



# Lester Aldridge team raise £6k sleeping rough for charity

A team of sixteen people from Lester Aldridge took part in The Big Sleep Easy on Saturday 17 November and raised over £6,500 for YMCA Bournemouth.

The purpose of the Big Sleep Easy is to raise awareness and help combat local homelessness. The Lester Aldridge participants built shelters out of cardboard for the night to obtain a first-hand experience of living homeless.

Michelle Ripsold, Head of HR, said: "It was so much harder than I ever imagined and opened my eyes to just how incredibly important this charity is."

We are pleased that we could help support the Bournemouth community with such a good cause and collaborate with local businesses to help make a difference.

Matthew Barrow, Managing Partner of Lester Aldridge, who is one of the people who took part, said: "We were delighted to take part in the YMCA Bournemouth BIG Sleep Easy event. The YMCA is an integral part of our local community and by taking part in this event we are helping to change the social landscape in Bournemouth."

A massive thank you to our Lester Aldridge team.

An extended thank you to everyone that has supported us. If you would like still like to support, please donate to one of the participants [here](#).