



## Mr Shukur Ali

Place of Residence: **Oxfordshire**

Sector: **Catering**

**M**r Shukur Ali was born in a village of Bargupi in the Sylhet region of Bangladesh. He is the son of Mr Rashid Ali.

Mr Ali moved to London in 1970 and immediately found work in the Kings Cross area of the city. Within five years of his arrival in London, Mr Ali opened a restaurant called Homeria.

In the mid-1980's, he moved out of London to Oxfordshire. There, Mr Ali opened another restaurant called Jaflong. This business is where Mr Ali works to this day. However, having established himself in the catering industry, the philanthropic Mr Ali decided to concentrate on helping his community, both in England and in his native Bangladesh. He set up and is the chairman of an organisation called Shukur Ali Education Trust, the aim of which is to help develop levels of education in the area of Dulabazar where he grew up.

Mr Shukur Ali also helped a Madrasa in Chatak called the Dulabazar Islamia Dhakil Madrasa. In addition to this, he donates money to schools, col-



leges and other Madrasas in his hometown region in Bangladesh. He has also donated clothing and swings to the students of a female Madrasa.

Future projects for Mr Ali include the building of a mosque and a maternity clinic, both of which are in great demand by the people of Dulabazar and Chatak.

Mr Ali is a man who appreciates the support that his family has

given him. He is especially thankful to his wife – Rukeya Ali. Together, Shukur and Rukeya Ali have three sons and two daughters. Their first, Dilwar Ali, completed a Business Studies degree at the University of Cardiff. He is now greatly involved in the family business. Their second son, Shahin Ali, is an Optician Engineer; and their third son is currently studying Performing Arts at college.