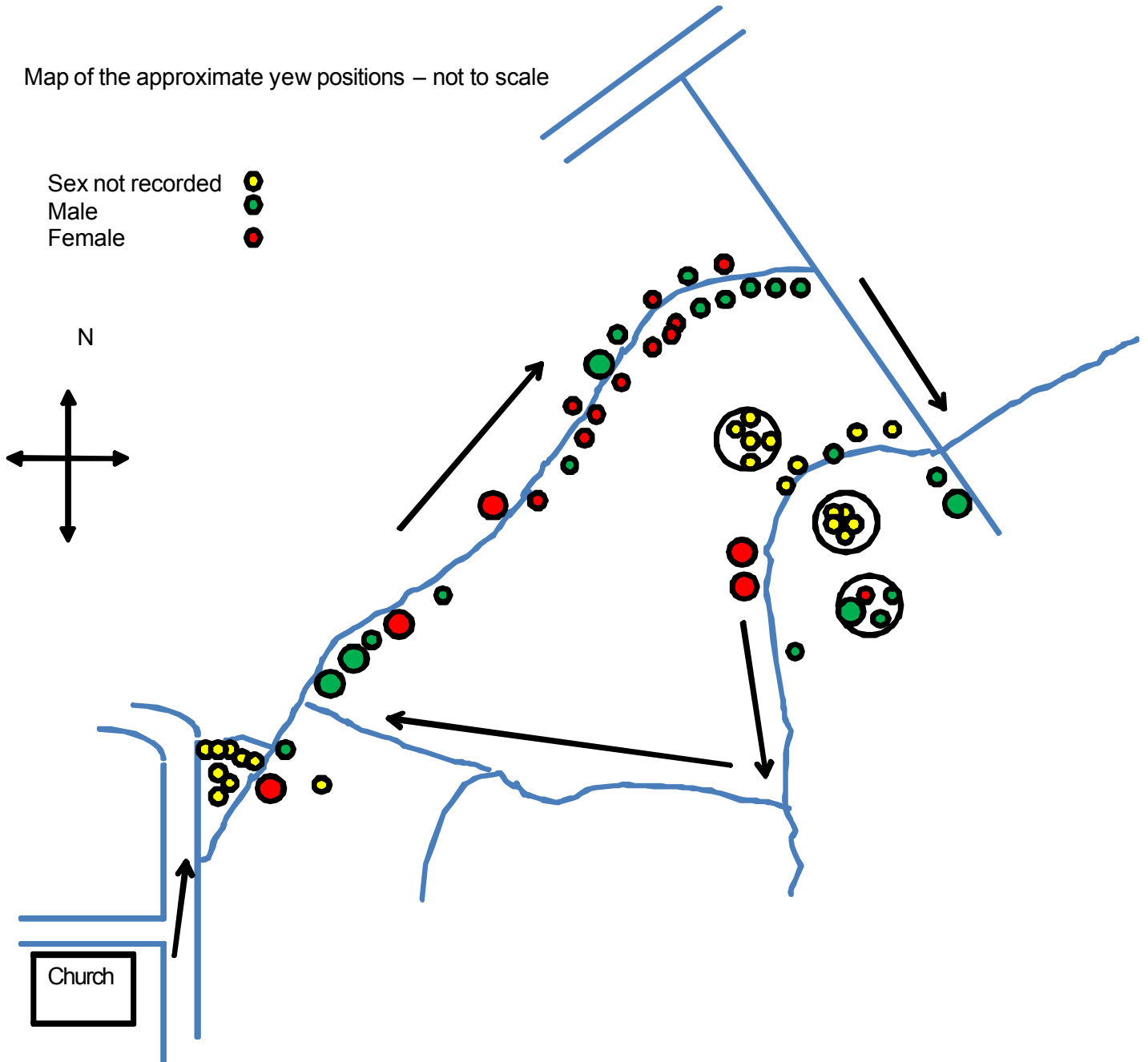


# Hampshire Yews - East Tytherley

This circular walk of about 2½ miles starts from St Peter's church in East Tytherley (185/SU293290). There is ample parking by the churchyard, in which is found a 16ft girthed yew.

From the church head north along the road, where after a few paces a street sign indicates 'The Avenue', a small pathway between houses. Follow this pathway past the houses and on into woodland.

Map of the approximate yew positions – not to scale



After entering the woodland the first yew (below left) grows on the east side of the narrow path. It is female, measuring 10' 10" at 2' and 11' 3" at 3'.

A further path into this woodland heads east to an area indicated as a *Park Pale* on OS maps. Many young yews are to be found throughout this area.

Continuing along the main path another footpath to the west leads back to the road. Here six young yew grow along a raised bank which follows the footpath, while a further four are found nearby.



The main path opens out into a wide tree lined avenue and soon there is a footpath signpost pointing east. Do not take this but continue straight on in a roughly NE direction. Although this is not indicated as a public footpath '*The Avenue*', which stretches for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, is well used by walkers.



Along 'The Avenue' twenty yews grow on the east side and seven on the west side. As can be seen from the map none grow on the west side until at least half way along the avenue.

A total of seven yews grow on the east side before the first one is seen on the west side. This includes the tree recorded on page 2. They are as follows:

Female 10' 10" at 1' and 11' 3" at 3'  
Male  
Male 11' 8" at root crown (right)  
Male 11' 4" at root crown  
Male 9' 10" at root crown  
Female 12' 8" at root crown  
Male



The first yew on the west side (below left) is female with a girth of 13' 3" at 1' and 13' 5" at 3'. It is followed by a young female and then the male (below right) measuring 11' at 1'.



The remaining yews are smaller in girth with an estimated range between 6' and 9'. Over the entire length of this tree lined avenue only one yew stump was observed, this was on the east side.

Continue to the 'No Public Right of Way' notice and then follow the south east footpath, between open fields, for a few paces until the next footpath junction is reached. Turn right heading south west and at the tree line two male yews are seen (below left), the largest girthing 10' 8" at 1'.



Return to the footpath and up a slight incline where five yews grow along the raised north bank (above right) .

Just behind these is a disused chalk pit (left) with five yews growing on its slopes.



To the south of this track is another chalk pit with a further five yews growing on slopes, with much disturbance around the roots caused by badgers (above right). To the south again is yet another chalk pit (below left) with four yews growing on the slope and another nearby. It is here that 3 of the largest chalk pit yews are found, with girths as follows: male - 8' 9" at the root crown, male - 11' 3", female - 9' 7".



Retrace your steps to the footpath on the incline and follow the track up and around to the left (south). Growing on the west side are two female yews. The first (below left) measured 11' 6" and is missing part of its trunk, revealing many fine internal roots. The second (right) measured 12' 6" and is partially hollow.



Continue down this footpath and at the end of this wood is found the last yew, a male girthing 9' 8". At the next wood and just inside turn east, head back across the field to 'The Avenue' and retrace your steps to the church.