



The earliest record of this tree is provided by Revd Williams in his painting of 28th June 1791. It is reproduced here with the kind permission of Shropshire Archives. At that time it was a lone tree, but today stands at the end of an avenue of younger yews. In 1984 Morton recorded a girth of 5.2m (17') in his *Trees of Shropshire*.

2000: Although solid, a gap has developed in which internal structures can be seen in the decaying heartwood; these feed into its central branch. Four growth areas around the centre support large branches that further divide to provide a spreading canopy. Girth of 17' 4" was recorded at its narrowest, while at 5' it was 21' 6" over bulging adventitious growth.

In February 2012 a 10% to 15% crown reduction was carried out. It was 'part of on going renovations to the church yard, with our pruning being done to the specifications of a tree report that was carried out on the site. The idea with this reduction was to prevent some of the larger limbs from breaking out and damaging the tree further, as well as re balancing the weight of the tree'. David Alviti, who carried out the work, was pleased with the results and 'would like to think that its hard to tell the tree been worked on at all. which would have been a lot harder had the specification recommended any more than a 15% reduction'. Because of the sensitivity of the site and the number of interested parties, David felt it was 'important that the work was subtle and left the tree looking as natural as possible'. An account of this work is available on the Ancient Yew Group website.

All photos were taken in 2012.

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