HEREFORDSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

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ADFORTON  St Andrew  SO40147102  2016  Paul Wood
A young yew in the churchyard and some younger yews in Orchard Close, the lane leading from the church.

ALMELEY  St Mary  SO33285150  2015  Paul Wood
2 young yews and a lost yew.

ASHPERTON  St Bartholomew  SO64254149  2018  Paul Wood
A number of younger yews.

AYLTON  No Dedication  SO65843765  2018  Paul Wood
A couple of younger yews.

BARTESTREE  St James  SO56664095  2018  Paul Wood
A few young yews (Church is now a private residence).

BISHOPS FROME  St Mary the Virgin  SO6632048316  11/12/2014  Tim Hills.
Two yews grow here, a male west of the church with a girth of 11' 4" at 2' and an ivy encrusted male NE of the church with a girth of 11' at the ground. It has been recorded that one or both of these trees has a known planting date of 1850. It is unclear where this reference came from.

BISHOPSTONE  St Lawrence  SO41584389  2016  Paul Wood
4 young yews in the churchyard. There are also yews visible at Bishopstone Court next door, where they grow within a moated site.
**BLAKEMERE**  St Leonard  SO36184110  2016  Paul Wood
Very recent young yews.

**BODENHAM**  St Michael  SO52975089  2017  Paul Wood
A number of young yews in the churchyard and in the village.

**BOSBURY**  Holy Trinity  SO69534344  2018  Paul Wood
A few younger yews.

**BRAMPTON ABBOTTS**  St Michael and All Angels  SO60202650  4/5/2013  Tim Hills
In *Hereford Churches through Victorian Eyes* an 1846 painting shows what looks like a large old yew west of the church. In that position today is a much younger tree, possibly planted to replace the old tree. Girth 8’ 8” at 3’.

**BRAMPTON BRYAN**  St Barnabus  SO37047250  2015  Paul Wood
Many young yews throughout the churchyard, the village and in the grounds of Brampton Bryan Hall.

**CANON FROME**  St James  SO64494346  2018  Paul Wood
Many younger yews in the churchyard and the parkland of Canon Frome Court which surrounds the Church.

**CANON PYON**  St Lawrence  SO45004917  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews.

**CREDENHILL**  St Mary  SO45024387  2016  Paul Wood
Many young yews.
**CROFT**  St Michael  SO44996542  2016  Paul Wood
Croft church and churchyard has been swallowed up by the landscape park of Croft Castle. A number of young yews are dotted around the park but since none are near the church, it suggests that they are all parkland yews.

**EVESBATCH**  St Andrew  SO68634813  2018  Paul Wood
A number of young yews in the churchyard and gardens of Evesbatch Court next door.

**FELTON**  St Michael  SO57894850  2017  Paul Wood
Many yews with some appearing a lot older than the church, which was only built in 1853/54. There is no record of an earlier church. The largest yews are close to 12’ in girth.

**FROMES HILL**  St Matthew  SO67994658  2018  Paul Wood
A couple of younger yews.

**HAMNISH CLIFFORD**  St Dubricius  SO53215924  Paul Wood
Two young yews grow west of the church.

**HARDWICKE**  Holy Trinity  SO27044378  2016  Paul Wood
Many young yews.

**HEREFORD – St Nicholas**  St Nicholas  SO50673978  2017  Paul Wood
A few younger yews.

**HEREFORD – Tupsley**  St Paul  SO53083991  2017  Paul Wood
Younger yews.
HEREFORD – Whitecross  Holy Trinity  SO49864041  2017  Paul Wood
A number of younger yew.

HOARWITHY  St Catherine  SO546294  30/9/2004  Tim Hills
Mee’s *King’s England* (1940) described 'sombre yews'. There was only one young yew at the foot of the steps leading to the church.

HOLMER  St Bartholomew  SO50534240  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews.

HUMBER  St Mary  SO53565633  2016  Paul Wood
A number of young yews around the churchyard perimeter.

HUNTINGTON  St Mary Magdalene  SO48704188  2016  Paul Wood
Many young yews in the immediate environment

IVINGTON  St John  SO47475664  2016  Paul Wood
Many young yews.

KENTCHESTER  St Michael  SO4341343247  22/3/2016  Paul Wood
A fine fluted yew with a girth of 10' 10''.

KIMBOLTON  St James  SO52596161  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews.

