



Mr Alhaz Sukur Ali

Place of Residence: **Carlisle, Cumbria**
Sector: **Catering**

Mr Alhaz Sukur Ali is the first elected president of Bangladesh Caterer and Community Welfare Association based in Carlisle. Since 1996, Mr Ali has not missed a single game for Carlisle United Football Club and has even been named as one of clubs patrons as he regularly sponsors the club to attract international standard players. Born in 1955 in Bishwanath, Sylhet in Bangladesh, Mr Ali received his primary education in his local village school before leaving for UK in 1969.

Mr Ali started his career by working at Dilkush Indian Restaurant. However, it was not until 1973 before Mr Ali opened his first restaurant in Manchester. By the 1981, Mr Ali opened a first Bangladeshi restaurant in Stanwix bank Cumbria which was named Stanwix Tandoori. He achieved rapid progress through his business which resulted in opening a multitude of high quality restaurants and take-a-ways in the region. His successful venture was Viceroy Restaurant in Carlisle started in 1991. He came across many troubles such as fire bomb attack by racist on his restaurant 'Viceroy' but he did not stop

working.

Mr Ali's significant contribution was promoting Bangladeshi cuisine in Cumbria. Bangladeshi cuisine categorised in a separate group in the local food guide in the area.

Mr Ali has organised a number of community events in Carlisle in collaboration with Bangladeshi community association to promote their culture and highlighting issues relating to the catering industry. He was the founder of the Bangladeshi Mosque in Carlisle.

He has given so much to the local community and his hard work warrants recognition. In his work, he is consistent, dedicated and passionate, enthusiastic, cheerful and a pleasure to work with.

His outstanding efforts make impact on ethnic harmony in Cumbria region and involved with the local community in many ways, such as - Supporting Carlisle United football club, Fund raising for Carlisle air ambulance, Introducing Bangladeshi cuisine to local School children and Supporting elderly people in many ways such as providing free meals.

Mr Ali works hard with the home community to capitalising on the opportunities available for the disadvantaged people. He is the founder of Jamia Islamia Atasan Mollapara Education project in the Balagonj where hundreds of poorer children getting free residential education. BBCC member Mr Ali is a trustee of Doshgor Probashi education trust and Bishwanath education trust based in UK

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the community he has nominated for the prestigious channel S community award in 2008.

Married to Minara Begum, the couple have been blessed with four sons who are all currently studying and share their father's passion for football and remarkably all of them engaged with their family run ethnic industry. Mr Sukur Ali believes through hard work and perseverance anything can be achieved and is a firm believer in giving back to the community for which the restaurateur is widely recognised for his generosity and hospitality.