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Bantaskine

The yew grows near a house on the Bantaskine Estate. The yew was described in 1867 as "in vigorous condition: height, 38 feet; girth at 6 feet from the ground, 12 feet 6 inches; spread of branches, 186 feet." In www.electricscotland.com/history/stirlingshire/chap15.htm it is described thus: "Near the house there is an old yew, which measures 70 yards in circumference." This must apply to the spread of its branches.

The site already appears in the Gazetteer, but a record of its precise location and girth at 6 feet, 140 years after the original measurement, would be invaluable.