

- **The following church is found in grid 8B**

Burton Bradstock - St Mary - SY4889

A 14th century church with some rebuilding in 1897.
Four yews grow on the northwest perimeter with a fifth close to the north gate.

- **The following churches are found in grid 8C**

Puncknowle - St Mary - SY5388

The church dates from the 12th century and was partially rebuilt in the 17th century and in 1891.
One male grows just east of the north lychgate. Girth was 11' 1" at 1' from the top of the mound.

Littlebredy - St Michael and all Angels - SY5888

A 13th century church restored in 1862.
A young male grows in the top northwest corner of the churchyard.

- **The following churches are found in grid 8D**

Winterbourne Steepleton - St Michael - SY6289

The church was rebuilt in the 12th century and refurbished in the 19th century.
Two female yews grow in the church grounds. The largest, west of the church, has a girth of 11' 2" at 3'. This height was selected to avoid the remains of a removed side limb. The second has a girth of 9' 3" at 2' and grows east of the church .

Chickerell (Weymouth) - St Mary - SY6480

The church dates from 1260, with refurbishment in 1834.
The stumps of three yews can be seen quite close to the porch.

Martinstown or Winterbourne St Martin - St Martin - SY6488

This 12th century church was restored in 1905.
Two young male yews grow close together on the north perimeter.

Radipole (Weymouth) - St Ann - SY6681

This is Weymouth's oldest church, thought to have been built around 1250. It was updated in 1850.



Entering the churchyard at the south gate four yews form a square. The larger two grow furthest from the road and are female, with girths of 8' 10" and 9' 4" at about 1'.

The female shown here grows northwest of the church. Thick ivy had been cut through at about 5'. Incorporating the ivy the girth was 15' 3" at 1' and 15' 3" at 3'. Above the cut 15' 2" was recorded.

Upwey - St Laurence - SY6685

The present church dates from the 13th century and was enlarged in 1906.

One young female grows in the extended graveyard. Cornish (1944) was informed by Rev A.S.Bryant that 'by the west tower was one of the finest yews in the county'. No trace of this yew remains.

Bincombe - Holy Trinity - SY6685

A 12th century church altered in 1862.

One male yew grows east of the church. Many branches have been removed and foliage is sparse. Girth was 10' 3" at 1' and 11' at 3'.

- **The following churches are found in grid 8E**

Preston (Weymouth) - St Andrew - SY7082

The church dates from the 14th century and was restored in the mid 19th century.

Male and female grow south of the church with the female on the east boundary. Girth of the male was 8 10" at the root crown.

Osmington - St Osmund - SY7283



The church dates from 1170 and was extensively rebuilt in 1846.

One male yew grows close to the northeast corner of the church. It has 3 main leaders from a 4ft bole and a crown that appears to have been reduced. Girth was 15' 11" at 1' and 16' 3" at 2'.

West Knighton - St Peter - SY7387

The church dates from around the 12th century and was restored in 1893.

One female yew, with a girth of 10' 1" at 1' 6", grows southwest of the church. There was much churchyard debris around its bole.

Owermoigne - St Michael - SY7685

The church was rebuilt in 1883, retaining its 15th century tower.

Two yews grow by the south gate. The female tree to the east has eight stems growing from a mound.

Chaldon Herring or East Chaldon - St Michael - SY7983

The church is of 12th century origin, with a major rebuild in 1878.

One young female grows on the west side of the north gate.

- The following churches are found in grid 9A

Monkton Wyld - St Andrew - SY3396

A Victorian church built in 1849.
One young yew grows near the south west corner of the church.

Charmouth - St Andrew - SY3693

The church was built in 1836, replacing a building from 1290.



Three yews grow here. This pair are either side of the north gate. On the east side is a female with a girth of about 12' at the top of the mound from which it grows. To the west is a smaller male. The third, another young male, grows near the northwest corner of the church.

Wootton Fitzpaine - St Paul - SY3795

A building has stood on this site since the 12th century and much of its material was re-used during later rebuilds and restoration in 1872.

Two female yews are found here, with the first on a bank as you enter the churchyard. This tall columnar yew has a girth of 13' 7" at 1' from the top of the bank.

