

Citizenship Studies

GCSE J269 Full Course/J029 Short Course Unit A341

Controlled Assessment Cover Sheet

Please read the instructions printed overleaf before completing this form. One Controlled Assessment Cover Sheet should be completed and attached to the assessed work of **each** candidate.

Examination session	June	Year	2	0	1	0
Centre number	Centre name School					
Candidate number	Candidate name Natasha					
OCR Issue used	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
<i>(If no, please provide details of the issue used below)</i>						
Issue chosen: Improving safety on a local walkway						
OCR Approved Theme: Human rights in conflict						

Task	Comment	Mark
Evaluation of issues and evidence AO1 (max 5)	Many examples of concepts and terminology	4
Evaluation of issues and evidence AO3 (max 5)	All points addressed thoroughly and clearly	5
Taking Action (max 16)	See teachers notes	14
Evaluation (max 4)	All points addressed thoroughly and convincingly within her overall answer	4
Total (max 30)		27

Teacher Notes – Natasha

Synopsis:

- Won support from the Deputy Leader of the Town Council who is to take forward their case in future council meetings, to improve the safety and image of a local busy walkway, underneath a bridge, where several people have been attacked
- Gained front page coverage in the local newspaper and coverage in the 'Oxford Mail' a county wide newspaper
- Gained support from their local MP and the police
- Raised and gained public support via an electronic petition, a petition and a facebook group

Comments:

- Natasha took the lead on several aspects of her teams campaign, was a reliable team member showing good initiative and worked hard. They selected appropriate and effective methods of campaigning for their project and its aims. She confidently communicated with people in positions of power, leading the discussions with the Deputy Leader of the Council.

Candidate Proposal Form

Candidate name Natasha Candidate number

Centre name Centre number

We have chosen the OCR issue (~~Yes~~ / No)

If you have not chosen the OCR issue, record your own issue below. Your issue must link to one of the OCR approved themes.

Aims of your work

Briefly describe what you are hoping to achieve with your campaign.

To get brighter lights and CCTV under Cow Lane Bridge and Graffiti Bridge in Didcot

Who are the decision makers that your campaign is aimed at?

(For example, the School Leadership Team, School Governors, the School Council, politicians, community leaders or local business people.)

Councillors who are in charge of CCTV.

Local people who are affected.

Police who deal with the issues under the bridge.

Who are you working with?

Give the names and suggested roles.

Name	Role
Ellie	- Designing posters, leaflets etc.
Charley	- Online work / designing
Natasha	- Contacting people

What is your campaign start date? 11th March

What is your campaign completion date? 29th April

Teacher signature Mr. [Signature] Date 11-3-10

A01 & A03 Natasha

In Didcot there are two main bridges called Cow Lane Bridge and Graffiti Bridge. These bridges are the shortest and easiest way to get to the Ladygrove estate in Didcot and are used by numerous people commuting back and forth to Didcot train station and also coming to and from Didcot town centre, but these bridges are known to be areas of crime, violence and in the case of Graffiti Bridge it can be a popular spot for drug users, this results in the public being scared to travel underneath them, especially at night, because of the reported crimes that are said to happen.

Police do watch these bridges now and again to make sure nothing is happening but, as a police officer we interviewed said, 'they can't patrol under them at all times because they just don't have enough officers to do that.' We want to make people feel safer when walking under these bridges, because its wrong that they feel scared to walk to or from home, so as a result we want to put CCTV under the bridges to help people to feel safer, and also if there are such crimes that are reported going on underneath the bridges then hopefully the CCTV will help to solve who did the crimes or if not solve them definitely help towards finding out who does what and what goes on, because there are still unsolved problems from under the bridges which may be solved with the help of CCTV.

As part of collecting evidence on this issue, we stood by these two bridges and asked one hundred local people walking through the named bridges on what they thought. Our findings showed that:

- 58% of people said they were scared when walking through the bridges
- 87% said they didn't like the way the bridges looked
- 78% of people said they would like brighter lights in the bridges
- 81% said they would feel safer with CCTV under the bridges
- 58% said they would want Cow Lane Bridge to be the one that is changed the most

These figures show that most people agree that there is a problem with the bridges, like crime and violence and the figures clearly show that they definitely want something to be done about the bridges to make them feel safer so the public don't have to worry about their well being and safety. Another point was that if we could just help make the bridges look better that would help people feel better because when something looks unsightly, it doesn't always encourage you to want to go there because it can be slightly intimidating or scary, for example when you see spray painted walls it can make you feel scared because you know groups of children or teenagers have been here being anti-socially spray painting walls.

Also, most people said they would want Cow Lane Bridge to be changed the most, because that tends to be the most 'popular' bridge, and many people walk underneath there, so if that was the only one that we managed to get something done about people wouldn't necessarily mind because not many people walk or use Graffiti Bridge as their main root of travelling around Didcot.

