

Nuggets and Bright Lines

- *Don't accept what the world tells you is progress*



Glenbuck

We talked recently about the 'No Ball Games' signs. Well I just want to put some perspective on it.



You will find this sign on the A70 in Ayrshire. Go too fast or blink and you will miss it. It is now a lost community, a long ago abandoned village. It was a mining community like many others where life was hard, very hard and let's understand harder than most of us can imagine.

Why is it significant? That of course depends on your perspective. For me, like a good many others, it is a sacred place. I took a trip there in 2014.

It is the birthplace of my hero William 'Bill' Shankly. It also produced fifty, yes 50 professional footballers, seven, yes 7 full Scottish internationals, one family where all five brothers went on to play professional football, two of them internationally and more than one went on to manage.

It was a place of community, camaraderie, spirit and togetherness. That was how to survive. It also, as far as I know, had no signs up saying 'No Ball Games'.

Thank goodness.

'No Ball Games' hahahahahahahahahahaha

Bless you Glenbuck. May you be remembered as an icon of something special.

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