

Turning Points

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Expo's are back!

Steeper show off latest innovations to thousands at OT World

Alex Wood's inspiring story

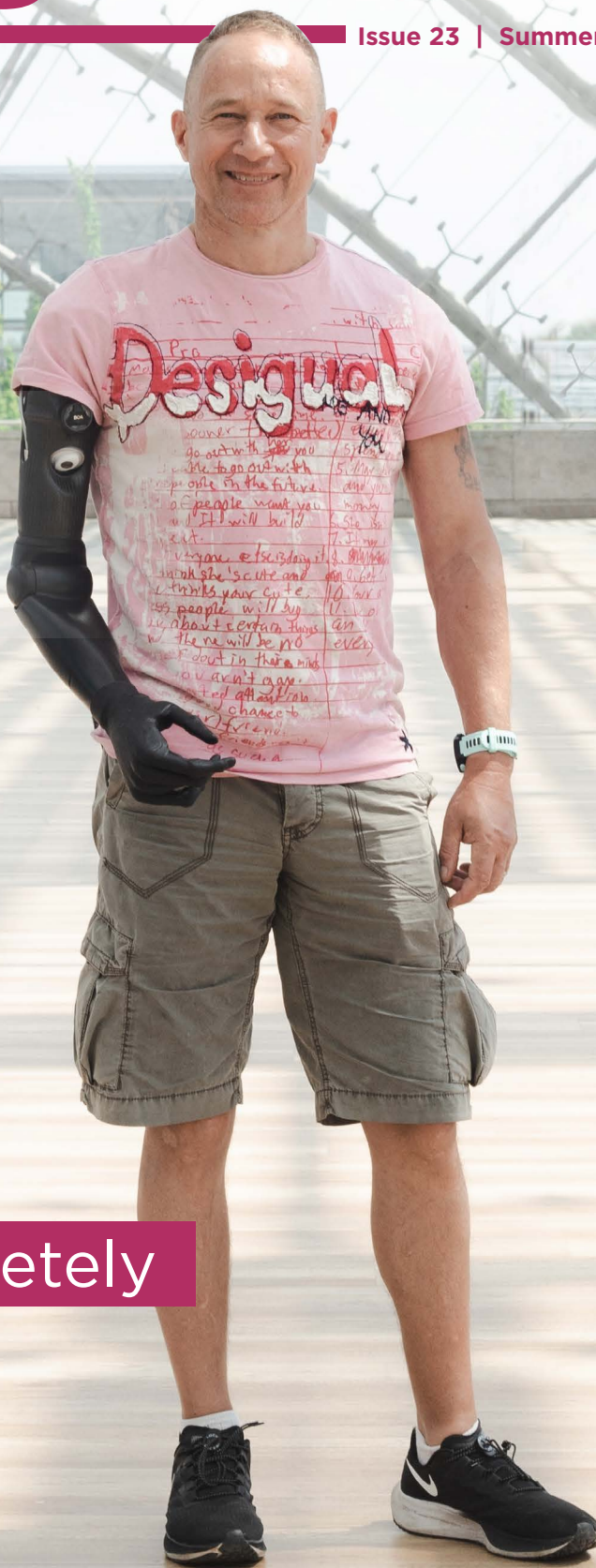
14-year-old receives bronze DofE award after bilateral amputation

Introducing...

LIMB-art prosthetic leg covers building confidence & self-esteem

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CEO Message

Paul Steeper

Welcome to our latest issue of Turning Points.

We're half way through 2022 already, and our team have been busy creating turning points for people all over the globe!

In this issue, we celebrate our many employee achievements like Kate Chauhan's runner up place in the Orthotists of the Year awards, our latest partnership with LIMB-art and a recap of our time at OT World. We also take a look at two patients who are both reaching incredible goals with their prosthetics - Jim and Alex.

We hope you enjoy this issue, and please do share any feedback or turning points with us at marketingteam@steepergroup.com.

Best wishes,



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We would love to hear from you! Please send your feedback to: marketingteam@steepergroup.com

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Employees Acknowledged at Annual Awards

The Steeper Employee awards celebrate team members who have demonstrated excellence and gone over and above throughout the year, brilliantly reflecting our Company Values of Care, Integrity and Patient Focus.

The awards were given at a celebratory evening, hosted by the Operations Board the Thorpe Park Hotel, Leeds.



Steeper Awarded Preferred Supplier at The Cleveland Clinic

Steeper have been awarded preferred supplier status to private London Hospital, The Cleveland Clinic to provide orthotic care for both inpatient and outpatients across a number of disciplines.

Andrew Nicol, Orthotic Service Director said, "This is an exciting growth area for the business, the Cleveland Clinic is part of a global healthcare provider, selecting Steeper as a preferred supplier for our clinical excellence and diverse product range. We're thrilled to increase our reach to more patients in London and work with a prestigious partner"



Kate Chauhan Runner Up Orthotist of the Year!

