

New roof to protect 'much-loved' theatre

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The Plowright Theatre in Scunthorpe was built in 1958

Work to replace the roof of a theatre is expected to finish in March, officials have said.

The Plowright Theatre, Scunthorpe, was built in 1958, but a recent survey found the existing roof had reached the end of its lifespan.

North Lincolnshire Council, which owns the building, said it could no longer continue with patchwork repairs due to the risk of leaks damaging the auditorium, performance

equipment and other parts of the interior.

The £160,000 funding for the project has come from the government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The venue, which is named in honour of the late actress Dame Joan Plowright, has been described by the council as an "essential part of Scunthorpe's entertainment scene".

Councillor John Davison, cabinet member for culture, heritage and arts, said: "This investment is fantastic news for the Plowright Theatre and for the local community."

"By replacing part of the roof now, we are protecting this much-loved venue and ensuring it remains a vibrant space for live performances in North Lincolnshire."

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