



## Mr. Abdul Shahid

Place of Residence: **Worsley, Manchester**  
Sector: **Catering**

**S**on of Mr. Al Hajj Abdul Matin and Mrs. Azizunnessa Khanum, Abdul Shahid was born on the 22nd of February 1959. He was brought up in the Village of Poschimbagh, Kuchai in Sylhet, Bangladesh. He has three siblings, one of whom is a brother and two sisters. All are married with children. His sister currently live in London and his brother Abdul Jahid, in Manchester.

In Bangladesh he attended Kuchai Israb Ali High School where he gained a S.S.C. then in 1978, he achieved a H.S.C in Modon Muhon College in Sylhet. Mr. Shahid then came to the UK with his mother to further his education, however, instead, he ended up working in a restaurant. About a year and a half later in 1980, he opened his first ever takeaway in a place named Eccles.

Mr. Abdul Shahid, in 1978, married Sultana Chowdhury, with whom he now has three children, two daughters and one son, who are all currently in full time education. His eldest daughter, Sharmin is studying to become a doctor and is in her final year. Son Rasel is at present studying Advertising Design and Technology in Salford University and youngest child, Shahida attends Walkden High School.

After opening his takeaway, Mr. Shahid did not stop there. In 1986 he then started a restaurant business along with his brother. They named this restaurant Sharmin Palace, after his eldest daughter. Later in 1996, his second restaurant was opened, called Sahib in LYMM Warrington. The Bayleaf was Mr. Shahid's third restaurant, which started up in December 2007.



Whilst busy with running his businesses, Mr. Abdul Shahid still made the time and effort to participate with the community. He was the Organising Secretary of Salford Bangladesh Association in 1986. In 1996 he was given the role of Treasurer for Greater Manchester Bangladesh Association. Furthermore, Mr. Shahid was the Vice President and Trustee of Salford Eccles Islamic Society, as well as part of the Salford Council Community Committee. He is currently one of the nominated candidates to run for the local election, as part of the Labour Party. He is also the Vice President of Greater Sylhet Council- North West Region.

Mr Shahid has worked with elderly community leaders such as late Mr MM Bakth, Late Mortuza Chowdhury, Mr Kabir Ahmed JP, and Mr Mr Hasan Chowdhury as well as many others.