The second grows close to the church and is on the boundary of the nearby mansion. Permission was granted to record this tree which has the appearance of 3 stems emerging from the top of the bank and sharing a common root stock. They are intertwined and at least two branches have been allowed to spread along the lawn, possibly 20' to 30' in length. The girth around the tree was 16' 10".



Marshwood - St Mary - SY3899



The church was built in 1841.

This female yew girthing 10' 9" at the root crown grows south of the church. The tree seemed large girthed for such a recent church.

Three young yews grow close to the west porch.

Whitchurch Canonorum - St Candida and the Holy Cross - SY3995

This former minster church dates from the 12th century with much alteration and rebuilding over the centuries. Partial rebuilding was also carried out in 1822 and 1847.

From the east gate leading south are five yews. The first three are male, with girths of 9' 1", 8' 11" and 11' 5". Next is a much smaller yew, and lastly one with the appearance of being around 12'.

A further six grow along the south perimeter, and along with the fifth in the previous group could not be measured due to a very steep bank and dense vegetation.

Along the west perimeter are a further four young yews. Just west of the porch is the male, shown here, growing from a small mound and girthing 11' 8" close to the top of the mound.



- The following churches are found in grid 9B

Chideock - St Giles - SY4292



The church is of 13th century origin with additions and alterations in 1883.

There is a small mortuary chapel to the north of the church grounds and along the east perimeter of these two buildings grow seven young yews.

To the south and east of the church are two male trees of which the first, growing closest to the road and shown here, girthing 9' 5" but might have once been much larger. The other girthing 10' at about 1'.

Broadoak - St Paul - SY4396

This small chapel was built around 1860.

A windswept male yew girthing 8' 2" grows close to the road.

Symonsbury - St John the Baptist - SY4493

The church dates from the 14th century with major renovation in 1835 and 1919.



This fluted female grows just west of the south gate. It measured 12' 9" at 1' and 13' 5" at 3'.

At the south east corner of the churchyard is another female girthing 9' 3" at 1'.

Dottery - St Saviour - SY4595

This corrugated iron church was completed in January 1882.

One female yew with a girth of 8' 10" at 1' grows close to the gate.

Bothenhampton - Holy Trinity (new church) - SY4791

A Victorian church built to replace the old one around 1890.

One young male grows east of the church.

Bothenhampton - Holy Trinity (old church) - SY4791

The Norman church was so dilapidated by 1880 that it was decided to build a new church at the other end of the village. Only the tower and chancel remain and are in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

Four yews are found here. The first is this male growing just inside the west gate. It has a low bole emerging from a mound. Girth at the base of 12' includes some branch swell.

In the southwest corner is a small male, and just to the south of the tower another male that girthed 10' 8" at 1'.

To the southeast is a female recorded as 9' at 1'.



Netherbury - St Mary - SY4799

The church is mainly 14th and 15th century, with 19th century restoration.



One male yew grows southwest of the church, close to the boundary and towering over the road below. Girth was 14' 5" at about 1' from the top of the bank.

Melplash - Christ Church - SY4897

A Neo-Norman church built in 1845.

One male yew grows just south of the church. If it was planted when the church was founded its girth of 12' 5", close to the top of mound, is greater than would be expected.



Shipton Gorge - St Mary - SY4991

The church was rebuilt in 1862, retaining the 14th century tower.
One young male yew grows east of the church.

Loders - St Mary Magdalene - SY4994

A Norman church with restoration in 1899.



Two yews grow within the walled churchyard. The first, just south of the porch is male with a girth of 11' 1" at 1'. The second grows out of a 2' 6" high mound just south east of the church and has a short bole with six stems (all confirmed as male). Measured at the base and with the tape undulating I recorded a girth of 18' 2", a figure which includes some branch swell.

- The following churches are found in grid 9C

West Milton - St Mary Magdalene - SY5096

The Norman church was pulled down in 1859, leaving only the tower.

One large female grows in the south east corner of the churchyard, which is now laid to grass. It has a central stem and a large limb. This overhangs the perimeter wall and has layered. Another limb which would have spread across the large table tomb has been lost. Measuring close to the ground at the root crown its girth was about 18'. Measurement could only be carried out with help of the owners since the drop from churchyard into their garden was 10/20'. From the seedlings that have survived about 15 have been planted around the garden.



