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Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



Unless obscured by mist, the waymarker holly is a conspicuous feature in the otherwise tree-less valley of Mosedale.



Looking west to Hen Comb from the valley track the Mosedale Holly Tree, which appears much the same as when originally drawn by AW.



The recognisable shape of the Mosedale Holly Tree, just as AW drew it – the holly retaining its form, despite sheep browsing the lower branches, making a comfortable refuge beneath its sheltering crown.



A basal cavity and upper wound indicate an internal column of decayed/dysfunctional wood, internally compartmentalised and enclosed, enabling growth and life to continue, perhaps for several more centuries.