We interviewed a police officer named Janine ; she is in charge of the area around these two bridges called Didcot North. She said that she thinks the bridges are dangerous areas of crime and violence and that she thinks CCTV would be a great help in reducing crime and violence because she knows, from experience of being a police officer around the area, what goes on under these bridges but that the police cant always prove the problems that are reported because she cant catch the problem people red handed with what has been reportedly going on because they only have peoples word for it they don't have something like CCTV evidence to actually prove these things are happening, but if there was CCTV put in place it would definitely help with things and she also mentioned that the police would definitely be willing to cooperate with the campaign and they'd want the CCTV to be put in place.

This is a good point because it shows that the police are backing up our campaign and they are willing to help us. This means something because police officers are the people who tend to be the ones who deal with the area, they are the ones who deal with the issues face to face and they most likely know best about what would and wouldn't be good for the community. Also, I definitely agree with what Janine is saying because she knows what goes on and if she thinks that something needs changing then she is most likely the best person to listen to because she's the one who deals with the issues and I agree that I think having CCTV would help the police to catch people out when things are going on.

As part of the survey, we asked a member of the public, Dominic , what he thought about the campaign and he said that he this is a waste of time and people wont care about the CCT they'll just graffiti back over all the cleaned walls because they'll hide their faces so that they don't get caught.

This is a valid point from a member of the publics point of view, and I see where he is coming from but I disagree with what he is saying because I don't think that people will hide their faces all the time when, for example, burgling somebody, and even if they do hide their face people can still catch them out from the clothes they are wearing. I think that even if CCTV doesn't help catch people out in their crimes, like Dominic is saying, I think it'll at least help people feel safer and everyone has a right to feel safe.

After interviewing the police officer and the member of the public, we asked a victim of an incident under Cow Lane Bridge, Carmen , some questions. She said that she was a little wary of Cow Lane Bridge before the incident, but after the incident had happened she felt really scared, shook up and helpless.

We asked if she thought CCTV would be useful under the bridges she replied "yes and no because it will help lower crimes committed but police wont always take time out to help under the bridges because they have better things to do." She said she thinks CCTV would make people, including her feel safer under the bridges too, because they know that people can be caught.

I agree with what Carmen is saying, because even if CCTV doesn't catch people out all the time, it will help when big cases go on and they can use it as evidence. CCTV will also make many people feel safer, because in our questionnaire we carried out 81% said they'd feel safer with CCTV, but I don't think that I agree with the point about saying police wont have enough time because I'm sure if someone really needed help the police would get to them as soon as they can.

We found some stories online from 'The Oxford Mail' telling us about how there have been violent attacks under Cow Lane Bridge, one was about a 38-year-old man who got dragged off his bike by four 15-year-old boys and three boys aged 16. This was an unprovoked attacked by the boys, who were all drunk, and this most likely wouldn't have happened if there was CCTV under the bridges.

Also, there was another story about a 23-year-old man who was left with a shattered jaw after an attack, this also wasn't needed and I think that CCTV would have stopped the people who did this to him because they would've been scared of getting caught.

Finally the last story was about a man aged between 17 and 19 threatened an 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old girl with a knife to try and get their money, this is anti-social, wrong and I also think this wouldn't have happened if there was CCTV.

I think that CCTV would be a great help, it would make people feel safer when travelling through them, people have a right to feel and be safe and when people are being attacked it shows that people aren't safe, and the council should take responsibility to make sure people are safe e.g. putting in CCTV cameras. I'm quite sure that CCTV would be a big step towards helping out in cases that have happened and may lower crimes under or around these areas. I'm definitely not saying all crimes would be instantly be solved with CCTV, but I think it would help a great deal because all the crimes I mentioned above haven't had the people responsible caught. Another point is that CCTV would help towards showing what type of people need to be questioned

within crimes, what actually happened during the crimes that are being committed and being able to use it as evidence in a court cases.

A campaign is needed on this issue because many citizens are being scared and intimidated within their own environments and I think that it's wrong for people to be scared because people have a right to feel safe. Also, people who are committing the reported crimes, are managing to get away with it because when they do these things there isn't always somebody else around to prove what actually happened and people who commit crimes should have a necessary punishment for their actions and I think the council should take the responsibility to make sure people get caught for the crimes they commit.

As for the campaign methods, I think a few different campaigning methods would be good, for example one campaign method would be an online and a handwritten petition because it would be a great way of getting support and showing people that this is what the public want. I think an online petition would be good for people who use the internet a lot and don't have time to sign a handwritten petition. Whereas a handwritten petition would be good because you can ask people to do it there and then and you know your getting signatures, because if you ask people to go online and sign a petition not everyone will do it, so this way you have a definite supply of people signing a petition. We can then show this campaign to people who have the right power to change what we want and put CCTV in these bridges.

