

1998: The old male yew grows about 7 metres from the porch and even closer to a house adjoining the churchyard. Its bole is completely hidden behind a circular stone wall about 18" high, on top of which a structure of wood embedded in concrete is angled towards the tree. We were informed that after storms in the 1980s the entire concrete and stone structure moved and had to be renewed. At the same time a tree surgeon removed a lot of what was considered to be surplus height.

Emerging from this unique structure are 3 main branches, one upright and two leaning. Growth had been trimmed to a neat ball shape. Church records show that the tree was 'shored up' as early as 1743.

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**Shoring up of ye tree in 1743**

Walling up yew tree and pointing end of tower		7s	6d
Carriage of stones and sand for yew tree		2s	6d
? 2550 slatts	£3	16s	0d
Laying of it	£1	5s	6d

**1867**

Mr Carpenter for stone for the yew tree	£2	18s	4d
Hauling stone from Tiverton and turnpike for yew tree		13s	11d
4 hogsheads of lime for ye tree		12s	0d
Hauling lime and sand		10s	0d
Hauling away the earth		6s	0d

1980s

The girth measured at app 4' from the ground—20ft 8ins. This is a rather deceptive figure as the trunk is in 3 parts.

