



Lester Aldridge Teams Help Clean Chesil Beach

Members of Lester Aldridge's Corporate, Real Estate Development and Employment teams were recently involved in a clean-up of Chesil Beach. This was a part of LA's effort to give back to the community and environment through its Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) initiative.

The start of the day saw the LA team grabbing a litter picker, a bag and then setting off onto the beach, removing a variety of rubbish which weighed a total of 27kgs!

After a short break, the Dorset Wildlife Trust Team provided a guided tour, during which the LA team of litter pickers were educated about local wildlife, the history of Chesil Beach and the impact of waste on the local environment.

Facts found to be incredibly insightful included that it would take an astounding 166,365 years to remove the 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic currently in the ocean at a rate of 1 piece every second, but also that the litter found on beaches is estimated to account for a mere 15% of overall marine litter.

It was fitting to learn that the pebbles on Chesil Beach are protected by law but, even more interestingly, that smugglers of old were able to work out where they had landed on the beach by examining the size of the pebbles, with smaller pebbles located at the West Bay side and larger pebbles located at the Portland end!

By the end of the day, the LA team was left with a greater understanding of the impact of waste on the environment and was delighted to be able to make a small contribution towards its removal from Chesil beach.

LA expresses a huge 'thank you' to Dorset Wildlife Trust for making the day possible and for allowing LA an opportunity to give something back to the Dorset environment.