Tina, female, aged 18, white British/Indian mixed race, from inner London

Walking home from cadets

oh and I nearly got jacked. <laughter>
when I was coming home from cadets <laughter>
I was at cadets on Thursday right?
and erm me and my friend (name) and this girl called (name) usually get the bus home but we
have to walk. up a. some big hill.

and I saw this big gang
and I thought. "I don't think we should go this way cos look at the big gang"
and they're like "ah yeah we'll go back and we'll get the teacher to bring us" the cadet teacher
and I thought "ok now I'm not being that wimpy" yeah "I'm not going that far"
I said "we'll just walk up the other way"

this is them "it's alright for you you know your way around this area you can get away from
them"
I thought "no but they won't see us going up here"
so they thought "no we'll just walk down"
so I thought "oh how sad is this"

and then we saw (name) and (name) these other boys who think they're proper bad. and we
thought "ok we'll walk with them and these other two Turkish girls"
so we walked past the big gang and the girls they get out on their phones
and I thought "how thick can you get. getting your phones out when there's a big bunch of
people there"
and I thought "ok we're gonna get jacked"
but they never done nothing
so when we turned around the corner
I looked round

and I saw the guy running towards us.
and (name) goes. before this he goes "they're just pussies man all I wanna do is go home"
next minute about ten of them are surrounding us going "<kisses teeth> come here come here
blood come here come here what you got for me?"
and I was like "oh my god"
and the rest of them were just leaving him while me and my friend (name) thought "no we
can't leave him"
then I was looking at this boy on the bike
and I was thinking "I swear I know you"
so then afterwards I was like "oh yes (name)"

this guy called (name)
I was like "you alright (name)?"
he was like "yeah ok"
he was like "oh bless bless leave them all alone x" you know “they're bless"
all this crap that they were saying

so I thought “ok I got them out of it” so
and I saw some of my primary school mates
they tried to jack us and all <tut>
they didn't know it was me.
I was like "I know you your name's (name) (name) and (name)"
and all of them I was like "yeah I know you"
I was like "I'm little geeky (name) do you remember me?" <laughter>
and they're like "ah I remember you"
I was like "yeah <tut> I've changed a lot"