

EW Swanton's 1958 *Yew Trees of England* contained the following description: 'The yew in the churchyard is 12' 3" in girth at 3'. The umbrage is scanty. When I saw the tree in 1924 it looked unhealthy, and the hollow trunk contained much rubbish'.



Old habits die hard it would seem, for in February 2003, when I first recorded this male yew I found a notice in its hollow saying: 'please don't put the rubbish in, I'm a tree, not a bin'.

Along with the notice and the rubbish I found pieces of the original trunk. Above the hollow the yew rises on a fluted upright branch. A second substantial growth area is found on the side of the tree facing the pub. In spite of some poor treatment its foliage was thick and healthy.



The yew grows NE of the church. In 2003 its girth was 15' 3" at 3' and 14' 7" at 2'. The photos above, taken in 2016, show why the tree could not be remeasured. The small amount of elder noted in 2003 had developed into small elder trees, some growing right up against the yew and competing for the soil's nourishment. The only thing to say in favour of the elder is that it at least prevents more rubbish being put into the hollow!



This younger yew grows WNW of the church. It has a fluted trunk which divides at 8' into 3 upright branches that grow close to each other. Ivy covered part of its bole, which measured 11' 1" at 3' and 10' 6" at 2' in 2003. The photos were taken in July 2016 and the tree was remeasured. Girths of exactly 12' at 3' and 11' 8" at 2' were recorded. While this suggests a very fast growing yew, it is not possible to make reliable girth comparisons here because of many thick ivy stems plastered against the bole, which must add several inches to its girth.



A third yew grow here, a little further WNW. It is a bushy female that divides close to the ground into many branches.