Congratulations to Clinical Specialist Orthotist Kate Chauhan who came runner-up in the Orthotist of the Year Award run by BAPO.

In the last year, Kate has been working in a multidisciplinary team alongside colleagues in Maxillofacial, Plastic and Neurosurgery as part of the new innovative Cranial Synostosis treatments provided by Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust.

"We're delighted Kate's work within the NHS and at Steeper Clinic has been recognised by this award. She is loved by patients and we're lucky to have her in the team!"

 Andrew Nicol, Orthotic Service Director



Kate with other BAPO award attendees



Artistry at Its Best!

Our High Definition Silicone goes further than just hyper-realistic nails and skin.

A patient at the London Prosthetic Centre found a tattoo design online that she loved and bought it to the team to bring it to life. Joanne was able to customise the artwork and hand craft this incredible silicone cosmesis - amazing work!

Prosthetic Industry Unites to Support 'One of Their Own' & Complete the Treatment Circle



Three of the country's largest prosthetic manufacturers; Steeper, Ottobock and Össur have combined their resources and expertise to support NHS Orthotist after a catastrophic accident changed his life forever.

Married father of two, Jim Ashworth-Beaumont, 55 from Greenwich, London suffered horrific injuries as a result of an accident whilst training for the British Triathlon Championships in June 2020.

An articulated lorry 'side swiped' him trapping Jim under its wheels. As a result of this horrific situation, Jim's right arm was sadly not able to be saved and was amputated at the scene.

Emerging from his 6-week coma, Jim had to come to terms with his condition. One of Jim's high priority goals was returning to work as an Orthotist, and after being assessed, he was given the optimum prescription for a new arm, this included components from 3 of the country's leading prosthetic manufacturers. Without hesitation, Steeper, Ottobock and Össur jumped at the chance to support 'one of their own' and play a small part in helping Jim to get back to work and to get on with his life.

Jim has now been fitted with his prostheses which allows him to carry out day to day tasks and

his job but is also fit for his future plans, "I have been completely blown away by the cooperation and generosity of these three amazing companies", said Jim.

For day-to-day activities and work Jim uses the Steeper Espire Elbow. A revolutionary powered elbow, The Espire Pro is easy to use and features a fantastic anatomical shape with a free swing option which emulates a more natural silhouette when walking. The elbow features a powerful battery so the device can be used all day, ideal for Jim whilst at work. The Espire Pro is compatible with multiple wrists and terminal devices making it an excellent starting point for Jim's prosthesis, the elbow control strategies are flexible enough for Jim to operate the hand, or wrist and elbow simultaneously. "The elbow amplifies the power of my body movement and allows me to get my hand to where it needs to be quicker. The natural shape and long battery life are a real added bonus".

Now almost 18 months on from his accident, Jim has now returned to work, getting back to his full range of activities at RNOH in Stanmore and is looking to complete a Masters in Sports and Rehabilitation Psychology.



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👤 Jim Ashworth-Beaumont



LIMB-art Prosthetic Leg Covers Building Confidence & Self-Esteem



Steeper are pleased to introduce the LIMB-art Prosthetic Leg Covers to our extensive lower limb portfolio.

With the mission of 'Stand Out and Stand Proud', these covers provide excellent cosmetic benefit to patients by restoring balance to the silhouette, as well as playing an instrumental role in raising confidence and self-esteem thanks to their unique designs and customisable options.

With four different models and over 20 different designs to choose from, there's an option for everyone - you can even create your own design!

Find out more on our website:

<https://www.steepergroup.com/about-steeper/insights/limb-art-prosthetic-leg-covers/>



THE LONDON PROSTHETIC CENTRE

Has a Brand New Look!

Next time you visit The London Prosthetics Centre you'll notice it looks a little different! The clinic has been refreshed with brand new graphics featuring our patients and their stories as well as the many products on offer at the clinic.

Doesn't it look great!



Continuing Our Partnership in Leeds

We're delighted to announce we have secured our continued partnership with Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust! For over 20 years, we have provided Prosthetic and Orthotic services to our patients at Seacroft.

Ian Rodger, Prosthetic Services Director, commented, "Our relationship with Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and patients is second to none; our service helps thousands of patients every year."

We're thrilled to continue this partnership thanks to the fantastic team at Seacroft.



