

## **06/07/2006 - Local Charities Benefit from Law Firm's Ball**

Two local charities have benefited from the generosity of clients and associates of Darlington solicitors Latimer Hinks.

The law firm's 2006 Charity Ball, at the spectacular venue of Hardwick Hall Hotel near Sedgfield, raised £9,500 for the County Durham Foundation and Childline in the North East.

The black tie evening featured a four-course meal, a charity auction and backwards bingo. Guests were entertained by rock band X-pulse, fronted by North Yorkshire financial advisor Jonathan Fry. There was also a raffle to win some terrific prizes, generously donated by a number of businesses and individuals.

Generously, Barclays Bank, represented by Steve Kirtley, Corporate Manager, contributed to the funds raised £1 for £1 to a total of £750 under the Barclays Employee fundraising scheme.

Anne Elliott, Partner at Latimer Hinks said: "I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Ball. Latimer Hinks Solicitors are proud of our links with the local community, and our support for local charities and thanks to the generosity of all involved we are delighted to be able to contribute such a large amount to two excellent causes."

Clare Framrose, ChildLine's regional fundraiser for the North East said: "We are delighted to have been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the Latimer Hinks Ball, especially as ChildLine is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. ChildLine changes the lives of children in this region every day; but we are only able to do that with the public's help, which is why Latimer Hinks' support means so much to us."

Gillian Stacey of County Durham Foundation said: "Contributions from individuals, families, companies and other trusts have enabled the County Durham Foundation to establish a permanent source of local funding for the people of County Durham and Darlington. Our purpose is to support community-based projects that make a real difference to the quality of life for local people and we are extremely grateful to Latimer Hinks for their continued support in this valuable work."