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Pop-campaign presents petitions to Downing Street

Pop-campaign.co.uk – Milton Keynes, United Kingdom. On Tuesday 18th December 2012, pop-campaign.co.uk, by invitation, went to Downing Street to present 2500 of the 115000+ signatures gathered so far for the petition to get glass banned across the UK from late night bars and nightclubs in city centres, serving alcohol after 11pm and replaced with recyclable Polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles.

British citizens from across the globe have signed the petition and the ban has already been implemented in several parts of the UK including 35 venues in Bournemouth who have seen a reduction of glass attacks on a Friday and Saturday night by 70% and across the centre of Hull, where Craig Burnett, an Eye Surgeon used to operate on at least 1 glass/eye injury per week but since the ban has been put in place there have been no incidents relating to glass attacks and the eye. This has saved over £7.2 million in taxpayers' money for eye surgery alone in Hull.

Marjorie and Robert Golding have been working with Police across the UK to raise awareness and educate people on this matter. They have given presentations over the past few years in police led meetings, pub watch, and regional and national home office conferences to educate on glass related incidents. *“After seven long years of hard work, determination and travelling around the country working with police, councils and venues, we’ve finally made a huge leap forward which will hopefully result in the transition to Polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles in late night bars and clubs, saving lives, injuries and millions of pounds in taxpayers money.”* **Marjorie Golding, founder of pop-campaign.co.uk**

Pop-campaign has been fully supported by Mark Lancaster, Conservative MP for North Milton Keynes since the beginning in 2005. Lancaster accompanied Marjorie, Robert and Blake Golding to Downing Street along with DC Shane Jackson from Humberside Police, Inspector Chris Shepherdson and PS1056 Mark Worthington, Licensing & Nightsafe Sergeant as well as other family members and friends where they handed over the petitions.

Facts

- 80,000 people are attacked each year with a glass or a bottle and that accounts for 4% of violent crime.
- 1.2 million Incidents of alcohol related violence per year.
- 40% of A&E admissions are alcohol related incidents, which cost the NHS £1.7 billion per year.
- ¼ of facial wounded victims suffer **serious** post traumatic stress.
- 40% of bar workers receive injuries from glass needing A&E treatment.
- It costs approximately £184,000 and 40 staff per patient just for medical treatment for **serious** injuries. This doesn't take into account the extra costs for policing, court hearings and other fees. Nationally,
- 9/10 bits of glass are not recycled.
- Every year, close to 600,000 tonnes of glass bottles (a ¼ of the UK's waste glass containers) are thrown out from licensed premises and put into landfill.
- PET bottles are recyclable and do not need to be separated by colour in order to be recycled, thus saving time and money although more products can be made from them if they are separated.
- Polycarbonate glasses can also be recycled and are worth money by the tonne.

Pop-campaign overview

Pop-campaign.co.uk was created in June 2005 by Marjorie and Robert Golding after their son, Blake Golding was attacked in a late night venue with a glass bottle on Christmas Eve 2004. This incident left Blake fighting for his life. He lost 4 pints of blood and is now permanently scarred on his face and neck. Pop-campaign's mission is to get glass banned from late night bars and nightclubs in city centres, serving alcohol after 11pm and replaced with recyclable Polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles.

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