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Charity song's popular video

A HAVERHILL musician, who has recorded a single to raise money for animal charities, has seen his video for the song attract more than 1,000 views in only three weeks.

Paul Oakley, of [redacted] Close, recorded *Call Of The Wild* back in February, using lyrics written by his father-in-law Ted Carter.

Mr Carter had been moved to write a poem after learning the last tiger in the wild was likely to die during his lifetime - there are currently estimated to be fewer than 3,000 wild tigers.

The song was recorded in collaboration with Birmingham-based singer Dave Millard, who Paul met over the Internet.

The song has been played on a number of local radio stations and Paul and his wife Brenda Oakley-Carter were interviewed on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire about the song.

Paul, who has played in a number of bands, has spent the past three months crafting a video which would fit in with the song's theme about the destruction of the planet.

And more than 1,000 people have already tuned in to watch it on video-sharing site YouTube.

The video does include some distressing scenes of animal slaughter and destruction of habitats, and has provoked strong reactions from those who have viewed



it on the site.

One viewer said: "All round the song and video are perfect for focusing our attention on just how quickly planet earth will change for the worse if we don't act now. A sad situation indeed."

Another said: "What an amazing song and the video is a good reminder of the shocking disregard we have for the rest of the creatures on this earth. I really hope that everyone who has listened and watched this has bought the down-

load."

The CD, pictured above, is available to buy in shops throughout Haverhill (including the Echo office, in Queen's Square), for £2.50, or it can be downloaded for 99p from Paul's website, www.paul-oakley.com - the video can also be viewed on this site.

All money raised by the sale of the song goes to Born Free, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, and the Whale And Dolphin Conservation Society.