

1838: *Arboretum and Fruticetum* reported that 'in Bockleton churchyard is a very fine tree, with a trunk 7ft. in diameter at 4 ft. from the ground'.

1866: In a paper read to the Herefordshire Woolhope Club, in which the location was noted as 'not exactly in the county', a yew with the following measurements was reported - 25' 5" at 3' and 24' 6" at 5'.

1938: Arthur Mee's *King's England* noted 'a great yew which must have been here since the Tudors came; its trunk is 7 yards round'.

2000: There are in fact two old yews at this site. The most significant, first reported in 1838, grows south of the church at the east end. It consists of a thickened horse shoe shape with thick fluting and supports two distinct areas of growth. I recorded girths of 22' 4" at 1' and 25' 0" at 5'.

2017: Peter Norton recorded a minimum girth of exactly 23', using embedded nails at approximately 10" height on the north side of the tree.

2020: I recorded a girth of 23' 2½" at 1'.



Geoff Garlick's photos above show the yew in 2003. Peter Norton's photo (below left) shows it in 2017 before the collapse of the branch I photographed in 2020.



The second yew, ivy covered and losing much of its bark, grows SSW of the church. In 2000 its girth was 18' 0" at the ground and 17' 7" at 2'.

In 2017 Peter Norton recorded a minimum girth of 17' 11" with a slightly undulating tape.

In 2020 I remeasured and recorded 18' 8" at the ground and 18' 5" at 2'.



Photos above - Geoff Garlick in 2003
Photos below - Tim Hills 2020



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