



I mean, it's surprising the number of people that come here and say "I've lived here all my life but I never knew this was here." And I think over the years, people have just passed it by.

The history here is the original form of recycling, if you like. Right the way through from the late 16th century, I mean, it's been continuously occupied and the variety of trades that were here are absolutely amazing. And some wonderful stories, too, about the Priory itself. So it's been here right in the heart of Gloucester since about 1239, but in its different forms.

Because of its significance in that it is the best of its type in Great Britain. It's a great asset for Gloucester. And so it still plays a prominent role in Gloucester's life today. And I'm very pleased to be just a small part of that.

But it is rather satisfying when you take local people around and they come in and say 'Fantastic! I really didn't know anything about that'.

So that's what we do.

Phil Moss, Local Historian & Author

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