

# NEWSLETTER

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## #9Lives10Years

9 St John Street Chambers was proud to host a charity dinner on Thursday night, where we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our Nine Lives Fund, which in partnership with our friends at Forever Manchester, has been helping local charities change lives and improve communities across Manchester since 2009.

### Nine Lives Fund

Head of Chambers Christopher Kennedy QC, spoke to a packed audience to kick-off the evening. He thanked Richard Price, James Fryer-Spedding and Wilma for their vision to establish the the Nine Lives Fund and spoke about how both staff and barristers have worked tirelessly on a wide variety of fund-raising projects before announcing that the fund has successfully raised £108,236 for 72 different charity projects since 2009.

### Barnabus

We presented a cheque for £8,000 to Carol Price from Barnabus, our Charity of the Year for 2019. Carol spoke powerfully about the pride and hope they strive to bring to the lives of the homeless community in Manchester.



### Wood Street Mission

We were also delighted to welcome Wood Street Mission to become our Charity of the Year for 2020. Sophie Bell gave a fascinating presentation on how Wood Street Mission has been helping children and families affected by both poverty and importantly

poverty of opportunity across the diverse local communities of Manchester and Salford for the past 150 years.

### Forever Manchester

Finally, the inspiring Nick Massey of Forever Manchester spoke with passion and a sense of humour about the positive impact of their work, including the story of Derek (who wasn't dead – you had to hear the story!). Forever Manchester is the only charity that raises money to fund and support community activity across Greater Manchester.

We at 9 St John Street Chambers have been working in partnership with Forever Manchester through our Nine Lives Community Fund since 2009, helping support the wonderful work that local charities do to make our communities happier and safer places to be for all of us. Here's looking forward to the next 10 years!

