***Dan Lewis*,** Ben James & Ashley Wilton

**Student housing story**

**Presenter link:** “Students living in the Cathays area of Cardiff have shown concern after telling of how conditions in many of the houses are unsuitable to live in. Ben James reports…”

**Student housing link:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhKVH3U246c&feature=youtu.be>

**Duration: 2” 15’**

**Student housing script:**

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| **Archive Footage of shower/toilet** | **Full sound, followed by intro: “*This* is just one of many problems facing students living in Cathays”.** |
| **Row of housesFront of houseCracked Wall****Flickering lights** | **Cardiff has some of the cheapest student housing in the country, but many students, such as Mark Barber, have found they got more than they bargained for. Cracked walls, faulty electrics and blocked pipes are just some of the problems he and his housemates have faced this year.** |
| **Interview with Mark 1** | **Intro: We moved in for about two months…Outwords: … of the shower.** |
| **Interview with Mark 2Shower out of order sign** | **Intro: “Then they would send people round...”****Outwords: “…were pretty rubbish”.** |
| **Typing hands** | **“And these problems are all too familiar to Campbell Property houses.** A Facebook group was set up last year as a platform for students to**…** |
| **Facebook group laptop screen** | …voice their anger. Therese Wyn-Davies is one of the 300 members who have suffered similar experiences to Mark.” |
| **Interview with Therese 1** | **Intro: “As far as I can tell…”“Outwords: … we’ve been through”.** |
| **Campbell statement slide** | Intro: “A statement on the Campbell Property website says:” Outwords: “by students seriously” |
| **Mould on the ceiling** | **“But as far as many of the existing tenants are concerned, this is not the case”.** |
| **Therese Interview 2** | **Intro: “I was on the verge of a mental breakdown…Outwords: … really, really bad”.** |
| **Therese Interview 3** | **Intro: “It was just… I mean now I’m doing my dissertation…Outwards: “to stop them”.** |
| **Campbell property sign** | **Payoff: “Students will just be hoping their nightmare ends soon”.** |

**Notes to editor:

We came across this story after I read a letter of complaint in The Echo. Due to Ben living in Cathays, we were easily able to gain access to people who were living in a Campbell Property house. Our first interview & some of the damage shots were filmed in the house of Mark Barber. Mark is a friend of Ben’s and Ben was fully aware of the problems they have had with the house.**

**In order to put this package together, we had to first get hold of people who would be willing to speak to us on camera. After posting a message on a Campbell Property Facebook group, we managed to find a third year journalism student who was more than willing to share her thoughts for our news package.**

**After watching the interviews back, it appeared libellous towards Campbell Property - A brief discussion with Craig later, and a read through the justification section of McNae’s, and we decided to jot down any libellous claims, coming to the conclusion that it would be best to take out certain parts of the interview, such as “They are bullying me… that’s what it feels like”.**

**We included an interview via Campbell Property’s website to try and give their view, and add a bit of balance. Despite the fact we couldn’t get hold of them for an interview, it made us feel slightly more comfortable on the law side of things.**

**The package itself has turned out well, but we did encounter problems. The computers in the journalism room seemed to be unable to handle the importing of the clips, and after hours of trying (along with the Tech support team) we decided to use different computers, which seemed to solve the problem.**

**We also had an issue with the tape deck which seemed to constantly break, but again, once we had resolved this problem it was just a case of putting together the package as professionally as possible, and I believe we have been left with something we can be proud of.**

**Due to the fact that Ashley has been suffering from illness over the past few weeks, me and Ben decided to focus on the editing aspect, with Ashley doing the majority of the filming, but we all contributed to various parts, splitting the work equally.**

**If I was to redo this project there is not a lot I would do differently. The only major problems experienced were those on the technical side, such as the computers not working properly.**

**Further notes: We decided to use blue, white and yellow for the student captions, due to the fact that these are the colours of the University of Glamorgan. Likewise, red and black was used for the Campbell Property Statement.**

**We also decided to start the package with archive footage, it is not your standard opening to a news package, but can certainly help to grab the attention of the viewers and also helps with creating an instant impact.**

**Cardiff City ticket story**

**Ticket story link:** <http://youtu.be/oyhmtNk1nxw>

**Presenter Link:** “Just days after Cardiff City’s historic victory over Crystal Palace in the semi-final of the Carling Cup, tickets have gone on sale to season ticket holders and ambassadors. Ben James reports…

**Duration:** 0:58

**Cardiff City Ticket Story Script**

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| Canton Stand angled | “The Cardiff City ticket office endured chaos today as tickets went on sale for the clubs Wembley clash with Liverpool.” |
| Ticket office sign pan shot to queue | “Fans queued for up to 9 hours to get their hands on Carling Cup Final tickets as 11,000 were sold on the first day of sales.Andrew Isidoro was one of the many that endured the rush for tickets…” |
| Interview with Andrew | Intro: “Basically, I turned up at about…Outwords: “…you can see.” |
| Canton Stand straight on | And Andrew says the club need to improve their organisation, should City reach Wembley again. |
| Interview with Andrew 2 | Intro: “If the phone and internet actually worked…Outwords: “…ready for anyone”. |
| Cardiff City Badge | Payoff: “These are exciting times for Cardiff City as they head to Wembley for the fourth time in as many years and the Bluebirds fans will be hoping for a positive result this time around.”  |

**Notes to Editor:**

We finished this piece before the student housing story, and a lot was learned. It was originally intended to be an u’lay but we turned it into a package.

Due to the fact I’m a Cardiff City fan, I knew all too much the troubles facing the fans, so headed down to the stadium where queues were tailing back as far as nine hours long. We filmed our shots over the two days, and managed to speak to a couple of fans who had waited for many hours. Due to a lot of problems encountered with Premiere Pro, the interview we had with the queuing fan was somehow lost on the tape. We did however manage to set up another interview with a fan who had been queuing up, this after much work trying to get an interview with the supporters trust and ticket office.

The majority of the editing was completed by me and Ben, this was due to the fact that Ashley was ill, but Ash was responsible for the majority of the filming.

Unlike the student housing story, there is no real worry for concern as far as legal issues are concerned.

The interview footage we filmed was good, but due to the fact that we used a flip-cam, Premiere Pro altered the footage to fit the screen resolution, meaning there was no ‘head room’ at the top of the screen. We would have liked to have included interviews of a few fans, but due to the fact we lost the initial interviews it was tough to track down any fans willing to talk to us.

If we were to do this story again we would ensure that everything was shot onto the same type of camera and on one tape.

**From creating this first package I have learned a lot, not just from the parts that went well, but also from those that went badly, allowing us to learn from mistakes – I hope this was reflected In the student housing piece that we worked on after this.**