Another way would be to contact the people in power, like the Police, the council, local councillors because these people are the people who can actually get the things we want. We can't just aim this campaign at the public because they can't do anything about what we want to happen. Whereas the council can get the funding, and get the people to put in the brighter lights and CCTV because at the end of the day the council have a responsibility to make people feel safe.

As well as getting hold of the council and the police etc, I think that getting hold of the media would be an excellent way of publicising our campaign and showing the public this is going on. If we managed to get into the Newspaper, on the Radio or the News then more people would see what is going on and then they could join our campaign and agree with it. This would show the council and the police etc. that this is a serious campaign that is within the public interest and it's what people want.

A different way of getting the public involved and showing the people we are aiming our campaign at that we have many people on our side is to set up a Facebook group, I think this would be a good way because Facebook is used by many different aged people, many different types of people from different walks of life and it would get to loads of people in Didcot and people who use the bridges because they can read what we're saying on our page, show their friends and that way more people will join the group and show their support.

I think contacting the media would help best because it will get so many people involved in what we're trying to achieve, and that way we can get our campaign out there to many different people, we can get loads of people to agree to what we're doing and we can then get them to sign our petitions and things and then we can show the council and the police and whoever else that people want this campaign and we can then persuade them to help us because we'll have so many people on our side.

A01 4
A03 5

Assessment Record					
Citizenship Campaign					
Candidate Group					
SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND ORGANISATION					
Level 1. Supporting the planning and organisation of their campaign at a minimum level to address the issue.					
Level 2. Supporting the planning and organisation of their campaign at a limited level to address the issue					
Level 3. Supporting the planning and organisation of their campaign at a sound and effective level to address the issue	L3				
Level 4. Supporting the planning and organisation of their campaign well and effectively to address the issue.		L4	L4		
CARRYING OUT A PLANNED ROLE and WORKING with OTHERS					
Level 1. Carrying out a planned role in the campaign at a minimal level including working with others.					
Level 2. Carrying out a planned role in the activity at a limited level including working with others.	L2				
Level 3. Carrying out a planned role in the activity at a sound and effective level including working with others effectively.		L3			
Level 4. Carrying out a planned role in the activity well and effectively including working with others well.			L4		
INITIATIVE and LEADERSHIP					
Level 1. Showing minimal initiative or leadership.					
Level 2. Showing limited initiative or leadership.	L2				
Level 3. Showing sound and effective leadership as necessary.		L3	L3		
Level 4. Showing good and effective leadership as necessary.					
FLEXIBILITY					
Level 1. Showing minimal flexibility and capacity to adapt to changing circumstances					
Level 2. Showing limited flexibility and capacity to adapt to changing circumstances	L2				
Level 3. Showing sound and effective flexibility and capacity to adapt to changing circumstances			L3		
Level 4. Showing considerable flexibility when appropriate and an ease at adapting to changing circumstances		L4			
Provisional Mark (Simply add up the 4 levels)	9	14	14		
TEACHER ASSISTANCE					
Considerable teacher direction will limit achievement to Level 1.					
Some teacher direction will limit achievement to Level 2.					
Little teacher direction will enable achievement at Level 3.					
Teacher consultation but <u>no</u> teacher direction will enable achievement at Level 4.	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Final Mark allowing for Teacher Assistance	9	14	14		

Preparing Candidates for Success in the Citizenship Campaign

Levelled Success Criteria based on the Mark Scheme for *Taking Action*

Check below to see what you have to show for your Citizenship Campaign

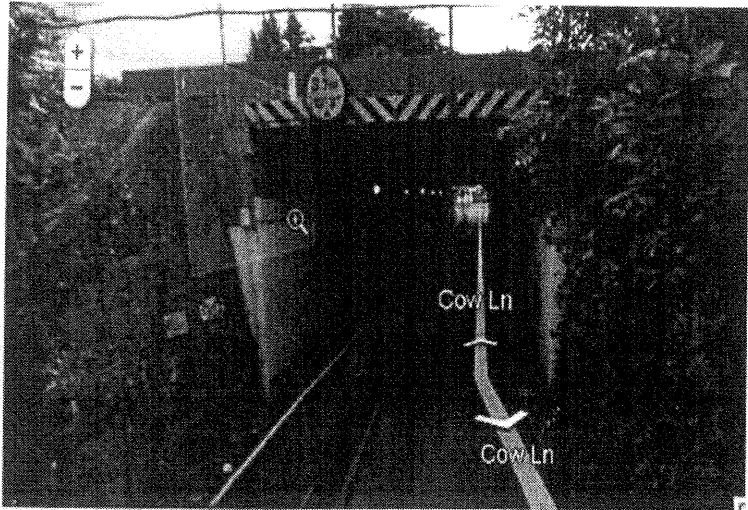
Name: Natasha.....

