



## Mr Mesba Ahmed

Place of Residence: **London**  
Sector: **Community Relations**

**M**r Mesba Ahmed was born in Nidon Pur, Beani Bazaar, in the Sylhet District of Bangladesh. He is the son of the late Alhaj Hafiz Uddin. Mr Uddin moved to the UK in the early 1960's, and was highly respected as an award winning member of his community in Westminster. The late Mr Uddin was the Founding President of the West London Awami League and a trustee of Beani Bazaar Welfare Trust UK, as well as the Founding Chairman of Marylebone Bangladesh Society. Mr Ahmed's grandfather moved to the UK in the 1950's, and is considered a pioneer as he was one of the first Bangladeshis to arrive in the UK. He too lived in Westminster.

Mr Mesba Ahmed followed both his grandfather's and father's footsteps by moving to the UK in 1972. He completed his education in England.

Mr Ahmed then worked for Allied Dunbar as a Financial Consultant. Due to the recession in the early 1990's, he was forced to change his career, and consequently started working for the Marylebone Bangladesh Society and Age Concern Westminster.

He is currently The Chief Executive of London Tigers, Director of Prime Financial Services and a Partner of Atithi Restaurant.

Mr Ahmed's real passion in life is



football. He has played at many levels, including semi-professional. His love of the beautiful game made him set up the London Tigers in 1986 and it has grown immensely since its inception. London Tigers now boasts teams of all ages, as well as cricket, badminton and basketball teams. The organisation has won numerous awards, and is widely recognised as a beacon of success by many local authorities, sports governing bodies and politicians. This success has enabled him to meet prestigious people such as Patron of London Tigers Ken Livingstone, the Mayor of London, as well as former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon.

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

Since 1994, Mr Ahmed has been the manager for the UK Bangladesh Football Team, which participates in the annual Inner City World Cup. They have been runners-up in both 1998 and 2004, and won the tournament in 2001. This achievement culminated in an open-top bus celebration around London.

Away from football, Mr Ahmed helps many charities and organisations. For example, he was the founder President of Nidon Pur Welfare Association and a Governor of the Ark Academy School among numerous others.

For his outstanding contribution to society, Mr Ahmed has received a number of high profile awards. In 2004, he was the winner of the inaugural Westminster Local Leadership Award, and in 2005, he was the winner of the GG2 Leadership Diversity Award. He was nominated for an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Sony Asia Television Sports Personality Awards in 2007, and London Tigers has been nominated for Best Community Organisation UK in the 2008 Channel S Awards.

Mr Mesba Ahmed is married to Mrs Lubna Ahmed, and together they have four children; Ridhwan 9yrs, Zaynab 6yrs, Maryam 4yrs and Yasin 3yrs.