



## SUMMER 2022 NEWS UPDATE

**The 9 Lives Community Fund is something which Chambers can (quite rightly) be incredibly proud of. So far this year we have raised over £3,000 for local community funds**

**Here are a few of the projects recently funded with the help and support of the Nine Lives Community Fund over the last six months**

### **Little Green Sock Project,**

Based in Urmston, aims to reduce the effects of child poverty in our local area by distributing excellent quality preloved children's clothing to families who are in financial crisis. To continue with their project, they require storage, shelving, clothes rails and other items to keep the clothing safe and clean. A dedicated team of volunteers then sort, clean, iron, package and redistribute the clothing to where the need is the greatest in the local community via referral from health/social and 3rd sector referral partners and, more recently, to refugees arriving from Ukraine. The group received funding for shelving and containers to stock clothing.

### **Salford Heart Care**

Has been in existence for 34 years and exists to aid the health of elderly residents in Salford through peer-to-peer support and wellbeing activities such as yoga, breathing work and holistic therapies. They applied for funding to contribute to the cost of room hire costs for their two groups enabling us to provide activities such as exercise, holistic therapies, and relaxation with our remaining funds. These activities will encourage existing and new members to attend on a regular basis and will help to improve their health and wellbeing whilst reducing social isolation.

### **Lancashire Lions**

Operates across Greater Manchester to provide a range of sporting opportunities for their visually impaired members, as well as lots of social opportunities for members and their families, creating a community of support. Due to their conditions many members feel isolated and can struggle with mental health. Funding was provided to enable the club to offer free transport for 10 weeks allowing members to familiarise themselves with the route so they can then travel by themselves.

### **The 9 Lives Committee**

*Richard Price, Vanessa Thomson, Helen Longworth, Sarah Kilvington, Elizabeth Murray,  
Lucky Kaur, Norman Lamb and Tony Morrissey*