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## New lease of life for much-loved trike!

MERU, the Epsom-based charity that creates life-changing solutions for disabled youngsters, has brought smiles to the faces of children attending Sutton MENCAP's centre in Wallington.



For what may have been decades the children loved to ride their old trike, but it had fallen into in a very poor state of repair and was no longer safe to ride. The centre's staff searched high and low for a replacement, but nothing even remotely similar could be found anywhere.

Then MERU's staff and volunteers came to the rescue. They repaired and totally refurbished the trike, making it as good as new – and much safer too.

Chief Executive of MERU, Susan Brumpton, said: "We are particularly grateful to Ian and Andrew Montgomery of Primus Quality Coatings in Croydon. For years they have kindly been spray painting the equipment we make for disabled children, totally free of charge. MENCAP's trike is their latest project and it looks wonderful in its new livery."

Jan Galloway, who manages the Sutton MENCAP centre, said: "Our beloved trike has seen a lot of service over the years and it was very much the worse for wear. We despaired at ever finding a replacement but now we don't have to. Our old trike looks sparkling and new, and is safe to ride. The children are thrilled to have it back!"

A second trike that needs the same treatment is now at MERU's workshops. The staff and volunteers hope to complete the work and get it back to the children well before the end of the summer.

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*Pictured left to right: Vicky Cable, MERU Volunteer Coordinator; MENCAP centre user Richard (seated on trike); David Buckley, MERU Engineer Specialising in Children with Learning Disabilities; MENCAP staff member Robbie standing behind centre user Ricky (seated in wheelchair).*