West Milton – Unknown dedication - SY5096

The new church was built around 1859 just to the west at SY499964. It lasted only about 100 years before being demolished, leaving just a cemetery.

One male yew grows close to the path which led to the church. Its girth is 9' 4" from the top of a steep slope.

Mapperton - All Saints - SY5099

The church is of 12th century origin. It was rebuilt in 1704 and was made redundant and sold to the manor in 1977.

Two young yews grow close to the south gate.

Powerstock - St Mary - SY5196

The 12th century church was partially rebuilt in 1859.

Eleven yews grow here.

Just southwest of the tower is a female with a girth of 9' 4" at 1'.

Close to the northwest gate is a male tree girthing 9' 3". The three yews shown here grow in a line just northeast of the church. Of these, the female tree closest to the northwest gate girthed 11' 5" close to the top of the mound on which it grows.

Six smaller yews grow along the south perimeter



North Poorton - St Mary Magdalene - SY5198

A medieval church was replaced in 1861. Six young yews growing north and west of this tiny church.

Chilcombe - Unknown dedication - SY5291

A Norman church with many restorations over the centuries. One young male with a girth of 7' 4" at 1' grows just south east of the porch.

Askerswell - St Michael and all Angels - SY5292

The church dates from around 1304 and retains its 14th century tower. The rest was rebuilt in 1858.

Of the five yews found within the churchyard four grow south of the church. Starting at the southwest is a female, then a male with a girth of 11' at 2', a male with a girth of 9' 3" at 6" and a much smaller yew. Another young male grows northeast of the church.

Litton Cheney - St Mary - SY5590

A church with Norman origins, restored in 1878.

One male grows close to the south gate and is starting to coalesce with the top of the stone pillar. Threading the tape between bole and pillar a girth of 9' 2" at 1' from the top of the slope was recorded.

West Compton or Compton Abbas - St Michael - SY5694



The present church was built around 1850 to replace a 13th century wooden structure destroyed by fire. This little church has been redundant since 1983 when it was sold into private ownership. Refurbishment began in August 2011.

One male yew grows east of the church and has much lower upward growth making it impossible to measure. I recorded a diameter of 4' 6" at a height of 3' which equates to a girth of around 14'.

Compton Valence - St Thomas à Becket - SY5991

The church was rebuilt between 1839-40, retaining the 15th century tower.

20 young yews grow along the perimeter, 17 to the west of the church and 3 to the east.

Frome Vauchurch - St Francis - SY5997

The church is almost entirely Norman, only the chancel is more recent, dating from the Victorian period.

Two female yews grow here. The largest, close to the south porch, has two main leaders emerging from a 2' bole, and a girth of 13' 8" at 2'.

The other is multi-stemmed and grows northeast of the church.



Chilfrome - Holy Trinity - SY5998

The church dates from around the 14th century, with the chancel rebuilt in 1852 and the rest of church restored in 1864. One male yew with a girth of 12' 4" close to the ground grows southeast of the church.

Cattistock - St Peter and St Paul - SY5999

Nothing remains of the original 12th century structure after a rebuild in 1857.



Five yews are found in this churchyard. The male shown here grows southeast of the porch. It has a girth of 11' 11" at 1' and 11' 5" at 3'. Two females grow close to the east gate, the largest of which girthed 8' 9" at about 1'. The remaining two, one of each sex, grow close to the porch.

- **The following churches are found in grid 9D**

Winterbourne Abbas - St Mary - SY6190

The present church dates from 1250 and was restored in 1854. One young yew grows near to the north porch

Sydling St Nicholas - St Nicholas - SY6399

The earliest part of the present church is the tower which dates from the 1430s and was rebuilt in the 1800s.

One male yew grows on the north side of the church. It has a girth of 13' 3" at 1' and 14' 6" at 3'.



Godmanstone - Holy Trinity - SY6697

The church is Norman in origin with some Victorian improvements.

