



## JAKE KEEPS SMILING ON HIS DRAISIN PLUS

As with many children, 10 year old Jake Davies from Llangollen enjoys setting off on a bike ride around his local area. While this may not seem out of the ordinary, there is something about Jake's bike rides that sets him apart – his Draisin Plus wheelchair tandem.



*No hill is too steep for Jake's Draisin Plus*

As a result of brain damage at birth, Jake has quadriplegic cerebral palsy which affects all his limbs, leaving him unable to walk - but he also has incredibly strong

muscle tone. This means he can become very rigid, making it extremely difficult to get him to sit in any seat. However Jake's father Rob explains: "Once he is in the seat of his Draisin Plus and we start moving, Jake relaxes in a way he is unable to do elsewhere. We do not know if it is the motion or the fresh air, but Jake spends the whole time laughing and smiling and never seems to go rigid when we are moving."

The Draisin Plus is a 'bike for life' enabling those with limited mobility to participate in cycling with family and friends. It is carefully balanced to make steering and pedalling as easy as possible and can be pedalled backwards

for easy manoeuvring. The wheelchair unit can be simply disconnected from the drive section of the tricycle, for visiting cafes or taking a quick break.

With seven forward gears the Draisin Plus comes with a five-point vest and safety harness, hydraulic disc brakes, lateral guides, head support and footrests as standard. The seat can be adapted with extra lateral supports if required, as well as the option of fitting a child's supportive seating system.



*Jake, dad and the rest of the family*