

2003 and 2015: Four yews grow here. The largest is this hollow male growing SW of the church, seen here in 2015. It presents two very different faces, one of large hollow spaces with internal growth and sections of the original trunk wrapped in new wood. The other face, seen on the next page, is clad in ivy, which dominated a section of the tree. Foliage was plentiful on the many branches of a strikingly tall yew. Girths have been recorded as follows:

2003: 18' 2" at 1'; 17' 4" at 3'; 19' 1" at 4' - Tim Hills

2011: 18' 6" at 1' ; 18' 6" at 2' - Peter Norton

2015: These girths are so affected by ivy as to be of limited use. 19' 2½" at 1' ; 18' 9½" at 2' ; 19' 9" at 3' - Tim Hills



In 2018 the tree suffered a partial collapse when the large branch, marked below, broke off, damaging one side of the tree. It will never be known whether the weight of ivy played a part, but the close up shows just how thick the cover was in 2015.



From one side of the tree, seen above, the yew looked to be in a parlous state and there was talk of it being felled. The photos below were also taken after the branch fell, and clearly demonstrate that no such action was necessary. A Tree Preservation Order now protects the yew.





The 3 smaller girthed yews which grow here were photographed in 2003.

A female yew growing SE of the church.

13' 6" at 3' over some ivy in 2003 - Tim Hills

12' 10" at 18" in 2011 - Peter Norton

14' 7" at 3' under and over ivy in 2015.

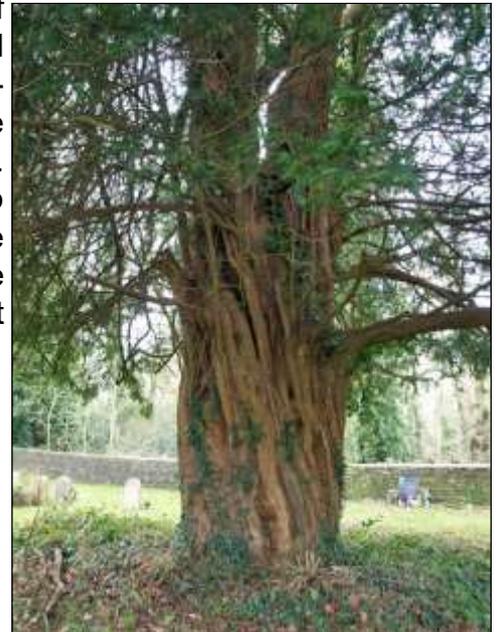


The male yew growing NW of the church has a slightly twisted and fluted trunk. It has one flattened slab like surface, with the other more normally rounded. From a height of about 15' two main uprights develop. There was something about this tree that made me wonder whether it was once larger girthed.

2003: 13' 4" at 3' - Tim Hills

2011: 13' 6" at 1'; 13' 7" at 2' - Peter Norton

2015: 13' 8" at 1'; 13' 9½" at 2'; 13' 9½" at 3' - Tim Hills



A female yew growing NNE.

2003: 9' 5" at 3' - Tim Hills

2011: 10' 1" at 1' 6" - Peter Norton

2015: 10' 1" at 1' 6"; 9' 9½" at 3' - Tim Hills