Of the three yews growing in the churchyard the largest is close to the northwest corner of the church. It is female with three leaders from a 7' break of crown and has a girth of 10' 7" at 2'. A male yew near the south porch girthed 9' 10" over ivy, while at the southeast gate a female with three trunks emerges from a tall mound.

Charminster - St Mary - SY6792



A 12th century church with some rebuilding during 1838.

Four yews grow in this churchyard.

To the east are two females. The larger of these, with a girth of 12' 1" at 1', is shown here.

Two male yews grow north of the church.

- The following churches are found in grid 9E

Stinsford - St Michael - SY7191

The church is of 13th century origin with much restoration during the Victorian period. This site is most noted as the resting place of Thomas Hardy. His ashes lie in Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey, but his heart lies beside his two wives, buried beneath a yew tree in the churchyard along with many other members of his family.

This tree, with a girth of 10' 8" at 2' is found northeast of the church. A second female yew grows northwest. This one has a girth of 12' 3" at 1' measured from the top of the slope.



Piddlehinton - St Mary the Virgin - SY7197

The church, of 13th century origin, was rebuilt in the 15th century and enlarged in 1867.



One large female grows from a large mound south of the church. An exaggerated girth of 14' 9" was recorded at the ground, other measurements were not possible.

Puddletown - St Mary - SY7594

A 12th century church, restored in 1933.

Five yews grow here. The male to the northwest (left) girths 11' 7" at 6", another west of the church 10' 5" at 1'. Two males grow to the south, the larger girthing 9' 3" at 1'. In the southeast corner is a female (below right) girthing 12' 1" at 1'.



Woodsford - St John the Baptist - SY7690

A 13th century church largely rebuilt in 1862.

Five young yews grow just southwest of the church

Cheselbourne - St Martin - SY7699

The church dates from around the 13th century and was restored in 1874.

One young female and a millennium grow north of the church.

Tincleton - St John the Evangelist - SY7791

The old church, south of the present building, was demolished leaving no trace. The new church was built in 1849.

Eleven yews grow at the churchyard perimeter. Four young trees are in the northwest corner and one young female just to the east of the north porch.

Four grow east of the church of which the most southerly was male and the largest.

Southwest of the church are two larger females. The most northerly, shown here, girthed 12' 6" at 2', the other 10' 4" at 1'.



Dewlish - All Saints - SY7798

The church is Norman in origin and was restored in 1872.

Of the eleven trees that form an avenue from the north gate to the porch seven are common yew. Girths of the largest three were between 11' 6" and 11' 9".



Tolpuddle - St John the Evangelist - SY7994

A 12th century church with restoration in 1855.

Of the six young yews here four are on the west perimeter, one on the north, while the largest, male, grows close to the southeast gate.

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Appendix 1: Churches Visited

Churches Conservation Trust (CCT)