Level	I can show evidence of:	Description of Evidence
MUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> my part in the campaign as part of a team working with others ways in which I changed what I was doing after changing my mind, making a mistake or getting advice the impact our action had on others 	PAGE FOUR PAGE TWELVE PAGE ONE PAGES 3, 9, 10, 11, 12
Should	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> my contribution to the team plan supporting other members of my team using initiative flexibility and a willingness to adapt to changing circumstances 	PAGE THIRTEEN PAGE FOURTEEN PAGE SIX PAGE FOURTEEN
Could	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the whole team plan and my own part in the plan leadership in parts of the plan or campaign seeking advice and support where necessary 	PAGE THIRTEEN } PAGE FOURTEEN

Your teacher will assess your progress through their own observations and the evidence you produce. Examples of evidence could include:

- Posters, leaflets and other material, including websites, linked to your campaign
- Video of activities, meetings, assemblies, lobbying or other responsible group campaign
- Witness statements from those who have observed or been influenced by your campaign

Please hand this chart to your teacher with your evidence



Campaign For Cowlane

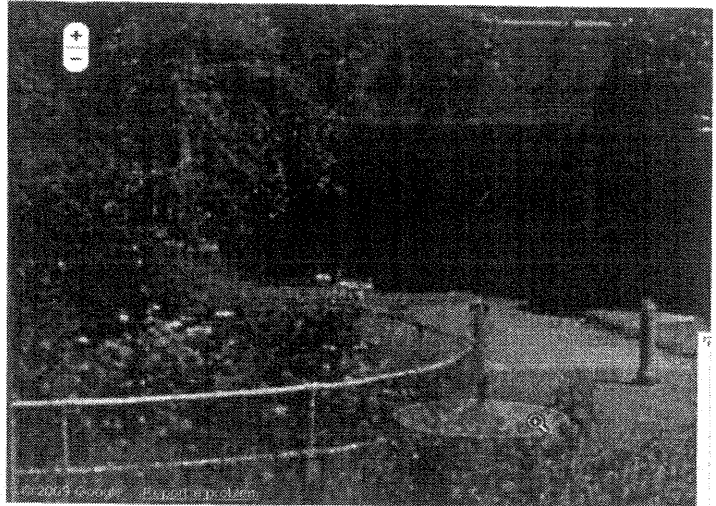
↑
as you can see our campaign is now mostly aimed at Cowlane Bridge, as Cowlane is the most wanted to be changed.

WE WANT CCTV AND BRIGHTER LIGHTS

HELP US AND SIGN OUR
ONLINE PETITION ...

[http://cctv\[REDACTED\].weebly.com](http://cctv[REDACTED].weebly.com)

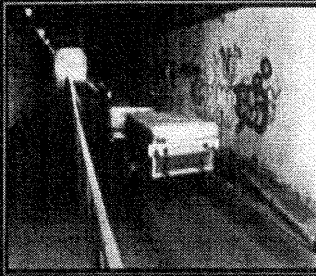
we all designed this poster together and Charley created it on the computer.



Campaign for cctv and brighter lights under Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge

Home

Title.



As part of our Citizenship GCSE, we (Charley Ellie and Natasha) are campaigning to get CCTV and brighter lights in Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge in Didcot.

We need your support to help us to make this happen. We just want these bridges to be safer because these are a slight area of concern within Didcot, and we think that people should feel safe when travelling around their homes.

Help us to get this to happen by signing our online petition today -

www.petitions.com/petition.

OR join our facebook group -<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?>

Create a free website with Weebly

It describes what our campaign involves and gives links to our facebook page and our online petition.

I set up this website on www.weebly.com.

Leave Group

Write something about campaign for Cowlane.

Information

Category: Student Groups - Advising Groups

Description: as part of our citizenship GCSE we had to decide upon a campaign. our group decided to campaign on Cowlane and graffiti bridge. we want brighter lights and CCTV under both bridges, we think this will help on the safety of people walking and commuting through these bridges.

Privacy Type: Open: All content is public.

Admins

- Natasha
- Charley

Members

6 of 144 members See All

Yesterday at 7:38pm · Comment · Like · Share

... safety would be good but we don't wanna lose out on the graffiti

Yesterday at 5:55pm · Comment · Like · Report

View all 4 comments

... yeah but if you got cameras then you have people manning the cameras then when they spot ya they call the bacon,

but yes there have been alot of dirty going ons down that road, remember when that guy got stabbed in the head with a screwdriver

Yesterday at 6:00pm · Delete

... at the end of the day peoples personal safety is kinda more important than graffiti :) even though its nice that we have somewhere to do it. but im sure there is somewhere else we can graffiti :) x

Yesterday at 7:22pm · Delete

Write a comment...

