

Quickfire collages with £100 price tags

VICAR'S son Anthony Sheppard is pasting himself a promising future.

For the maths graduate who admits he has "no formal art training" has come

up with an unusual way of creating abstract collages.

And the unusual result is a delight to see with samples of Anthony's work already on sale in Covent Garden.

Anthony, son of Gosber-

ton's St Peter and St Paul Parish Church vicar the Rev Ian Sheppard, describes his pictures as two dimensional collage with layers of coloured paper creating an overall painted effect.

The 22-year-old started painting as a hobby when away at Sheffield University but realised it would be quicker and easier to use coloured paper for blocks of colour instead of paintbrush and paint.

Although Anthony's modern works of art would not be appreciated by everybody, modern offices and homes would be enhanced by the high-tech designs.

With more than 12 pictures completed Anthony's break through into the art world came just before Christmas with samples of his work on display in an exhibition in Harlow, Essex.

He said: "My work is a similar effect to marquetry and wood. It looks like a painting but it is only when you stand close that it looks like pieces of paper glued into position."

Anthony can complete a collage in as little as three hours once he has thought up a suitable idea, and his finished work in Covent Garden has a price tag of more than £100.

Speaking from his Gosberton home, The Vicarage at 6 Lila Drive, Anthony said: "It is not something I want to do full-time. I am taking a year off after college but it is more of a hobby than a job. I enjoy doing it."



● Anthony Sheppard with two of his abstract collages on sale to art lovers in Covent Garden (B760-20).