

Looking back at 2019

It may be cold outside but here at Haulaway we have settled back in nicely and are looking forward to what 2020 may have to bring! Before getting too far ahead though we thought we'd take a moment to reflect on 2019...

Expansion

Our largest (quite literally!) venture last year was the expansion to our Polegate Yard. After planning permission was granted in 2018 we were able to proceed with constructing another building to store recyclable materials at our bulking facility in Polegate. The new building is over double the size of the first and has taken the best part of last year to construct.

We currently handle all of Eastbourne Borough Councils dry mixed recyclables and secured a three-year contract with them in July.



New Additions

With Conor having completed his HGV training and leaving the office to become a full-time member of our driving team we were pleased to welcome Katie into the office in February. It didn't take long for Katie to settle into our friendly environment, answering the phone and operating the weighbridge.



It wasn't just new faces we were able to welcome last year. In May we were excited to have a second grab lorry on the road in addition to four new tipper lorries in the first half of the year enabling us to keep up with the increasing demand in local developments. In September we got our second articulated vehicle meaning we can transport even more materials to their outlets for recycling!

Community

Last year we were pleased to be able to provide our haulage services, moving 33,000 tonnes of material at Newhaven Harbour for the regeneration programme there. The programme is now in phase 3 and once completed the new development is set to revitalise Newhaven's Marina as a vibrant mix use destination.

Closer to home we have also had the pleasure of working in Eastbourne's harbour moving beach shingle for the sea defences.

In Hailsham we have been supplying recycled aggregates to the new school in Reef Way and have helped Hailsham Cricket Club complete their renovation, supplying their skips and recycling the various materials disposed of.

Staff Achievements and Awards



Our site foreman Sam did us all proud at the beginning of last year, studying hard and completing his FORS (Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme). In March he received his bronze medal certificate – well done Sam!



Another positive start for us was the news that we had once again won 'The Best Of Business of the Year Awards' in the category waste management.

Later in the year brought more success when we were nominated for 'Most Innovative Fundraising Initiative' for our 'Papers for St Wilfrid's' service in the St Wilfrid's Business awards. The awards were held at The Grand Hotel and after a delicious three course dinner we were delighted to hear that we had won!

In December we had two newly qualified first aiders. Well done to Becky and Benn on passing their First Aid at Work course. It's good to know we're in safe hands!

Papers for St Wilfrid's and other fundraising

Our charity kerbside paper and cardboard recycling service 'Papers for St Wilfrid's' gave us a busy start to the year, delivering the second batch of red boxes to residents in Hailsham and Hellingly. The last red box was delivered in August and gave us a total 2000 boxes out for collection. We have donated an incredible £23016.31 so far. A big thank you to all our red box residents for your continued support.



Once again, we held our annual Macmillan coffee morning baking up some yummy treats to sell. This year we even had a surprise participant when Steve from the office turned up with some bread pudding! In total we raised £124.50.

The year ended with lots of eating, drinking and dancing at our Christmas party at The Cavendish Hotel. It's safe to say a merry time was had by all!

From everyone here at Haulaway we wish you a Happy New Year.