Charley

Cowlane

would you feel safer with CCTV and brighter lights under cowlane ?

Yesterday at 4:27pm · Participate

Charley <http://www.ipetitions.com/pe...>

signatures

Do you want CCTV and brighter lights under Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge in Didcot?

About time this was done, i hate walking through this tunnel during the day & would not even think about it at night. The sooner it's sorted the better!

discovery new music.

Like

Work in games animation

Middlesex University IN LONDON

BA Honours 3D Animation and Games

Qualify for a career in the computer and games industry at Middlesex Uni. Create computer generated 3D animation on our BA degree.

Like

London Airports

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Get to/from Stansted, Luton & Gatwick Airports. More than 300,000 seats available from £2 on ALL off-peak services - if you book early!

Like

More Ads

This is our Facebook page that Charley designed.

- ① it describes what a campaign involves.
- ② it gives links to our online petition that members can click on.
- ③ Me + Charley are members so we can regularly update it.
- ④ we have now got 144 members who have joined our group and have some knowledge

Hi Tasha,

I've passed your email on to [REDACTED], Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Officer. She'll email you back with the information.
I'm sure she would be happy to reply to future emails if you have any other questions.

Her email is [REDACTED]n.gov.uk

Thanks

Louise

Louise
Young People's Coordinator

"Natasha [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 11/03/2010 14:03
Questions about the CCTV and brighter lights.

We'd like to know:

Who is in charge of putting CCTV and brighter lights underneath Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge in Didcot?

Who do we aim our campaign at to get the CCTV and lights put in place?

What methods will work best to get the CCTV and lights put in place?

I can't think of anything else right now, but if anything does crop up am I able to write another email?

Natasha

*These are the questions we
all came up with together
and I emailed them to
Louise the young people's
co-ordinator.*

Hi Natasha,

Thank you for your email regarding an information request about improving the street lighting and CCTV coverage at the COW LANE BRIDGE and GRAFFITI BRIDGE areas.

I will take some advice from my Neighbourhood Sergeant, PC [redacted] and any other relevant Partner Agencies and then pass you the relevant information once I have it. I have "CC'd" PCSO Louise [redacted] in on this reply, as she is the area PCSO for the [redacted] ESTATE.

I will contact you again soon.
Good luck with your Campaign!

Kind Regards,
Adam

Adam [redacted]
PCSO [redacted]
[redacted] Neighbourhood

[redacted] Neighbourhood Policing Team
[redacted] Police Station
[redacted]
[redacted]

Oxfordshire, OX11 [redacted]
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Natasha [redacted] [mailto:[redacted].uk]
Posted At: 08 March 2010 14:13
Posted To: [redacted]
Conversation:
Subject:

I am a pupil at [redacted] School and as part of my Citizenship GCSE me and two other girls are running a campaign to try and get CCTV and brighter lights under Cow Lane Bridge and Graffiti Bridge to reduce crime.

We have already had a meeting with PC Janine Smallbone to talk about some possibilities of the CCTV, and now we are running our campaign and we are trying to take this all slightly further by actually getting this into action.

I am contacting you because I was wondering who is incharge of putting CCTV under these bridges is and who we need to contact to make this possible?

Regards, Natasha [redacted]

This is the email I sent to find out who is in-charge of CCTV under the bridges.

[redacted]

Hi Natasha - that sounds like something of interest. I suggest that we arrange a photograph set up of you and the other students in either the Cow Lane or Graffiti underpass, and I'll come and meet you and talk to you about it then.

Let me know a good time later this week when you can make it there, and I will book in a photographer.

All the best,

Liam

----- Original Message -----

From: Natasha [REDACTED]

To: ls [REDACTED] n

Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 2:35 PM

Subject: DGS campaign

Hi Liam

It's Natasha [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] meetings, I am contacting you about another matter regarding a campaign that me and two other students are running as part of our Citizenship GCSE.

It's about the two bridges in Didcot, Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge and we are doing a campaign to get CCTV and brighter lights under these bridges people feel safer.

The main reason we contacted you was because we were wondering if it would be possible to get a story in your newspaper to publicize our campaign a bit more because at the moment it is practically unknown, and if we had more publicity surrounding our campaign it would help to make our campaign better and maybe we'd get help from the story.

Regards,

Natasha [REDACTED]

This is the email Ellie sent to the local newspaper to tell him about our campaign (These are all sent from my email just to make things easier)

Hello Charlotte,

We are focusing on this area of Didcot because its the area in which we live and two of us I travel through the bridge at least twice a day, and it is quite a problematic area in which a lot of people in Didcot would like to be sorted out. You can see we have a lot of people backing us on our online petition at [www.ipetitions.com/petition/\[redacted\]](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/[redacted])

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You have all our permission, we do sign permission slips in school to say we're allowed, so I don't think there would be any issues, I know that all three of us are willing to get as much publicity as possible.

