

Capturing Courageous Advocacy

Class	Year 6
Activity	To raise awareness of the use of e-scooters and to keep our community safe
Date	November 2025
Project Beginnings & Intent	The children were walking back from the swimming pool and were upset that their teacher and some children were nearly knocked down by an e-scooter on the pavement. Lots of questions were asked about owning and using an e-scooter and how we can stop people breaking the law and ensuring they use these vehicles safely, especially as there is a large amount of people that own and use them in Houghton Regis
Values	Isaiah 32:18 - My people will live in a peaceful place, in safe homes and quiet places of rest. God's people will be free from worries, and their homes peaceful and safe. Love – Unity – Hope - Respect



Who can help us make it safe in the park?

Why do shops sell them if they cannot be ridden in a public place?

What are the police going to do about the e-scooters and how can the council stop them being used?

The children learnt about the laws of owning and using e-scooters and e-bikes. There were lots of questions that the children wanted answered and so they wrote letters to the Mayor of Houghton Regis, the local MP, the Prime Minister and Mrs Chiswell.

Dear Alex Mayer

I am writing to you about the issues with E-Scooter's, yes these are fun but won't be fun if someone gets hurt. This is a big problem and it needs to stop.

Did you know this is a hazard? A danger to the young and old, you need to make a difference. Even if it means we help with posters and other's stuff that can make a difference.

Daily, I see children under the age of 16 illegally riding E-Scooters on public pavements and public parks. I am aware E-Scooters can make life easier and are way better for the environment but some people use them irresponsibly and dangerously, do you want more children and adults in hospital all because of one E-Scooter? Its not right.

Most crimes on the street are with E-Scooters or E-bikes and some E-bikes are tampered with to go faster than their actual limit and with all the wires they are fire hazards. Even at night they roam around ruining other's sleeping patterns by keeping us up way past the time we aim to sleep.

My opinion is that this isn't right and needs to be stopped so will you make a change can you make a change?

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Mayor.

I met with the Mayor this morning and provided her with the letters written by the children regarding the use of e-scooters. The Mayor was very impressed with the thought and understanding shown by the children on the subject. She will be providing copies of the letters to the police at an upcoming meeting and look into the possibility of a visit being arranged in order that the children may hear what is being done to tackle the issues associated with e-scooters.

Kind regards,

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**OFF ROAD
OFF LIMITS**

E-SCOOTERS & E-BIKES

Bedfordshire Police is taking firm action against the illegal use of e-scooters and other e-vehicles in public places.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

These vehicles are not road legal unless part of an approved rental scheme - **there is currently no such scheme active in Bedfordshire.**

Privately owned e-scooters and e-bikes cannot be insured, making their use in public spaces illegal.

If you are caught riding an e-scooter, e-bike or any other offroad vehicle in a public road or any other public space, **your vehicle may be seized and destroyed.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REPORT NUISANCE VEHICLES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.BEDS.POLICE.UK**

The crest of Bedfordshire Police, featuring a crown and the letters 'R' and 'P' inside a shield.

The local Mayor passed our letters onto the local police. Our school liaison officer visited our school and from this sent an e-scooter poster to all the schools in Bedfordshire.

Mrs Chiswell also received her letters from the children and as a school, she took action and has stopped e-scooters from entering the school site.