

In 1791 Collinson's *History of Somerset* described "...two fine yew trees with stone seats under them."

In 2002 I recorded male and female yews growing either side of the path to the church, each contained within a circular wall with concrete right up to the trunk. The male divided at 6' into 2 parallel upright branches, while a third major branch facing the road had been removed. Girth was 12' 5" between the ground and 6". Remeasured at the same height in 2016 girth was 13' 1", an increase of 8" in 14 years.



The female yew shows more obvious signs of great age, with its main growth carried on hollowing branches. The leaning limb seen on the left is supported with wire and rope attached to other parts of the tree. Girth in



2002 was exactly 12' at the lowest point. In 2016 it was measured close to the ground but above the roots with a girth of 12' 8".



This millennium yew grows on the south side. Girth was 11" at 3". Its first main branch develops at a height of about 1' 6".

