

## **Chesterton's Hidden London: Urban Art**

I have long been interested in the way that works of art can extend beyond the walls of the art gallery. Pub signs have long been a form of folk art. Frank Pick inaugurated a tradition of London Underground commissioning murals, posters and lettering.

All round London, there are sometimes eccentric and unexpected pieces of street art from Brixton to Shadwell, in Whitechapel, Soho and Acton by guerrilla artists who enliven the city with their graffiti. These works are invaluabley described and documented in Chesterton's Hidden London.

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