KINGSLAND  St Michael and All Angels  SO44686128  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews. One twin-boled yew had a girth of 18' plus.
KINGSTONE     St Michael and All Angels    SO42433569    2016    Paul Wood
A number of yews of various size around the churchyard.

KNILL          St Michael and All Angels    SO2911260464    13/3/2015    Paul Wood
One yew here is possibly Notable. Also dotted around the churchyard are 15 younger yews at various stages of growth.

LEINTWARDINE  St Mary Magdalene    SO40457409    2017    Paul Wood
Young yews.

LEOMINSTER    St Peter and St Paul    SO49835926    2017    Paul Wood
Many young yews.

LEYSTERS       St Andrew    SO56836324    2016    Paul Wood
A number of young yews around the large churchyard.

LUGWARDINE    St Peter    SO55084103    2018    Paul Wood
A number of younger yews and a couple of lost younger yew stumps also visible.

LLANWARNE     St John the Baptist    SO506282    3/5/1998    Tim Hills
This site has been confused with nearby Llandinabo, with its two ancient yews. There are no yews in Llanwarne.

LYONSHALL     St Michael and All Angels    SO33075626    5/6/2007    Paul Wood
Lyonshall Church and the adjacent castle are on the A44 near Kington in the west of Herefordshire. There are eight yews in the grounds of church and castle. The yew near the main entrance gate to the church is female with an ivy covered bole. Girth was 11' at 3’. A male yew, in good shape, was measured as 10' 10” at 6’.
The listed church has been converted into a private house. The walk from the road to the church passes many yews. The tree recorded in the *King’s England* grows on the right side, about 12m from the south porch - SW of the building. It is a female tree at the top of slope and its branches dip down to ground. It has a fluted bole with epicormic bulging at $3/4'$ and an outpouring of branches above this. Estimated girth was 10'/12'.

**MIDDLETON ON THE HILL**  St Mary  SO54046460  2016  Paul Wood  
Young yews.

**MONKLAND**  All Saints  SO46035766  2016  Paul Wood  
Young yews, though one in the NW corner has a girth close to 12’.

**MORETON-ON-LUGG**  St Andrew  SO50474566  2016  Paul Wood  
No yews in reduced churchyard, but many younger yews visible in the immediate landscape.

**ORLETON**  St George  SO49426716  2016/17  Paul Wood  
A number of yews to the NE of the church with one that merits further exploration. On two visits it has not been possible to get close to the bole of any of the yews to measure and assess due to a combination of low canopies, a steep bank and thick undergrowth.

**PIPE AND LYDE**  St Peter  SO50274409  2016  Paul Wood  
Many young yews, some above 10’ in girth.

**PIXLEY**  St Andrew  SO66083880  2018  Paul Wood  
A number of younger yews.
**RICHARDS CASTLE**  St Bartholomew  SO48437028  5/10/2007  Tim Hills
A male yew grows SSW of the church. 10' 7" at 2'.

**STAUNTON ON ARROW**  St Peter  SO37006005  2017  Paul Wood
A young yew by the entrance gate and some yews in gardens about the village.

**STRETFORD**  St Cosmo and St Damian  SO44345574  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews.

**STRETTON GRANDISON**  St Lawrence  SO63274407  2018  Paul Wood
A few younger yews.

**STRETTON SUGWAS**  St Mary Magdalene  SO45954202  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews at this new church site. The old site has yews but is as yet unvisited.

**THORBURY**  St Anne  SO62215969  15/2/2003  Keith Arrowsmith
Parish churchyard, just south of the church. Single bole. 460cm at 0.5m.

**THRUXTON**  St Bartholomew  SO43723462  2016  Paul Wood
A number of young yews. This includes one below 12ft in girth that is hollowing, growing at the west end of the church. The tree appears to have its branches cut back regularly.

**TURNASTONE**  St Mary Magdalene  SO35743647  2016  Paul Wood
Young yews.
Westhope Church is a brick rebuild from about 1800 on a site recorded as a chapelry to the church at Diddlebury. This is mentioned in documents going back at least 400 years, so this was an ecclesiastical site in the 1600s, but I think is much earlier. It has one yew which appeared to be around 7' in girth. I was informed by two old locals that they had seen pictures showing a different looking churchyard before they were born, containing many more yews. I imagine that this site would have had yews leading down to the church and that this is the last remaining.

The site of Westhope Hall has very much altered the landscape, but I think that if we were alive in the late 1500s we would have seen a few more old yews aside a hollow way leading down from the hall to the church.