

# Parkwood Bassenthwaite Forest Design Plan

Spring 2009 Review – Viewpoints Survey





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The wider landscape is one dominated by lower fells, agricultural fields & smaller fragmented broadleaved woodlands & hedgerows

The block effect of the conifers is visible from this viewpoint.



## 1) Looking north east over Bassenthwaite Lake from the A66

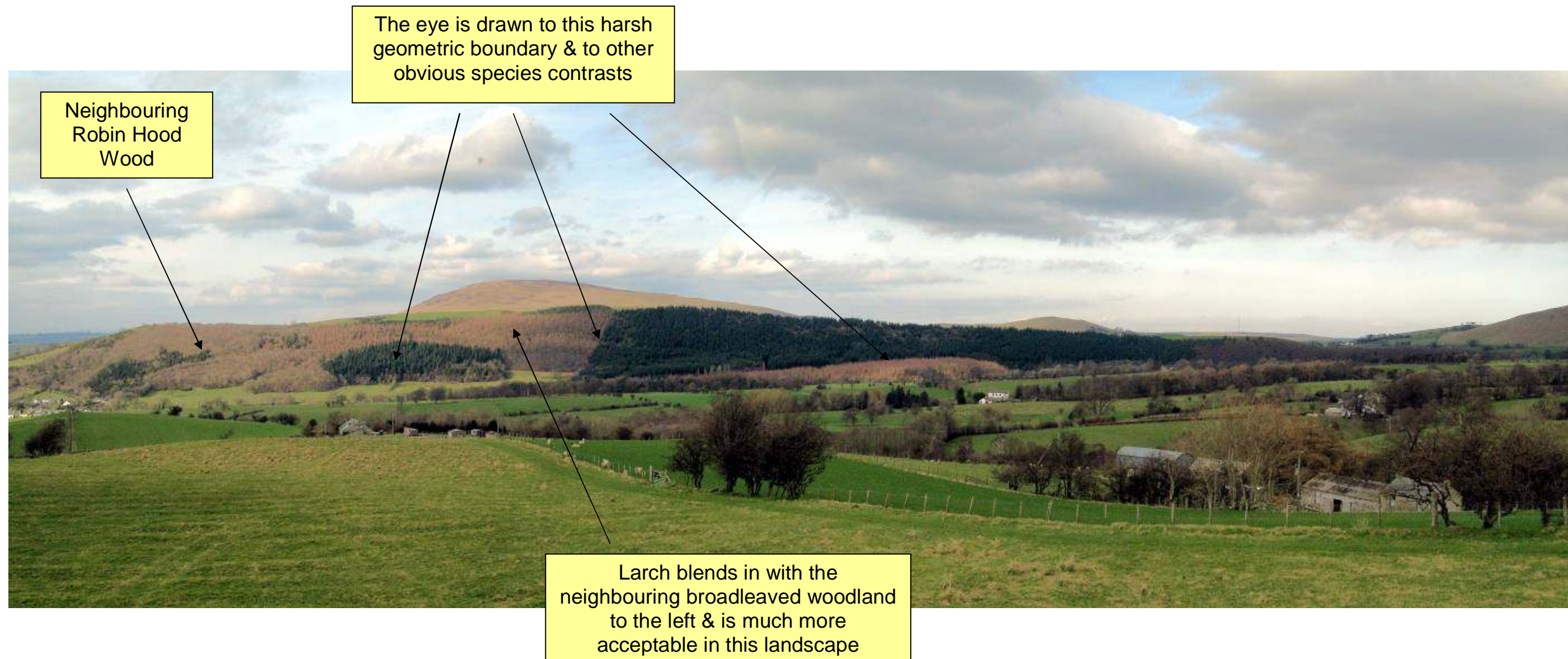
Although not highly visible from this busy corridor through the Northern Lakes, Parkwood Bassenthwaite does not sit well in the landscape due to the block effect of the dark green conifers. Removal of these conifers will improve the appearance of the woodland and is also necessary to restore the woodland to its status of ancient woodland.



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## 2) Looking north from Barkbeth

From this view the forest is overlooked mainly by the local community who live in & pass through the surrounding area of scattered farms, houses & hamlets. The woodland dominates the landscape & the eye is immediately drawn to the stark contrast between the dark conifer species & the softer outlines of the larch and broadleaved areas.



