

## DENBIGHSHIRE - churchyard sites visited

CPAT – Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust

**BODFARI** St Stephen SJ0925570118 29/3/2015 Tim Hills

CPAT described yews and firs lining the SE boundary. The yews are all young.

**CORWEN** St Mael and St Sulien SJ079434 5/9/2004 Tim Hills

One very young yew in this churchyard.

**DERWEN** St Mary SJ07035073 5/9/2004 Tim Hills

Church now cared for by The Friends of Friendless Churches. Two yews: (1) SE - a solid bole, in the region 8'/10' female.

(2) SSE just above drop of 6' to road. Impossible to get near to bole through elder and low horizontal branches. In the region 10'/12', male.

**LLANARMON-YN-LAL** St Garmon SJ191562 8/9/2004 Tim Hills

Yew grows W of the church. It grows on the edge of a piece of stump I couldn't positively identify as yew. It is also on a sizeable mound suggesting it might be part of a tree that once filled the larger space.

**LLANDYRNOG** St Teyrnog SJ0196665342 CPAT

CPAT described 'yews, none of any great age, around edge of original churchyard, together with occasional pine. One yew in northern strip between scarp bank and perimeter wall'.

**LLANFERRES** St Berres SJ188606 8/9/2004 Tim Hills

Twin trunked from 3'. Female estimated 14'/16' girth.

**LLANFWROG** St Mwrog and St Mary SJ1137757820 17/11/2013 Paolo Bavaresco

Two fine yews, the largest measured 9' 3" girth at the base. It has superficial strimmer damage. I also noted a remnant of a stump, which could possibly be a lost yew adjacent, perhaps replaced by the Irish yew?

**LLANGOLLEN** St Collen SJ2167141975 CPAT

CPAT recorded 'five yew trees of no great age scattered around the south and west sides'.

**LLANGYNHAFAL** St Cynhafal SJ133634 6/9/2004 Tim Hills

SW - thick low branches prevented bole from being seen. Girth 8'/10'

**LLANRHYDD/LLANRHUDD** St Meugan SJ140577 6/9/2004 Tim Hills

A mix of younger and Irish yews. Largest is male NW with a girth of 9' 3" at 2'.

**MELIDEN** St Melyd SJ 063 811 7/9/2004 Tim Hills

The only yew here a millennium yew from the Defynnog tree.

**RHUDDLAN** St Mary SJ021781 7/9/2004 Tim Hills

CPAT describe 'several old...around the perimeter, stumps of 3 along E drive'. Nothing old however.

**ST ASAPH** St Cyndeyrn and St Asaph SJ036743 24/4/2000 Tim Hills

In 1946 RE Roberts informed Cornish (*The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*) of 10 yews at this site. Not only was the church locked, but also the churchyard. From outside there appeared to be no yew of note, though I managed to count 8, including one in the centre piled up with green rubbish.

**TREFNANT** Holy Trinity SJ053707 24/4/2000 Tim Hills

In *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality* 1946, Cornish records Tref-y-nant, which is a completely different place (with numerous churches and ex-churches of the same name. It was by chance that I discovered Trefnant, and this fits Cornish's description that '6 yews line the main drive, and eight are round the edge of the churchyard'- information supplied by S.E.Ashmore. As well as the 6 young yews lining the drive, there were a further 7 young yews around the edge.

**TREVOR** SJ2579242233 Tim Hills

Built in 1717 Trevor church has no churchyard as such. It lies in the gently sloping grounds of Trevor Hall. There are however three yews, one on each of the north, west and south sides.