

## Alton Watkins on England as his home ([SA 69/1/8/4](#))

Alton Watkins, who passed away in May 2022, reflects on his contribution to British society as a teacher and England being his home.

“My life was changed. It’s unrecognisable. I’m a different person. Everything I wanted, I got. Everything, every, everything I wanted I got and I feel peaceful and content.

Very, very successful coming to England. Yes, I’ve been a success in my opinion.

*Do you feel you’ve contributed anything positive to this society?*

Oh yes, of course - as a teacher you’re preparing the next generation of workers and so on. In that way – yes, I’ve contributed a lot I think. I was never on the dole for a start. But other than that, my wife has carers coming in four times a day to look after her and some of those carers - quite a number of them I taught, and I feel satisfied about that. That’s contributing to the skills and so on of students that I taught you know. Contribution to society if you like.

In fact, at one time I wanted to go back. At one time I wanted to go back because I couldn’t get into the printer’s union and I was trying to get back home. Gosh, I’m glad I never did.

Now this is my home. Don’t want to go anywhere else to live. England is home.”