

2011 Peter Norton: Ashmore is the highest village in Dorset and is close to the Dorset/Wiltshire border. St Nicholas church is believed to have been originally built in the 13th century.

The male yew is hollow with three internal stems. The inner shell is full of needle drop to a height of about 2'. Four main leaders currently grow from a bole of about 6', with one of these showing hollowing while a further two have decayed and been cut back. A girth of 11' 2" at 1' 6" was recorded. In this instance measurement at root crown or 1' would have been affected by the amount of needle drop spilling from the basal cavity. Also recorded was 12' 6" at 2' and 14' at 3'.

