

5.7 Carrock Fell 8

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



The rowan on crag – jutting out into free space above the steep slope – looks like it's fading.



Fallen dead wood lies below – the remaining crown is buckled and disfigured from losing half its structure, now lying across the rocks. Growth persists, though there is major dead wood and decay along the main stems and branches.



Viewed from above and below, the extent of serious damage and decay is evident and will, inevitably, lead to further breakage and collapse. Yet life is not finished. *Upper*: despite its structural deterioration, in spite of every physical burden, there are signs of strong growth – such that it may be possible for new stems to rise from the old tree's broken and incomplete hulk; and *lower*: perhaps it will renew itself and continue. This rowan is one to watch over the coming decade.