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ANDYLOOS LTD OF SPETCHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE WINS AWARDS FOR ITS LOOS.

ANDYLOOS Ltd of Spetchley, Worcestershire had an extremely successful day at the Loo of the Year Awards at the National Motorcycle Museum on December 8th 2006.

The following five awards were won

- **Accessible Toilet Trophy – awarded to the best Accessible Toilet Facility in all classes in the UK.**
- **5 star National Quality Award for Mobile/Portable Toilets.**
- **English national winner for Accessible Toilet Facilities**
- **Special Changing Places Award**
- **National category winner – Mobile/Portable Toilets.**

Andyloos, the leading UK designer, manufacturer and hirer of mobile toilet and shower facilities are the first company in the world to produce a mobile High Dependency Toilet Unit (HDU). This product will improve the quality of life for people with profound disabilities; It will enable them to “get out and about in the community” – a term so often used, but difficult to implement because adequate toilet facilities do not exist. The HDU is a 20' x 8' trailer that can be towed and sited virtually anywhere, only requiring an electrical supply (mains or portable). It has an overhead hoist, changing bed and toilet, with room for carers and large wheelchairs. It can be purchased, hired or lease according to a variety of options.

John Robinson of Independent Disability Equipment Advisory Services (I.D.E.A.S. for short!) came up with the initial idea which ANDYLOOS then developed into a fully functioning system. John is now actively marketing the unit and both parties are keen to see it become widely used. Kay Coombes of ARCOS in Malvern displayed the unit at their recent Open day and received an enthusiastic response from everyone who saw it.



There are many people in the community who are not able to access even commonly provided disabled toilets. These people include the severely disabled, elderly infirm, older children with profound disabilities, those with temporary injuries resulting from road accidents and medical operations, etc. Given that every local authority is now committed to ensuring equality and inclusion in how they deliver their services, there should be a bright future for the High Dependency Unit; a true first for Worcestershire.

The unit has been enthusiastically received at naidex, the Disabled Living and the Showman's hogs in 2006. Mencap and others are also using it their www.changing-places.org campaign to raise awareness of the current lack of provision. This is a wonderful opportunity for a whole range of sites, shows, sporting events, shopping and art centres to become genuinely accessible to all.

Further information concerning the awards, etc. can be found at;
www.loo.co.uk www.andyloos.co.uk www.changing-places.org/where_mobile.asp

The Loo of the year Awards and associated Attendant of the Year Awards for cleaning staff have been identifying the best in Britain since 1987 and are recognised as standard setters for all those who provide “away from home” facilities for staff, customers and visitors.

Every entry received an unannounced visit from an authorised Loo of the Year Awards Inspector against a wide range of judging criteria – including signage and décor, fixtures and fittings and overall standards of cleanliness and management.

Every loo receives a 5 star grading ranging from 1 to 5 and five star winners are short listed for one of a number of National Awards covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The 2006 Awards were sponsored by leading washroom service supplier Initial Washroom solutions with additional sponsorship provided by Armitage Shanks, Technical Concepts, and The British Cleaning Council together with the four national tourism bodies in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Over 1100 entries were received this year, across the fifty five separate entry categories of the competition, with many first time establishments joining the increasing number of providers who submit their toilet facilities for an annual, independent assessment.

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