

## 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".

**MANSELL GAMAGE** SO394445 30/09/2004 Tim Hills

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.

**THORNBURY** 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** St Francis SO4656751234 22/11/2015 Paul Wood

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.