



Case Study - Meet Ben



Ben, age 21, suffered a severe spinal injury which left him unable to walk and with restricted movement in his hands. Ben loved to play computer games but found he was no longer able to use the controller due to his injuries and sadly gave up playing his favourite games.

The **SpecialEffect** Loan Library gave Ben the opportunity to try out some adapted controllers and he is now able to play games again both on his own and with friends - he can join in once more! To enable Ben to play his games more competitively and comfortably, **SpecialEffect** mounted the controller to his wheelchair, positioning it in a comfortable position, leaving his hands free to focus on controlling the controller rather than holding it. We then re-positioned the trigger buttons to the front where he could access them more easily, using highly sensitive switches. To finish it off adapters were attached to allow the controller to be used on both his Xbox 360 and PS3.

Ben's Mum: *"I am so pleased that you were able to help Ben and we would love to see you again. It was a very worthwhile trip and Ben really enjoyed meeting you."*

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