

## CONWY churchyard sites with younger yews

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**ABERGELE** St Michael SH9454477644 1996 CPAT

Vegetation is described as ‘several yews - two on the south, one on the north and one to north-west - but none of any great age. Other bushes, mainly evergreen, around perimeter’.

**BETWS-YN-RHOS** St Michael SH9068673546 29/3/2015 Tim Hills

‘A yew on the west side’ described by CPAT in 1996. I recorded a young clipped yew, a golden yew and an Irish yew.

**CAPEL CURIG** St Curig (New Church) SH72115812 2018 Paul Wood

The church is now closed and used as a holiday let. Here are many young yews.

**CAPEL GARMON** St Garmon SH81555544 2108 Paul Wood

Several established yews, some close to 12' in girth.

**CERRIGYDRUDION** St Mary Magdalene SH9532248740 2018 Paul Wood

CPAT (1996) described ‘two yews at entrance and three others elsewhere on perimeter, none of any great age’. It is clear from remnants left in the ground and still visible in some places that some yews have also been lost at this site.

**LLANDDULAS** St Cynbryd SH9085378211 1996 CPAT

CPAT described ‘two yews of no great age on former northern edge of churchyard’.

**LLANDRILLO-YN-RHOS** St Trillo SH83208060 29/3/2015 Tim Hills

CPAT described 'five mature yews on east and southeast side'. There are even more than this at this site overlooking the sea. The largest girthed are multi-stemmed.

**LLANELIAN-YN-RHOS** St Elian Geimiad SH865767 24/4/2000 Tim Hills

Cornish (1946 *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*) was told about a 'very old yew'. We found no old yew at this site, but it is possible that one of the 7 yews there could have been mistaken for an old tree.

**LLANFIHANGEL GLYN MYFYR** St Michael SH9896749423 1997 CPAT

CPAT described 'one yew tree in north-west, and another, in a railed plot, towards the eastern corner of the churchyard'.

**LLANRHOS** St Eleri and St Mary Virgin SH793803 24/4/2000 Tim Hills

Many very young yews grow here.

**LLANRWST** St Grwst SH797616 25/4/2000 Tim Hills

Cornish (1946 *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*) was told of 'old yews' at this site. Of the six that grow alongside the river boundary, the largest was 13' at 3', measured over ivy.

**LLYSFAEN** St Cynfran SH8932577489 1996 CPAT

CPAT described 'small yews along the north and east sides of the old churchyard, interspersed with other evergreens; a few yews in the interior'.

**PENTREFOELAS** Parish church SH8731051580 2018 Paul Wood

CPAT (1996) described 'a number of mature yews on west side of church and one on north'. CPAT's description of mature yews could be misleading. I would estimate the yews to be of a similar age to the church, which was built in 1857-59. A chapel called Voelas preceded the church at this site but a photograph from 1875 clearly shows very young yews.