Towns & Villages	Grid ref	Square	Count	Church	CCT	Yews	Previously Recorded in	Largest Recorded		
								Feet	Inch	Mtrs
Weymouth	SY679788	7D	3	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Portland (Reforme)	SY687720	7D	5	St George (Redundant)	CCT	0		0		0.00
Portland (Easton)		7D	1	All Saints		0		0		0.00
Portland (Easton)		7D	2	St Andrew (ruins)		0		0		0.00
Portland (Fortuneswell)		7D	3	St John the Baptist		0		0		0.00
Portland (Grove)		7D	4	St Peter (Disused)		0		0		0.00
Portland (Southwell)		7D	6	St Andrew		0		0		0.00
Burton Bradstock	SY488895	8B	1	St Mary		5		0		0.00
Swyre	SY528883	8C	1	Holy Trinity		0		0		0.00
Puncknowle	SY535886	8C	1	St Mary		1		11	1	3.38
Abbotsbury	SY558879	8C	2	Hidden Chapel		0		0		0.00
Abbotsbury	SY573848	8C	3	St Catherine		0		0		0.00
Abbotsbury	SY577853	8C	1	St Nicholas		0		0		0.00
Littlebredy	SY587889	8C	1	St Michael and all Angels		1		0		0.00
Portesham	SY602858	8D	1	St Peter		0		0		0.00
Langton Herring	SY614825	8D	1	St Peter		0		0		0.00
Winterbourne Steepleton	SY629898	8D	1	St Michael		2		11	2	3.40
Fleet	SY634805	8D	1	Holy Trinity		0		0		0.00
Fleet Old Church	SY636801	8D	1	Old Church (Ruin)		0		0		0.00
Corton	SY637854	8D	1	St Bartholomew		0		0		0.00
Chickerell (Weymouth)	SY646807	8D	1	St Mary		3		0		0.00
Martinstown or Winterbourne St Martin	SY647889	8D	1	St Martin		2		0		0.00
Buckland Ripers	SY652826	8D	1	St Nicholas		0		0		0.00
Weymouth (Radipole)	SY667813	8D	9	St Ann		5		14	0	4.27
Weymouth (Broadwey)	SY667834	8D	4	St Nicholas		0		0		0.00
Weymouth		8D	5	St Paul		0		0		0.00
Weymouth		8D	6	St Edmund of Canterbury		0		0		0.00
Weymouth		8D	10	Emmanuel Church		0		0		0.00
Weymouth		8D	11	All Saints		0		0		0.00
Upwey (Weymouth)	SY661853	8D	1	St Laurence		1		0		0.00
Weymouth	SY678833	8D	7	St Francis of Assisi		0		0		0.00
Weymouth		8D	8	St Aldelm		0		0		0.00
Winterbourne Monkton	SY676877	8D	1	St Simon and St Jude		0		0		0.00
Weymouth	SY682800	8D	2	St John		0		0		0.00
Bincombe	SY686846	8D	1	Holy Trinity		1		10	3	3.12
Winterbourne Farringdon	SY699881	8D	1	St German (Ruins)		0		0		0.00
Preston (Weymouth)	SY705829	8E	1	St Andrew		3		8	10	2.69
Winterborne Came	SY705884	8E	1	St Peter	CCT	0		0		0.00
Whitcombe	SY717883	8E	1	Dedication unknown	CCT	0		0		0.00
Osmington	SY724830	8E	1	St Osmund		1		15	11	4.85
Broadmayne	SY728867	8E	1	St Martin		0		0		0.00
West Stafford	SY726896	8E	1	St Andrew		0		0		0.00
West Knighton	SY733876	8E	1	St Peter		1		10	1	3.07
Poxwell	SY741839	8E	1	St John the Evangelist (Demolished)		0		0		0.00
Warmwell	SY753858	8E	1	Holy Trinity		0		0		0.00
Holworthy	SY763817	8E	1	St Catherine by the sea		0		0		0.00
Owermoigne	SY768854	8E	1	St Michael		2		0		0.00
Chaldon Herring (East Chaldon)	SY790831	8E	1	St Nicholas		1		0		0.00
Monkton Wyld	SY336964	9A	1	St Andrew		1		0		0.00
Lyme Regis	SY343923	9A	1	St Michael the Archangel		0		0		0.00
Charmouth	SY364936	9A	1	St Andrew		3		12		3.66
Catherston Leweston	SY369944	9A	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Fishpond	SY366983	9A	1	St John the Baptist		0		0		0.00
Wootton Fitzpaine	SY372957	9A	1	St Pauls		2		16	10	5.13