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Scattered broadleaved trees within the conifers will contribute to the seed source needed to restore this woodland to native broadleaved species

The larch at this end of the woodland & also the western end will be gradually removed to enable the native broadleaved trees to colonise



### 3) Looking north from Peter House Farm

This view shows the scattered native broadleaves already established in the woodland. These will provide the seed source for regeneration & creation of a native woodland once the conifer species have been removed.



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## 4) Looking north west from Whitewater Dash Waterfall

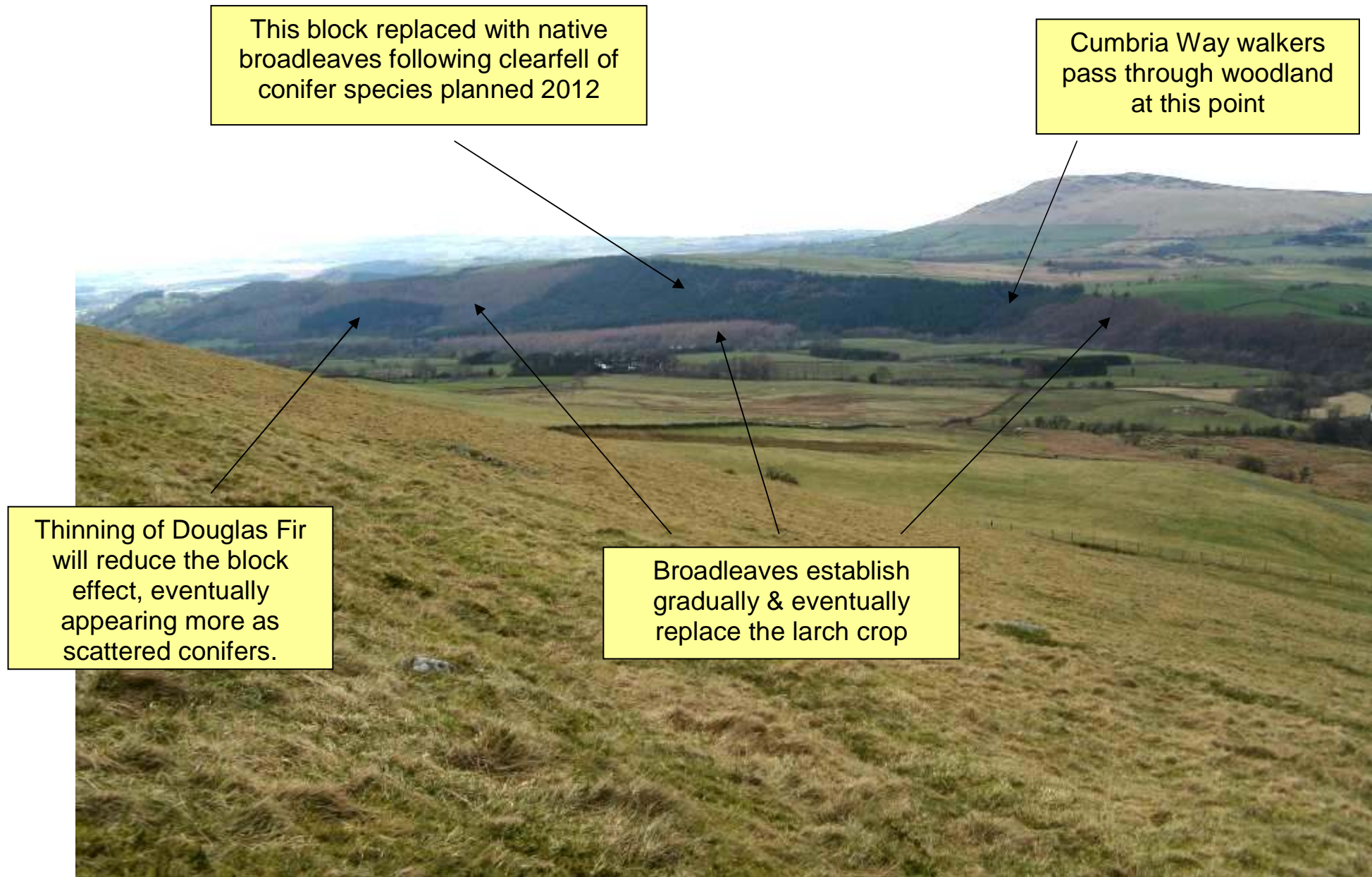
From this higher level viewpoint along the Cumbria Way, it is obvious that the dark conifer block does not belong in the wider landscape of fragmented native woodlands.



