

LEICESTERSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

BARWELL St Mary SP443965 9/9/2009 Tim Hills

The King's England (c1940) described 'venerable yews'. Here was only a single Irish Yew, so this is possibly a lost yew site.

BEEBY All Saints SK66350835 7/9/2009 Tim Hills

The King's England (c1940) recorded 'mature yews'. These are young yew trees.

COLEORTON St Mary the Virgin SK391172 9/9/2009 Tim Hills

The church is hidden away a mile from the settlement. The impression is of being completely ringed by yews, but they are in fact mostly on adjoining property with branches overhanging the churchyard. Only one yew grows in the churchyard, SW of the church. It is male with four upright stems forming just above the ground.

ENDERBY Enderby Parish Church SP538995 9/9/2009 Tim Hills

A pair of fine, straight trunked yews on the south side, close to the main road. That closest to the church was 7' 6" at 3', the other 7' 8" at 3'. There is an avenue of limes parallel to the road which then becomes mixed lime and young yew. Behind the wall on this road is a private garden/estate with more yews.

HOBY All Saints SK668174 8/9/2009 Tim Hills

The King's England (c1940) must have been referring to the 6 yews that form an avenue on the north side, leading towards a house adjacent to the church. All the trees are tall. There are further yews in the vicinity that once formed similar avenues leading towards the church. Many of these are now in gardens.

PLUNGAR St Helen SK769341 8/9/2009 Tim Hills

Common and Irish yews all around the perimeter, but nothing of great age. One of the west side seems to be resprouting from a small girthed stump. Largest girthed NE probably no more than 10'/11'.

RAVENSTONE St Michael and All Angels SK402139 9/9/09 Tim Hills

A cluster of 4 young yews grow either side of the gate WNW of the church. Also a young yew south of the church by the perimeter wall.

REARSBY St Michael and All Angels SK651146 8/9/2009 Tim Hills

The King's England (c1940) reported a 'yew-bordered path'. This is a mixture of Irish and young Common Yew.

SAXELBYE St Peter SK700210 8/9/2009 Tim Hills

The King's England (c1940) described yews and lime. There are 4 young yews at the south entrance. It appears as though this line once extended all the way to the church, but that a number have been felled. At the NW entrance are two further young yews.

STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD St Michael SK30401192 1/1/2018 Linda Parks

St Michaels church is in Rectory Lane, Swadlincote, Leicestershire, DE12 8AF. It is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. The old yew grows on the south side of the churchyard and forms part of the border with the private grounds. It is directly opposite the south door. There are some other younger yews in the churchyard.