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Marshwood	SY383996	9A	1	St Mary		4		10	9	3.28
Whitchurch Canonicorum	SY396955	9A	1	St Candida and the Holy Cross		17		11	8	3.56
Stanton St. Gabriel	SY400923	9B	1	St Gabriel (ruins)		0		0		0.00
Morcobelake	SY405938	9B	1	St Gabriel		0		0		0.00
Pilsdon	SY415996	9B	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Chideock	SY422929	9B	1	St Giles		10		10		3.05
Broadoak	SY438963	9B	1	St Paul		1		8	2	2.49
Symonds bury	SY444937	9B	1	St John the Baptist		2		12	9	3.89
Eype	SY452917	9B	1	St Peter (Art centre)		0		0		0.00
Dottery	SY458952	9B	1	St Saviour		1		8	10	2.69
Salway Ash	SY455975	9B	1	Holy Trinity		0		0		0.00
Bridport (West Bay)	SY464904	9B	4	St John the Evangelist		0		0		0.00
Bridport	SY466926	9B	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Bridport	SY466931	9B	3	St Swithun		0		0		0.00
Bothenhampton	SY470919	9B	1	Holy Trinity (New church)		1		0		0.00
Bothenhampton	SY475917	9B	2	Holy Trinity (Old church remains)	CCT	4		12		3.66
Bridport	SY471931	9B	2	St Andrew (Closed)		0		0		0.00
Netherbury	SY471995	9B	1	St Mary		1		14	5	4.39
Walditch	SY483925	9B	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Bradpole	SY480944	9B	1	Holy Trinity		0		0		0.00
Melplash	SY484976	9B	1	Christ Church		1		12	5	3.78
Shipton Gorge	SY498914	9B	1	St Mary		1		0		0.00
Loders	SY495945	9B	1	St Mary Magdalen		2		18	2	5.54
West Milton	SY503963	9C	1	St Mary Magdalen (tower only)		1		18		5.49
West Milton	SY503963	9C	1	Unknown dedication		1		9	4	2.84
Mapperton	SY503997	9C	1	All Saints		2		0		0.00
Pow erstock	SY517961	9C	1	St Mary		11		11	5	3.48
North Poorton	SY518981	9C	1	St Mary Magdalene		6		0		0.00
North Poorton	SY518982	9C	2	St Peter (Ruin)		0		0		0.00
Chilcombe	SY528911	9C	1	Dedication unknown		1		7	4	2.24
Askerswell	SY529926	9C	1	St Michael and all Angels		5		11		3.35
Litton Cheney	SY552907	9C	1	St Mary		1		9	2	2.79
West Compton or Compton Abbas	SY562943	9C	1	St Michael (Private)		1		14		4.27
Toller Porcorum	SY562979	9C	1	St Peter and St Andrew		0		0		0.00
Long Bredy	SY571906	9C	1	St Peter		0		0		0.00
Toller Fratrum	SY578974	9C	1	St Basil		0		0		0.00
Wynford Eagle	SY583959	9C	1	St Lawrence		0		0		0.00
Compton Valence	SY594913	9C	1	St Thomas à Becket		20		0		0.00
Maiden Newton	SY596978	9C	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Frome Vauchurch	SY599973	9C	1	St Francis		2		13	8	4.17
Chilfrome	SY591987	9C	1	Holy Trinity		1		12	4	3.76
Cattistock	SY592996	9C	1	St Peter and St Paul		5		11	11	3.63
Winterbourne Abbas	SY618904	9D	1	St Mary		1		0		0.00
Frampton	SY627949	9D	1	St Mary the Virgin		0		0		0.00
Sydling St Nicholas	SY630993	9D	1	St Nicholas		1		13	3	4.04
Stratton	SY652937	9D	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Bradford Peverell	SY657930	9D	1	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Godmanstone	SY666974	9D	1	Holy Trinity		3		10	7	3.23
Nether Cerne	SY669983	9D	1	All Saints	CCT	0		0		0.00
Charminster	SY679927	9D	1	St Mary		4		12	1	3.68
Dorchester	SY687900	9D	4	St Mary		0		0		0.00
Dorchester		9D	3	Holy trinity		0		0		0.00
Dorchester	SY692097	9D	5	St Peter		0		0		0.00
Dorchester	SY693907	9D	1	All Saints (Redundant)		0		0		0.00
Dorchester	SY698905	9D	2	St George		0		0		0.00
Stinsford	SY712910	9E	1	St Michael		2		12	3	3.73
Piddlehinton	SY715972	9E	1	St Mary the Virgin		1		14	9	4.50
Puddletow n	SY758944	9E	1	St Mary		5		12	1	3.68
Woodsford	SY762906	9E	1	St John the Baptist		5		0		0.00
Cheselbourne	SY763996	9E	1	St Martin		2		0		0.00
Tinleton	SY776918	9E	1	St John the Evangelist		11		12	6	3.81
Athelhampton	SY772941	9E	1	St Edward Orthodox (was St John)		0		0		0.00
Dew lish	SY776982	9E	1	All Saints		7		11	9	3.58
Tolpuddle	SY791944	9E	1	St John the Evangelist		6		0		0.00

