

Creative writing challenge: painting of the A34

Here's a picture of a framed painting (acrylic on board) in the museum's collection. The painting shows a view of the A34 within the landscape with lorries and cars travelling on the road. It is painted using flat planes of colour and a limited palette of mostly greens and purples. John Perkins, the artist, was a physicist at Aldermaston until he retired and took a Fine Arts degree. He painted for over 60 years and during that time he painted over 600 works of art. He was also the chair of the Newbury Art Group at one time.

Imagine you're an art historian and have to write a description of this painting (including the subject of the painting), and the artist for an exhibition catalogue. You might like to research online about the building of A34 bypass (around Newbury) and the road's route through West Berkshire.

