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Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



The spruce lies 'hidden' alongside the wall, only seen when approaching the squeeze stile leading to the track along the long open top of Grandsire. *Above*: the tree cannot be seen on the ascent, until a small brow before the wall is mounted; and *below*: the wreckage is complete – there are no living remains.



With a large area of protective basal bark removed, the inner wood was exposed – becoming decayed and dysfunctional wood with, ultimately, insufficient strength to withstand excessive wind loading. *Left*: there are no signs of decay-causing fungi, but that does not preclude their presence – and, in any case, the rotted wood is crumbling and deteriorated; and *right*: the cracked and ripped trunk.



Old Droemer, at High Lickbarrow, with a replacement fastigate Irish yew where the former original spire-like conifer shown in AW's sketch once stood.