

Banksy's Mobile Lovers artwork may raise £1 million for youth club after artist sent signed letter

A youth club in Bristol has reportedly been offered more than £1 million for a Banksy artwork they took down from a doorway.

Broad Plan Boys' Club had been criticised after it removed the Mobile Lovers piece and started charging¹ people to see it.

The club's owner Dennis Stinchcombe had wanted to raise funds to keep the organisation going.

The print has since been transferred to Bristol Museum but not before the club was given permission to sell it by Banksy himself, who wrote to Mr Stinchcombe.

'We have had big offers from as far away as Beverly Hills,' Mr Stinchcombe said.

'But I am concerned about choosing an appropriate auctioneer² and one which is respectful of the work.'

He'd hoped the sale of the artwork would secure the club's future.

He added: 'It's all great news for the club and we hope to sell it for as much as possible to settle our finances and secure our future over the next few years at least.

The painting was discovered outside the club in St Jude's, Bristol, on April 15.

By Jimmy Nsubuga, adapted from metro.co.uk, May 19th, 2014.



The Banksy artwork originally appeared on a doorway in Bristol (Picture : SWNS)

1 To charge : Faire payer

2 Auctioneer : Vente aux enchères

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