Natasha, Charley and Ellie

3 and this is my reply back to what Charlotte asked us.

Hello Natasha

Thank you for contacting us.

Sounds like an interesting campaign, what has prompted you to decide on this area of Didcot to focus on?

If we were able to do something with you on this project do we have permission to film with you for TV and would you be available to talk to both TV and radio?

Kind regards
Charlotte

2 this is a reply from Charlotte [redacted] from BBC Oxford.

[redacted]
[redacted]
BBC Oxford
[redacted] BBC Oxford News

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We are three students who attend [redacted] School, as part of our Citizenship GCSE we are running a campaign to get CCTV and brighter lights underneath Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge in Didcot we were hoping to get a story on the news to publicize our campaign because we want more publicity as this is a major issue that we think needs dealing with in Didcot to make people feel safer.

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Thank you,
Natasha [redacted]

1 This is the email sent to ^{the} local ~~paper~~ news about our campaign. to try and get publicity.

[redacted]

INBOX

Junk (1)

Drafts

Sent

Deleted (30)

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account

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Hotmail storyThis message is too wide to fit your screen. [Show full message](#)

RE:

From: [REDACTED] Ed ([REDACTED]@parliament.uk)

Sent: 16 March 2010 17:44:06

To: charley [REDACTED]

Done. Have you told your local paper?

From: charley [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 March 2010 17:25

To: [REDACTED] Ed

Subject:

hi,

my name is Charlotte [REDACTED] i attend [REDACTED] school and currently in year 10. As part of my GCSE course for Citizenship we have to campaign on a issue that affects us. This covers 30% of our final GCSE grade. Me and two other girls in my group decided to campaign to get brighter lights and CCTV under Cowlane ad Graffiti Bridge, we think that the community have the right to feel safe when walking under the bridges. At the moment its not. Both Bridges have graffiti under them, Graffiti Bridge has shattered glass everywhere. The lights under Cowlane are very dim and neither of the bridges have CCTV. Once you enter the bridges you cant be seen clearly from the road especially Graffiti Bridge. It would be great if we could have our local MP supporting us. if possible could you please sign our Online petition [http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/\[REDACTED\]](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/[REDACTED])

Many Thanks

Charlotte [REDACTED]

We want to hear all your funny, exciting and crazy Hotmail stories. [Tell us now](#)

Charley sent this email to our local MP to tell him about our campaign and ask him to sign our crime petition.

The last section of a petition (only one page required - not whole document).

PAGE TEN.

56 S [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.com	12/03/2010 05:17
57 C [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@btinternet.com	12/03/2010 11:35
58 Ella [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk	12/03/2010 11:40
59 neil [REDACTED]	[REDACTED].com	12/03/2010 12:28
60 Jodie [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk	12/03/2010 03:36
61 Simon [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@gmail.com	13/03/2010 04:12
62 Aileen [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk	15/03/2010 05:54
63 Kia [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk	15/03/2010 09:17
64 Sian [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk	15/03/2010 11:56
65 Carmen [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@msn.com	16/03/2010 05:25
66 Ed [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@parliament.uk	16/03/2010 05:43
67 Lewis [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]13@hotmail.com	16/03/2010 07:39
68 samuel [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.com	16/03/2010 09:15
69 Alison [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@msn.com	17/03/2010 10:47
70 D [REDACTED]	[REDACTED].e.com	18/03/2010 04:15
71 sue [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@aol.com	18/03/2010 09:21
72 Hannah [REDACTED]	[REDACTED].uk	23/03/2010 01:26
73 sam [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@mail.com	30/03/2010 06:05
74 Luke [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk	14/04/2010 08:31

This is Didcot local MP that we got to back our campaign.

This is an online petition that Ellie set up on www.ipetitions.com. We put a link to it on our facebook page and on our website. We gave the link to all friends and family and got them to sign it too.

This is a handwritten petition we made and got people around school and our local area to sign.

PHOENIX CHURCH

Petition to put CCTV and brighter lights under Cow Lane and Graffiti Bridge

Name	Signature
EMMA	EM
Emma	
Rachel	Rachel
GEMMA	GEM
Libera	Lib
Rakia	Rak
Natasia	Nat
Emma	em
Oliver	Ol
Katie	Kat
Kess	Kes
Amy	Amy
Shannon	Shan
Bethan	Beth
Lauren	Lauren
Paige	Paige
Jessie	Jess
Holly	Holly
Mia	Mia
Abbie	Abbie
MEGA	MEGA
Holly	Holly
Court	Court
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Pupils want safety boost

TEENAGERS have launched a campaign to improve safety at a notorious Didcot underpass.

