

Bits and Pieces

No 1 -Spot The Difference



Well, it's fairly clear there are cattle and sheep on the first picture and the grass is certainly greener on the second one, but the main question is, where's the Pinnacle ? OK if you look hard you'll just about see it in the trees, but if the second photo had been taken a couple of weeks earlier, it would have been hard to spot .

The cause of the disappearing Pinnacle lies with the encroachment of birch trees, which are sprouting up at a rapid rate across the moor, to such an extent that the Pinnacle is becoming hard to spot from a few hundred yards in some areas, let alone from Skipton Road.

The birch is one of our oldest pioneer trees and it will rapidly colonise open ground, so it is to be expected that the poor old Pinnacle will become increasingly swamped and the time may come when it will take a search party to find it !!

Still on the subject of trees, I came across little notice placed up on the moor.



I have no idea who left this notice, but whoever it was certainly has my sympathy. Digging up trees seems to go hand in hand with

breaking or sawing off branches, both of which seem to occur all over the moor for no obvious reason. Is it just down to vandalism?

However, looking at the number of Birch trees which have sprouted up, does the Moor really need a further 150 Oak trees? I'm not so sure.

Back to the Pinnacle, it's obviously unrealistic to expect Farnhill Moor to be maintained as it used to be and that is what would be required to prevent the spread of the Birch and the loss of the heather. I imagine as well that the Birch will bring benefits to wildlife. However, it would be nice to think that the distant views of that lovely whitewashed cairn, which holds an important position in the history of Farnhill and Kildwick, could be maintained.