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Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



From Newlands Church, looking towards the rising outline of High Snab Bank – with Low High Snab glimpsed amongst trees (at centre) and the larger building of High Snab obvious (to the right) – focus on the skyline, just where the upper wall meets the ridge (on its right side) to see the faint form of a tree. This is the last survivor of the former four.



The lone hawthorn – about as damaged and forlorn as any tree could be and yet still alive. Its decline and weakness is not merely superficial or survivable – it is deep and extensive. The immediate months and years are final times for this hawthorn.



From your position by the wall, decipher the pattern of the 'four of clubs' – though now very indistinct. Looking down the slope from the surviving hawthorn, what would have been the right-side tree is located 25-30m away – no more than a prone derelict trunk and branches. Beyond, around 40-50m downhill (towards the distant small larch plantation) you may just make out the low decayed stump and debris of the lower tree, almost obscured in the long grass. There is no sign of the forth tree that would, logically, have stood on the slope midway to the left. This is all that now remains of AW's 'four highest trees in the field above High Snab'.