Steeper Showcase the Very Latest Innovations at

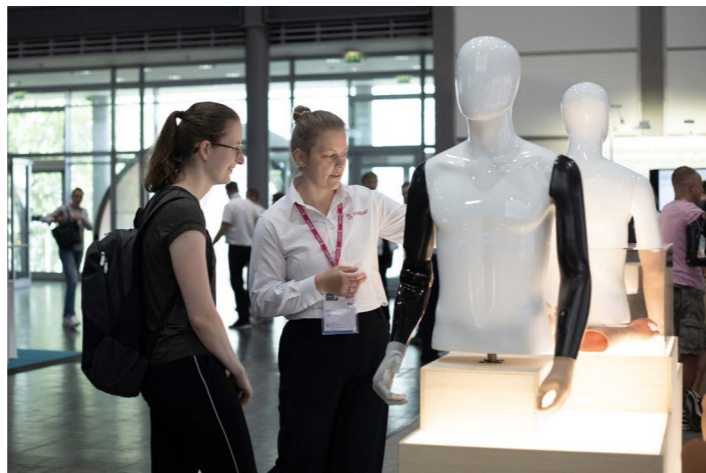


From L to R: Lorna Aitken, Dawn Henderson, Aaron Midgley, Frances Beattie, Brian McLaughlin and Carl Chatfield

The Steeper Team were thrilled to be back exhibiting at the OT World event in Leipzig, Germany after an extended 4-year break!

Our booth showcased the very latest innovations in upper limb prosthetics from Steeper, including the Myoelectric System featuring the Myo Kinisi, S-Charge System, and the Elegance Plus Glove. The Myo Kinisi hand is designed to be tailored to the patients needs, with multiple wrist, size and hand modes available. It also has an auto-grip feature, a durable PVC hand shell and a strong titanium chassis for durability.

Delegates gathered to learn more about the Espire Elbow range including powered, hybrid and body-driven models. Visitors to the booth even got to see the Espire Pro in action! Joining us on the stand was Espire Pro user Jim Ashworth-Beaumont who discussed his experience of using the device with a wrist rotator and multi-articulating hand.



Visitors to the booth were also amazed by the intricacies of Steeper High-Definition Silicone, a hyper-realistic cosmesis bespoke to each individual; prostheses can be constructed to include individual digits, partial hands and feet or full upper and lower limb solutions. Detailing such as freckles, scars and even tattoos can be added for complete personalisation.



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<https://www.steepergroup.com/about-steeper/insights/steeper-exhibit-at-ot-world/>

“It was fantastic to be meeting our customers and partners face to face at the renowned OT World event, we met with customers from all over the globe. As long-standing exhibitors, we were excited to showcase our latest innovations and seeing the reactions from customers and patients to the Myo Kinisi and Espire Elbow range in particular made 2022 our best one yet!”

Paul Steeper

Case Study

Alex Woods

Before Alex was born, doctors diagnosed her with arthrogryposis, a joint condition that would make it difficult for her to walk normally; as she got older, Alex often relied on a wheelchair and crutches to get around.

When Alex was just thirteen years old, she made the incredibly difficult and brave decision – with the support of her parents, Mandy and Shane – to have both legs amputated above the knee. Without it, it was likely Alex would never be able to walk. Using prosthetics would give her more options when it came to walking.

When she came out of surgery, she got straight to work and learned to walk without support for the first time.

At first, Alex used a mechanical prosthesis with a basic knee joint but this didn't feel natural. She was then fitted with the Plié 3 Freedom by Proteor and set herself the goal of walking with ease. One major benefit of the knees is the anti-stumble feature which provides users with confidence knowing they're less likely to stumble or fall. Alex has also been fitted with two Pacifica LP feet from the same manufacturer, allowing her to flex her ankles.

Nicky, Alex's Prosthetist from the Prosthetic and Wheelchair Centre in Liverpool, added, "Having been on the journey with Alex from the pre-amputation consultation through to today she has been nothing short of amazing! She is such a determined young woman and has worked so hard learning to walk. As my first bilateral Plié 3 patient, she has by far exceeded our expectations.

Plus, she's a Bolton girl like me so it's been lovely helping a local girl."

A year on from receiving her Plié 3 Microprocessor knees, and Alex has overcome significant challenges like walking up and down stairs, accomplished her ultimate goal of walking unaided with ease, and has even completed her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award!

"I've just received a bronze award for the Duke of Edinburgh, which has been a massive confidence boost. It's nearly a year since I had my operation, so doing the DofE was a true test to see if I had what it takes. It turns out that I did, as for part of the award we went on an expedition for about 6 hours! I had to manoeuvre steep hills and walk on difficult surfaces. I also had to work in a team with 5 other people, some of whom were complete strangers! Overall, it was a great experience and I'm so proud of myself."



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"Walking was completely alien to me; I didn't want to go back to school in a wheelchair after the summer, so I practiced on my new prosthetics every day until I could walk naturally. In just a few weeks, I was able to walk further and quicker than I ever had before."

Alex Woods

