

Teacher Support: Clacton Pigeon mural

Banksy painted the Clacton Pigeon mural on a boathouse wall in Clacton. The picture shows a group of pigeons holding anti-immigration placards saying 'Go back to Africa', 'Migrants not welcome' and 'Keep off our worms', while an African swallow looks on.

The mural, which was thought to be worth around £400,000, was destroyed by officials from Tendring District council, who considered it to be 'inappropriate, offensive and racist'.

There are a number of online newspaper reports where you can find more information:

- BBC - Banksy Clacton-on-Sea mural council 'moronic' and 'cretinous' <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-29918326>
- Guardian – Council removes Banksy artwork after complaints of racism <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/oct/01/banksy-mural-clacton-racist>
- Independent – 'Offensive' Banksy immigration mural in Clacton scrubbed off wall by council <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/offensive-banksy-immigration-mural-in-clacton-scrubbed-from-wall-by-council-9768354.html>
- Mirror- Banksy mural scrubbed off wall by bungling council officials after complaint that it was racist www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/banksy-mural-scrubbed-wall-bungling-4360228