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## 5) Looking north west from Cockup Fell.

From this view walkers of the Cumbria Way being led down slope & into the valley can see the woodland shape unfold. Restoration to native broadleaved species will greatly improve this view & restore a valuable & finite resource.



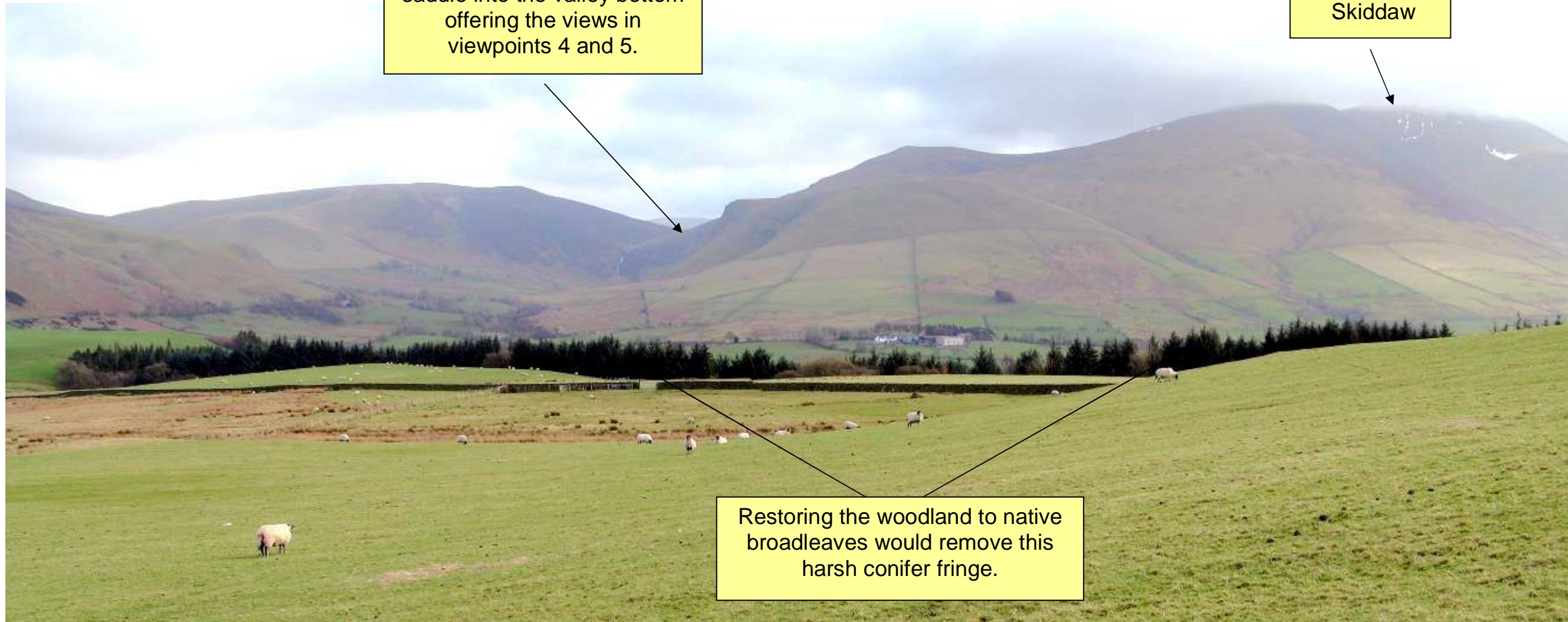
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The Cumbria Way follows Dash Gill down over the saddle into the valley bottom offering the views in viewpoints 4 and 5.

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Restoring the woodland to native broadleaves would remove this harsh conifer fringe.

