symposium

Work experience

May 2019 -present: Assistive Technologist at ATtherapy, independent company providing specialist support for individuals with brain injury.

In my role at ATtherapy I provide specialist support with regards to assistive technology needs that clients have. I carry out mounting assessments and offer bespoke solutions to any technical difficulties that are being experienced. I support access to a variety of technologies, such as switches, eye gaze, and keyboard and mouse alternatives for accessing computers and communication devices. Responsibilities include training of others in specialist hardware and software, writing and implementing targets and reports, supporting a multi-disciplinary team of therapists and educators and thinking of creative and novel solutions to increase client's access and independence.

Mar 1989 – Present

Managing Director – Retail operation, responsible for implementing and maintaining IT systems, Website, Accounts & Payroll

Sep 2012 – July 2014

Fairfield Specialist School - Part time ICT Technician

Sep 1985 – Mar 1989

Mercedes-Benz - Car and light commercial vehicle sales

Feb 1984 – Sep 1985

Brockholes Ford Commercial vehicle sales

Additional Skills

I am a versatile and proactive professional, able to work well on my own initiative or as part of a team while demonstrating the organisation and prioritisation required to meet deadlines.

I am flexible in working times and am happy to travel and work evenings and weekends.