

The photograph in St Mary's churchyard was taken in 1928 by Alfred Watkins. Copyright of this image has been difficult to ascertain but is possibly one of the Watkins collection held by Herefordshire Council. It clearly shows a substantial yew behind the preaching cross.

Paul Wood, searching for the old yew in 2016 was able to clear the ground of weeds and nettles and reveal the decaying stump of what was once a 21' (6.40m) girthed yew.

From the evidence presented he was able to surmise the tree has fallen on its own accord, probably in the last 10 to 15 years and most likely related to adverse weather conditions. While most of the tree was inevitably removed he found parts of it still remaining, buried deep in weeds, nettles etc.

More remarkable was that when he uncovered part of the stump he found a small amount of new growth rising from one part of it, so the veteran tree lives on.