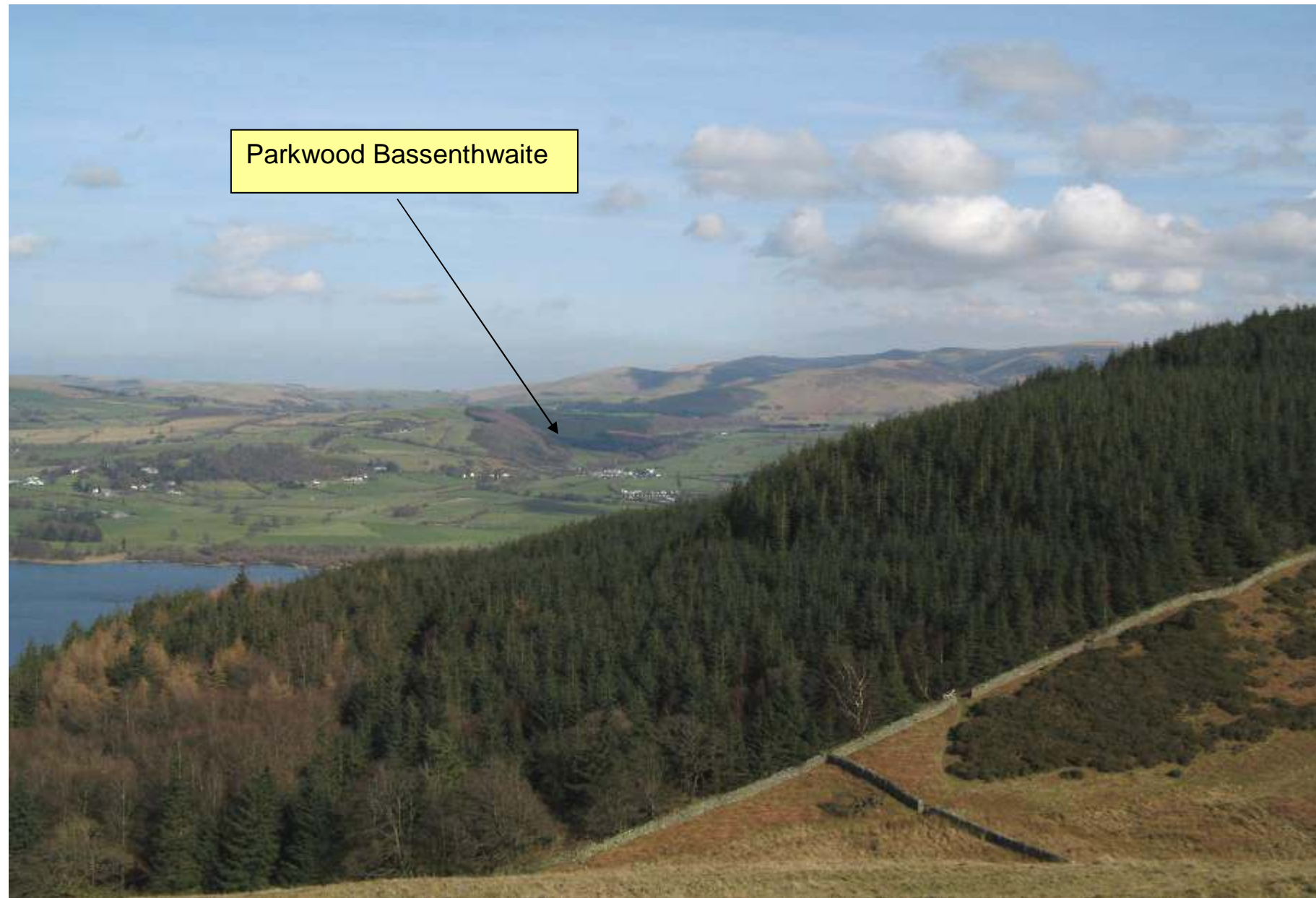
## 6) Looking south from the Public Right of Way to Bassenthwaite Village from the B road signposted Caldbeck, Ireby & Uldale.

From the north, views of the woodland are limited to occasional glimpses of conifer fringe with some scattered broadleaves as the majority of the woodland sits lower down the south-facing slope.



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## 7) Looking north east from Sale Fell

This view shows that Parkwood Bassenthwaite is acceptable in the landscape in terms of size & shape but not in terms of the conifer component.