Pupils at [redacted] School said they were scared to walk through the Cow Lane underpass alone, following a series of violent attacks.

The Year 10 pupils are calling for CCTV and better lighting to boost safety in the dingy subway.

Since last July, the underpass has been the scene of 15 crimes, including knife-point robberies and an attack in which a man had his jaw broken.

As part of their GCSE in citizenship, the students have launched a poster campaign, collected 120 signatures on a petition, met with local police and conducted a survey of 100 underpass users.



Safety drive . . . Ellie [redacted], Natasha [redacted] and Charley [redacted] Picture: [redacted]

Of the people questioned, 81 said they would feel safer if the underpass had CCTV.

Natasha [redacted], 15, from [redacted] said: "I have to use the underpass every day and it is very scary. My mum won't let me walk there at night."

"There have been a lot of robberies, and it can be really intimidating."

Thames Valley Police spokesman Chris [redacted] said: "We will always take on

board everything they have to say on issues like this, and work with them to try and make improvements in the local community."

The deputy leader of the town council, Tony [redacted], said: "The council fully support what the girls are trying to do. With the CCTV . . . there is a financial implication. If the girls come up with a funding solution, that would be fantastic."

The email was sent to Liam [redacted] resulted in us becoming the front page of our local newspaper.

→ This shows the council now know about our campaign

Complete the chart below as you plan your activity.

Team Member	Action for the Campaign	Start Date	Completion Date	Notes
Tasha + Ellie	Email: - police - local paper - local news - Young people's co-ordinator			
Charlie	Ring Diocesan council to get info about belonging of Bridges			Rang, but never any answer.
All	design a poster.			
Charley	create the poster.			
Ellie	created the online petition.			
Tasha	created website			
Charley	created facebook.			
All	put up posters in shops + school			
All	created a handwritten petition.			

SUPPORTING OTHER MEMBERS OF MY TEAM

*1 I supported other members of my team by:

- We all turned up to meetings when organised.
- we all turned up to the newspaper interview and got photoid.
- When people were asked to do things e.g make a website, they did it on time.
- We split larger tasks into smaller ones

Flexibility and willingness.

- When Ellie had a two day graphics exam me and Charley had to take on some of Ellies tasks.
- Charley came down ill for over a week and we had to rearrange a meeting with Liam.


LEADERSHIP IN PLAN OR CAMPAIGN

- When I sent emails and made the website

SEEKING ADVICE AND SUPPORT

- We got advice from local councillors and whoever else was necessary
- Support from our teachers and local community.

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Didcot girls on subway mission

12:56pm Friday 19th March 2010

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By Ben Ellery »

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Eighty one of the people questioned said they would feel safer if the underpass were monitored by CCTV.

Natasha [redacted] 15, of [redacted] said: "I have to use the underpass everyday and it is very scary. My mum won't let me walk there at night.

"There have been a lot of robberies, and it can be really intimidating. When there is a gang



This is our article on the Didcot Herald website.

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SAFETY STUDY: Natasha [redacted] Charley [redacted] and Ellie [redacted]

We also got online on the oxford mail.

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YOUR SAY YourOxfordshire

jawa, [redacted] says...

7:13pm Sun 21 Mar 10

The town council's deputy leader, Tony [redacted], said: "The council fully supports what the girls are trying to do. With the CCTV. If the girls come up with a funding solution that would be fantastic, but it is expensive to install and then there are ongoing running costs."

Just do it, if it saves someones life.

This is the comments people put on our online article.

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A [redacted] says...

10:47am Mon 22 Mar 10

Of course, if the criminals involved in such crimes were ever put away for the extreme violence and thuggery they commit instead of sent on holidays. If they were actually fined the costs of installing such systems and the running of them instead of being awarded a Ten pound fine and a victims surcharge that they default on with impunity, then there would 1. be less crime there, 2. Expense of system would be covered. Regretably the magistrates we seem to suffer around these parts haven't had their jaws broken, their cards thieved and used at knifepoint, been intimidated there in fear of their lives, and since they evidently show no evidence of empathy with lesser life forms than themselves this will not happen. The obvious requirement is to defend yourself,... you might get as little as five years for that crime.

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hp1, [redacted] says...

10:59am Tue 23 Mar 10

We have enough money for the 'Ladygrove Loop'. Perhaps it would be better spent on the safety of the townsfolk, rather than this strange fitness trail.

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Gibbo [redacted], [redacted] says...

9:15pm Fri 26 Mar 10

In all honesty who really cares, didcot is a proper dump.. best thing the town council could do is get a load of TNT and blow the underpass up this would have to positive effects 1) it would do a shed load of improvement 2) No one would be able to walk through it to get mugged !!! its common sense people !!!!

