

BATTERED TEEN:

'Girl gang' alm

As a shocking new report reveals girl gang violence is spiralling out of control, schoolgirl Dayna Dickson reveals how she was brutally beaten by a group of 14-year-old girls screaming: "Kill her, kill her"



and barely conscious. The attack happened 2 weeks ago, just a week after a report revealed that crime committed by young girls has soared by 25 per cent in the past three years.

And in an increasingly common and disturbing twist, the bullies even circulated the video images – which *Closer* has seen – and on which the sound of Dayna's head being crushed is horrifyingly audible.

Now, two weeks after the attack, Dayna's mum Claire reveals she's too afraid to let her return to school – even though parents of some the girls involved have apologised and vowed to punish their daughters.

"Being grounded won't stop these girls from doing it again,"

says Claire, 32. "They deserve to be locked up."

On the afternoon of the attack Dayna was travelling home from school with her friend Abigail*, who she'd previously fallen out with. As they got off the bus in the small town of Kelty, Abigail waved to another girl, Jenny*, who went to a different school.

in the park."

The girls headed for a quiet wooded area where there was a group of three or four other teenage boys and girls and suddenly, the mood changed.

Dayna says: "Abigail pushed me and said the row we'd had wasn't forgotten. She said she was going to kill me, then

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Dayna says: "I froze when I saw Jenny because six months earlier she'd attacked me in the street. But she was being really chummy. She invited me to join them and some other friends

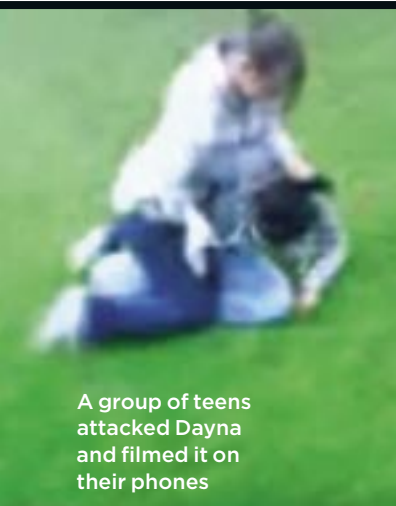
jumped at me feet first, knocking me over. I was totally shocked.

"Suddenly they were all piling in. Other kids were recording it on their mobiles. I screamed at them to stop but they held me by

WHEN A GANG OF 14-year-old girls invited Scottish teen Dayna Dickson to join them, she thought they were being friendly. But instead the mob lured her to a secluded spot near her home in Kelty, Fife, and unleashed a sickening attack.

They jumped on her head, kicked her, and – once they'd finished filming the savage beating on their mobiles – abandoned her, bleeding

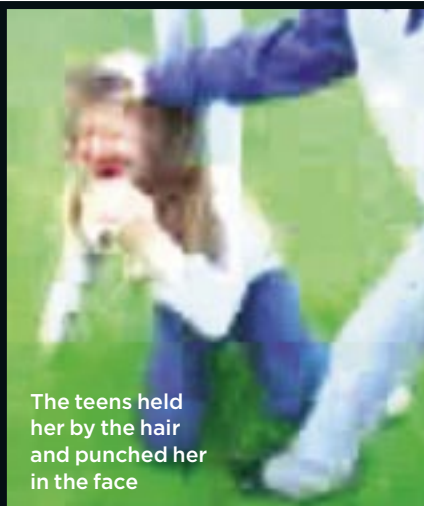
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A group of teens attacked Dayna and filmed it on their phones



They took her to a quiet wooded area and took it in turns to beat her



The teens held her by the hair and punched her in the face



Dayna was left with blood streaming down her face

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my hair, and punched me hard in the face.

"As I lay on the ground, one of them kicked me in the ribs. Then one of them took a run at me and booted me in my head.

"I thought I was going to black out, but feared if I did I'd die. So I managed to struggle to my feet and broke away from them, blood streaming down my eyes and in my nose and throat. I thought they were letting me go, but after a few seconds they caught me up and started beating me again."

The mob repeated the beating a second time and let Dayna go again, before catching up and giving her a third beating. Eventually, she heard someone urging the others to let her go.

Single mum Claire was at home with her other daughters, Tonisha, 11, and Rhiannon, seven, when Dayna, a popular pupil at Beath High School in Cowdenbeath, staggered through the door after being picked up by a neighbour.

"When I saw her I screamed," recalls Claire. "Her eyes were swollen, her nose and mouth were covered in blood.

"She could hardly breathe. Then she made a gagging noise and I thought she was choking, but she coughed up a lump of blood lodged in her throat."

Panicking, Claire called an ambulance and Dayna was rushed to the Queen Margaret Hospital in Dunfermline. Her injuries were so bad that medics took five hours to X-ray her. As well as countless cuts and bruises, she had a fractured wrist and a broken nose.



Dayna was beaten three times by a group of teens

Sickeningly, the next day a friend called to say they'd been shown videos of the assault.

Two days after the attack, one of Dayna's friends sent her a copy.

Dayna says: "I don't know what I did to deserve that. The thing that really upset me was hearing them shout "Kill her!" If one of them hadn't urged the ringleader to stop, I might not be here now."

Claire cried as she watched the sickening film.

"I was devastated," she confesses. "The blows got

harder and harder as they egged each other on. It was obvious that it was planned."

Although Claire is still shocked by Dayna's ordeal, she appreciates the fact that three parents have had the courage to come to her to apologise.

She says: "I could tell they were genuinely horrified and ashamed."

Claire and Dayna were glad to hear that all five girls who took part in the attack have been

charged. The ringleader, Jenny, has been charged with GBH.

Claire says: "I know they're kids but they could've killed her. Dayna still suffers headaches and is still off school – we don't know when she'll go back.

"The attack could affect Dayna for the rest of her life. Those girls have to pay a heavy price. The message has to go out to other kids that this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated." ■

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