

CARL BASSETT

HERITAGE

Carl Bassett was born in Newport at the Royal Gwent Hospital to Jamaican parents who arrived in Wales in the late 1950s.

Inside the family home was Jamaica; music, food, patois and discipline.

Blues parties and sound systems filled the house, and his father opened one of the first Black-owned reggae record shops in Wales.

WALES MEANS...

PRIDE GIFTED LOVING

Carl describes himself as a proud Welsh Jamaican.

Growing up in Newport, pride in Wales often strengthened through sport, especially when playing English teams.

Racism existed, but, in Wales at least "everyone treated me equal."

“IT'S NICE TO BE NICE.”



COMMUNITY

CONTRIBUTION

Carl built a successful career as an electrician, consultant and co-founder of DRAC Consulting, creating jobs, training apprentices and keeping skilled work in Wales.

He contributes through school governance and charity work as Treasurer for Caribbean Heritage Cymru.

A man of music: DJing since fifteen, from mobile disco roadshows to UK gigs, radio and livestreams.

Bringing communities together through music.

STRENGTHS & JOY

Bringing joy through music and making people smile remains his greatest reward.

“BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE, YOU COULD BE DIFFERENT, BUT YOU'RE NOT OUT OF PLACE.”