



Mr M A Mannan

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

For the last thirty five years Mr M A Mannan has been managing his well established grocery store called Mannan Brothers in Oldham, Greater Manchester. Born in 1940 in Bishwanath, Sylhet in Bangladesh, Mr Mannan studied at the local primary school and later at Lalabazar High school before coming to the UK.

Mr Mannan arrived in the UK in the early sixties and settled in Bradford. He began his employment career with Omri Road Brothers in Bickhouse, Yorkshire and worked

there from 1961 to 1967. Mr Mannan later joined the Hill Brothers Limited cotton factory in Bradford and worked there till 1969 before setting up his own grocery business (Bengal Food Stall) in Bradford.

Whilst running his own business in Bradford, Mr M A Mannan was a key member of the community as he fulfilled the role of Assistant Secretary of Bradford People's Association. During the liberation movement in Bangladesh, Mr Mannan was a prominent member

of the Bradford Action Committee. After the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent country, he was fortunate to be a passenger on the first charter flight in 1972.

Mr M A Mannan is married to Noor Jahan Begum. Since 1973, Mr Mannan has been running his grocery business in Oldham. Throughout his lifetime he has shown a commitment to hard work as well as showing a keen interest in social work. Mr Mannan is very proud that Bangladesh gained its Independence.