Dorset Churchyard Yews

Summary

- A total of 366 churches were visited over a three year period 2009 – 2012.
- Yews were recorded in 197 of these churchyards.
- In total 589 yew trees were noted.
- A total of 237 yews were measured.

With the knowledge currently available to us, the chart below suggests that a large number of yews were planted between 200 and 250 years ago, with only a small number coinciding with a Victorian restoration of the church.

This table sets out the three main types of classification;

Ancient, Veteran and Notable

In 100 years time this chart will look very different as some trees are reclassified. This will be most apparent with a large numbers of Young yews becoming classified as Notable.

Set out here are the classified yews as noted in the four regions.