

A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK



Steve Brant, of Worcester-based Your Picture Framer, was recently given the chance to frame a particularly unusual and mysterious piece, which is believed to be an early work by none other than the elusive Banksy.

It was a case of 'finder's keepers' for the owner when the piece was discovered on an old school wall close to Bath, when clearing the area. The owner preserved the image by chiselling it off the wall and filled in the gaps with new render to restore the quality.

Banksy, who has recently received critical acclaim for his breathtaking parody of Disneyland, the 'bemusement theme park' 'Dismaland' has become anonymously famous over the years for decorating UK walls with artistic murals. Steve recommended that a Larson-Juhl frame would best suit this one-of-a-kind piece, and that it should be protected by museum glass. The painting was an incredible 4ft by 3ft and was so heavy it needed two people to lift it into the gallery.

Such an impressive and mysterious artwork warranted extra security! Steve had to increase his insurance significantly while the painting was in his possession. It was intended to be in his shop for just three days, but this turned into a week.

It's not just Steve who will have the pleasure of seeing Banksy's talents as the picture could soon be in the public eye. The customer is currently in discussions to sell the Banksy original with galleries in London and the United States. But, for the moment, it remains in the privacy of the home of the customer.

