



Alan Thorley

Left Kelvin in 1974

After attending sixth form at Kelvin, I was hell-bent on going to art college but didn't have much idea of where that might lead.

I did my foundation year in Hull before getting a place at Brighton Polytechnic to do Graphic Design.

After graduating I intended to do a teacher training course but I ended up answering a recruitment advert from Ford Motor Company, who were looking for automobile designers, or stylists as the job was called then.

I was offered the job and ended up staying for 27 years, doing concept work for interiors of cars, through from the Sierra onwards. It was my dream job.

A big industry re-shuffle led to my early-retirement in 2006 and the chance for me to try my other love; drama. Now I work for an agency that provides extras or background artists for film and TV, and I've done professional stage acting and a music video as well as being a house-husband.