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## 8) Looking north east from Chapel Bridge on the A591

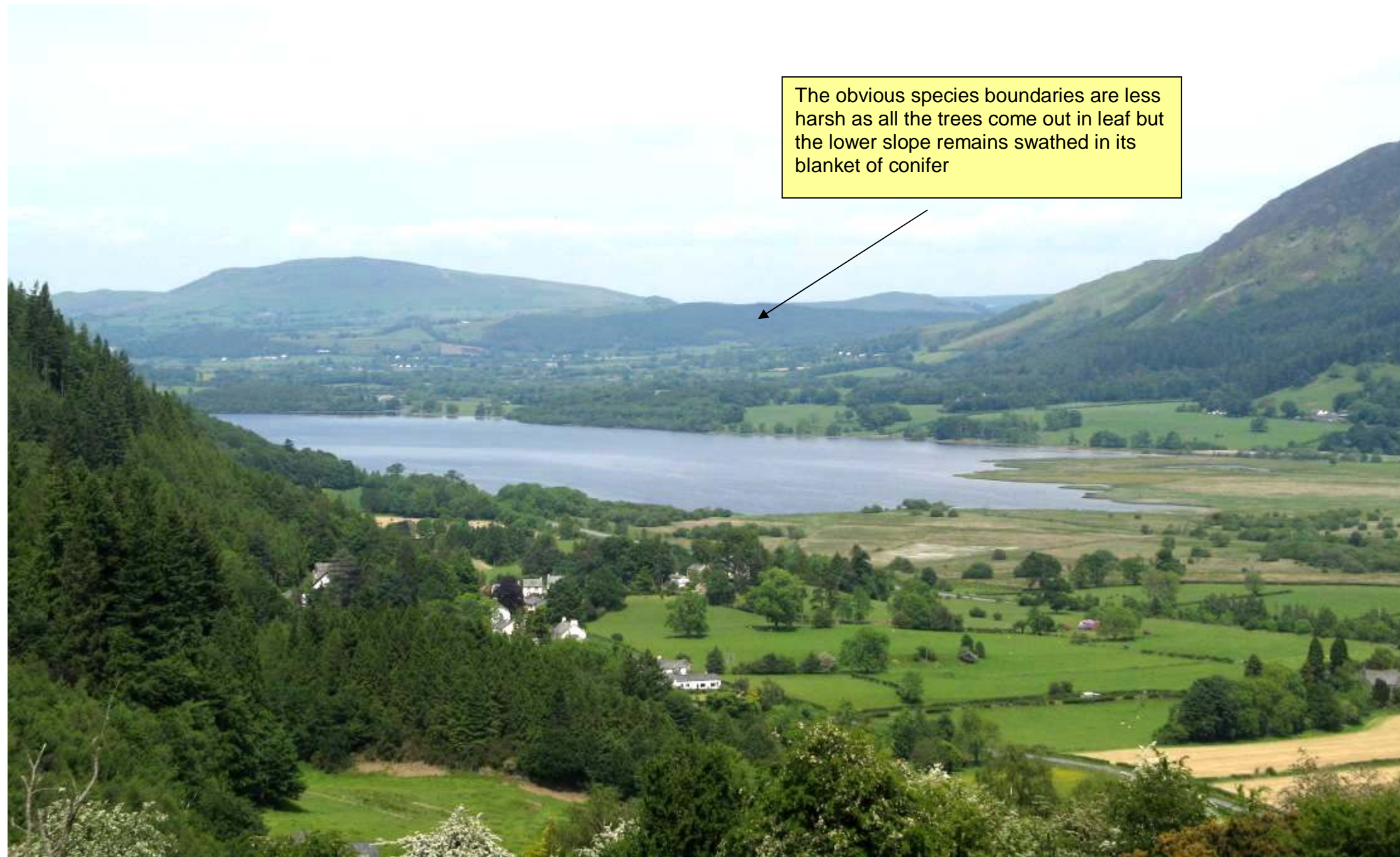
This view shows the woodland in a more local context on the outskirts of Bassenthwaite Village.



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## 8) Looking north east from Knott Head Lay-by at Whinlatter Forest Park

This view demonstrates how visible the woodland is from even further afield at this popular stop off point along the busy B5792 to Whinlatter Forest Park.



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