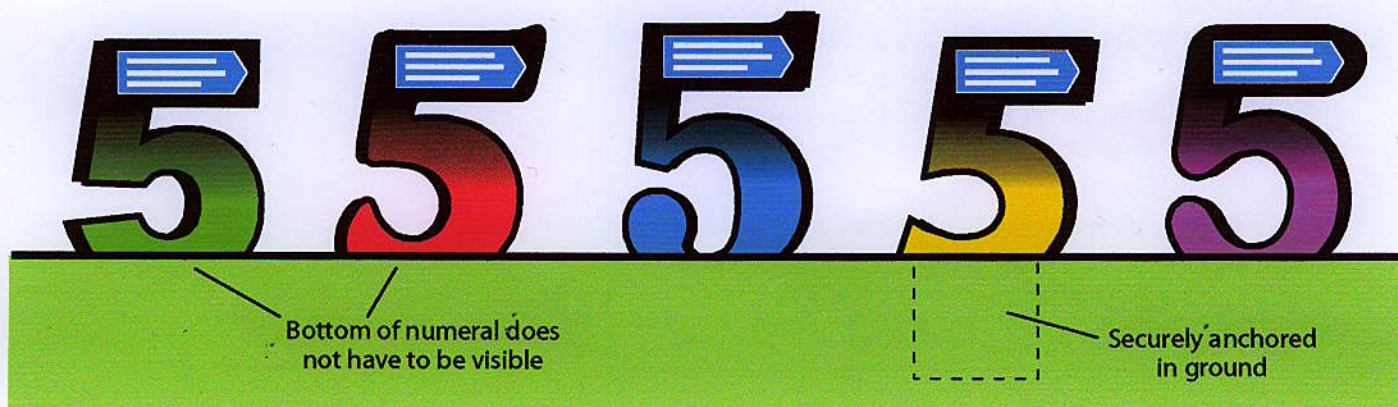


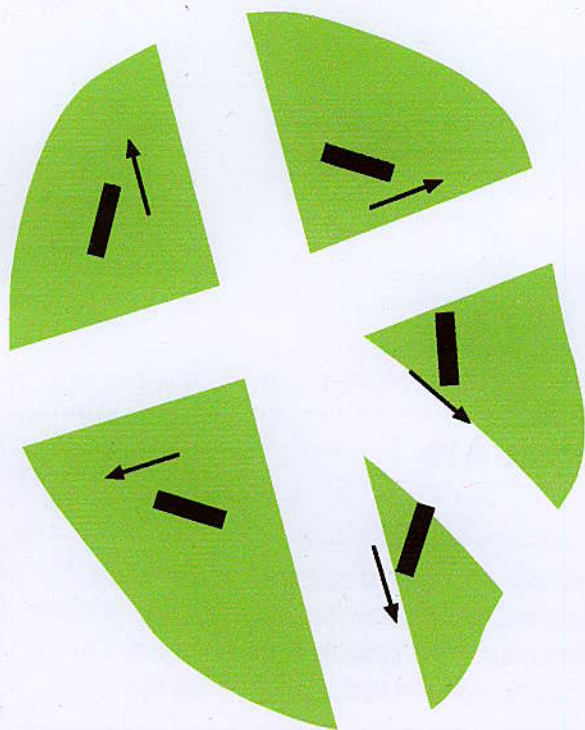
## Five Ways Junction

I think this meeting point of five (really three) useful routes on the North Edinburgh Path Network is worthy of being made much more conspicuous, informative and also a possible rest point.

- 1** My **main idea** is to combine the emphasis on 'Five' with signage pointing to where the routes lead. *This signage used to exist but I think it was severely vandalised and never replaced.* I would have five large numeral '5's (about 2m high) – probably made of sheet steel but to resemble chunky solid objects – set securely in the ground, upright, so that the upper horizontal part of each numeral 'pointed' along a different leg of the junction. The signage/destination/mileage info could then be attached in this position. There would then be a ring of five signs, easily visible from any direction of approach.



To add variety I suggest that the five numerals could each be in a different font – as I've indicated above – they would just need to be fairly robust (ie no thin strokes). I've also shown them in five different colourways, but with a unifying black-at-the-top style so that the signage shows up well against a contrasting background.



Approx location of signs/numbers, and how they relate to the five legs of the junction.

- 2** My second idea is to create a seat, also based on the number 5. With just a little distortion it would be possible to make two '5'-shaped frames as shown below. There are several different flattish grassy areas at the junction where the seat could be located, depending on whether it might be better in the shade, etc.

If it weren't for the problem of vandalism / theft this would, of course, function very well as a rocking chair if the curved bottoms of the fives were just resting on the ground instead of secured firmly!

