

's New twist on town scenes



Mark Brawn, from Wem, prepares for his exhibition at the Town Hall

Work going on show

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The familiar images of Shropshire's historic buildings and street scenes presented to the public are being given a new twist thanks to an inventive county artist.

Mark Brawn has created paintings of Shropshire landmarks as they have never been seen before.

Sites he has tackled include the English Bridge and Wyle Cop in Shrewsbury - his home until he moved to Wem a few weeks ago.

The 31-year-old has already received a warm reaction to his quirky take on the historic sites and is set to hold an exhibition in his new town.

Mr Brawn is presenting an exhibition at Wem Town Hall throughout October in which he hopes to feature a special painting

of the controversial Wem Mill - a topic sure to provoke comments. There are plans to turn the 19th century mill into flats, but many residents object to the plans.

Mr Brawn said: "I do paintings of Shropshire which are a bit different to what everyone else is doing.

"I work with oils on four feet square canvases. They are quite big with bendy buildings - hard to describe really."

The computer programmer, of Market Street, Wem, said he had been painting for years but was only now organising a series of exhibitions.

He added that he hoped to hold exhibitions in Shrewsbury in the future.