



It's been there since the 1920s and it's had various incarnations. It's been a cinema, it's been a bingo hall and it's been a theatre. It's something that people, I think, really remember within Gloucester.

My involvement started pretty soon after I moved to Gloucester. I didn't really know anybody but I saw there was a theatre on Barton Street and they had a local theatre group. So I joined the theatre group. And I've been pretty much part of that scene ever since and most of the friends I have in Gloucester have come from that initial meeting.

At the moment unfortunately the theatre is all shut down and it's a bit derelict inside. And what we really want to do, the whole community, is trying to get everybody in the community together to get back in there, to refurbish it back to its former glory. And then we can use it as a community centre for all the people in Barton and Tredworth and for all of Gloucester.

It's going to be a lot of work, a real huge task, but I think we can do it. We know we've got the people behind us. So if when it does actually open again to the general public, it will be, oh, my God, it'll be amazing!

Sue Kinsey, Local Theatre Performer

## Olympus Theatre