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We had a discussion with Tony [REDACTED] who is the Deputy Leader of the town council.
The topics we discussed were:

- What our Campaign in (CCTV and brighter lights)
- Said what we'd done to get our campaign known about (e.g. Facebook, website, petition, website, posters and newspaper)

We then spoke about the issue of whether our campaign could ever become possible and he said that:

- He's in discussions with South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.
- He then has to get in touch with the railway stations about the ownership of the bridge.
- It is happening, but it takes time and could take up to a year to complete.
- Also that they will most likely not be able to get CCTV
- But they are trying to get brighter lights and clean up the bridge.

He then ended the discussion by saying that he'd back our campaign if we ever needed him to come along to anything, and that he'd contact us if anything started to happen with our issue.

This is the Notes of our discussion
with Tony [REDACTED] from Didcot Town
Council

School

Evaluation Natasha

For our Citizenship campaign we campaigned for a local issue around Didcot which was to get CCTV and brighter lights under a notoriously scary and dark bridge which has been known for crime called Cow Lane Bridge.

Our campaign had a large impact on people around Didcot because we made more people aware of the problem, and for people who already thought that this was an issue they had a way of raising their voices and letting people know their thoughts. We managed to get the Police to back up our campaign, because as part of our research they said that they thought this was a good idea. Also, we got our campaign known to people by using the local media and on the Didcot Herald website people left comments saying things such as "We have enough money for 'Lady grove Loop'. Perhaps it would be better spent on the safety of the townsfolk, rather than this strange fitness trail." I think this is a good point because it shows that a member of the public agrees with our idea, and that they think more money on crime, such as CCTV and brighter lights under Cow Lane Bridge.

We also made people know about our issue by getting people to sign up to things and show they supported us, for example we have:

- Over 100 members on our Facebook group.
- Over 70 signatures on our online petition.
- Just over 200 people signing our handwritten petitions

This shows that we have made at least 300 aware of our campaign and most of them will agree with what we're doing.

Evaluating my plan I think that it was well thought out and well planned. We tried to get each of our members as involved as we could, and use each person's strengths and weaknesses to the best of our abilities to make sure everybody was involved and had a part to play. We are all quite confident and knew what we preferred to do, so me and Charley called people to arrange things and gather information whereas Elli sent emails and made posters. We all got involved in all these parts but some people did more things than that of others. Also, we all made sure we created at least one thing like the Facebook group, website and online petition. Some things in our plan took more time than we hoped, for example when we wanted to speak to somebody about who Cow Lane Bridge belonged too we couldn't get through to people so we couldn't quite work out who we had to aim our campaign at. Some things also took a lot of organising to do, like getting into the local papers and getting hold of councillors.

Our aim, which was, 'To get brighter lights and CCTV under Cow Lane Bridge and Graffiti bridge in Didcot' was successful in most ways because we had a discussion with the Deputy Leader of the Town Council, Tony and he said that he's in discussion with South Oxfordshire District Council and with Oxfordshire County Council about getting brighter lights and cleaning the bridges up. I think this is great because it means that we've raised a problem to the public and managed to get ourselves heard within the council, and even if it takes a year to get completed, we will have completed our aim and managed to make people feel safer within Didcot which I personally think is a great achievement. I also think our campaign went well because we managed to get over 300 people to back up our campaign, and one of those people were Ed who is our local MP who we managed to sign our online petition.

Then we got ourselves into The Didcot Herald newspaper and online website, and we got on the Oxford Mail website with our story, which shows also that people think our campaign is good and although we don't know how many people were impacted by the papers, we can tell it was good from what have been said by friends and family who saw the articles.

Although some aspects of our campaign could have gone better, for example we were emailed by Charlotte [redacted] who was from BBC Oxford News and she sounded interested in our campaign and asked if they were allowed permission to get us to talk on both Radio and TV we replied to her but unfortunately heard nothing back. Also, we never actually managed to get CCTV because in our discussion with Tony [redacted] he said that he thought CCTV was a step too far and only Brighter lights and cleaning it up would be possible. Even though we haven't actually completed our aim it is in working progress. CCTV would have been great, but we have got some things happening which is one good thing that's come out of this.

If we were to do another campaign and do things differently I think we'd try harder to have a discussion with an MP or councillor sooner into our campaign and carry on from there. I think we'd try handing out more posters and talking to more people in person about how they feel about this issue. Other than that, I'm happy with how our campaign went and how we went about things.

The next steps in our campaign would be to organise an official meeting with South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council members and that way we could speak to all the right people, and see where to go from there. We could also carry on getting ourselves out into the public, getting signatures and more people to back up our campaign. That would then show a great public interest in our campaign and hopefully make things happen sooner.

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