

An exceptional site where 3 ancient yews grow east and north of the church. The circular churchyard has expanded into an extensive burial ground.

Its trees have not gone unnoticed. In 1809/11 Edmund Hyde Hall's *Description of Caernarvonshire* noted 'several yew trees, bald and ragged with antiquity'.

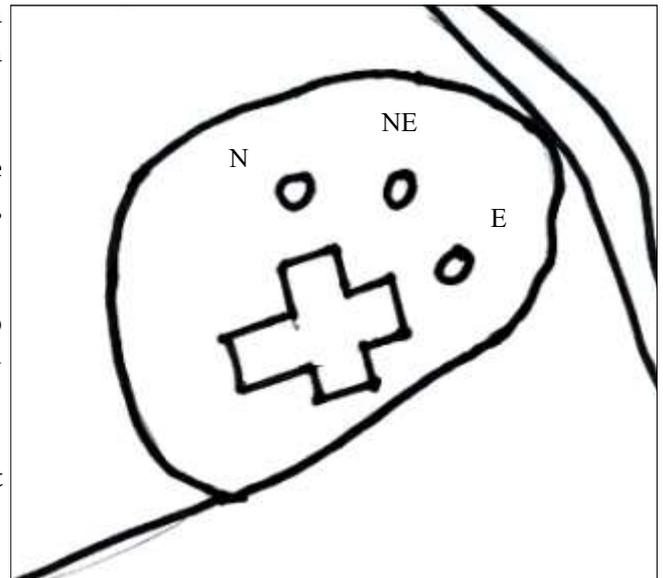
An 1828 account in *The History of North Wales* noted 'two remarkably large yew trees, which have stood there apparently for some centuries'.

By 1834 the bald and ragged trees of 1809 were 'of luxuriant growth'. Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary of Wales*

An 1868 account in *The National Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland* noted the 'ancient yew trees', but also considered the antiquity of the site, where 'a little to the N.E. is the famous camp of Dinas Dinorwig, supposed to be of Roman origin'.

In 1946 '...three gigantic yews' were noted in Vaughan Cornish's *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*.

2008: The most easterly of the trio is this fragmented specimen. It is female with a girth of about 31ft, affected by the leaning limb which has almost pulled away from the tree and might need propping at some stage. Meredith has gathered information about this tree, and in *The Sacred Yew* lists the following girths:



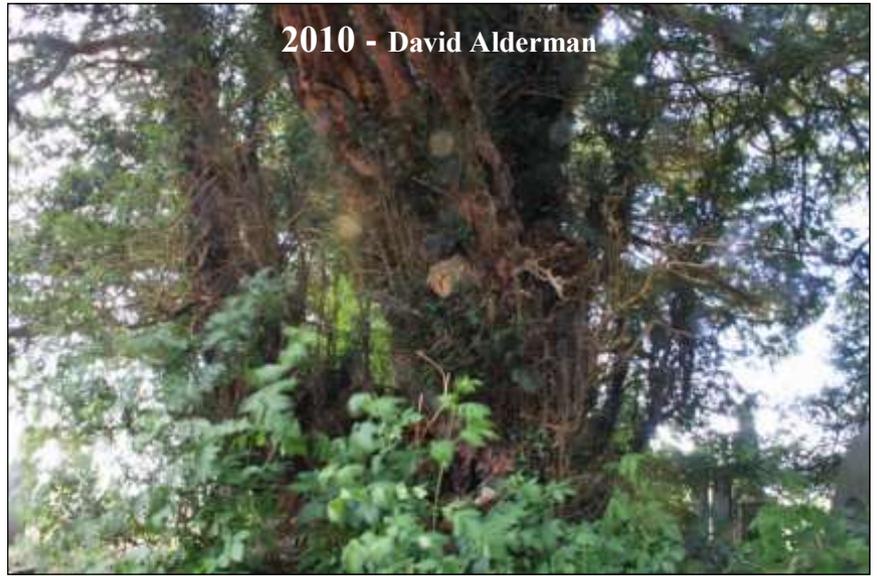
Date	Girth	By
1769	27'	Thomas Pennant
1833/40	28' 4"	Samuel Lewis
1891	28'	Gazetteer of Caernarvonshire
1984	28' 10"	Reg Wheeler
2008	31' approx.	Tim Hills

The tree growing NE is female which is gradually splitting into two distinct sides. Girth of 8.95m (29ft 4in) recorded by David Alderman in 2010.





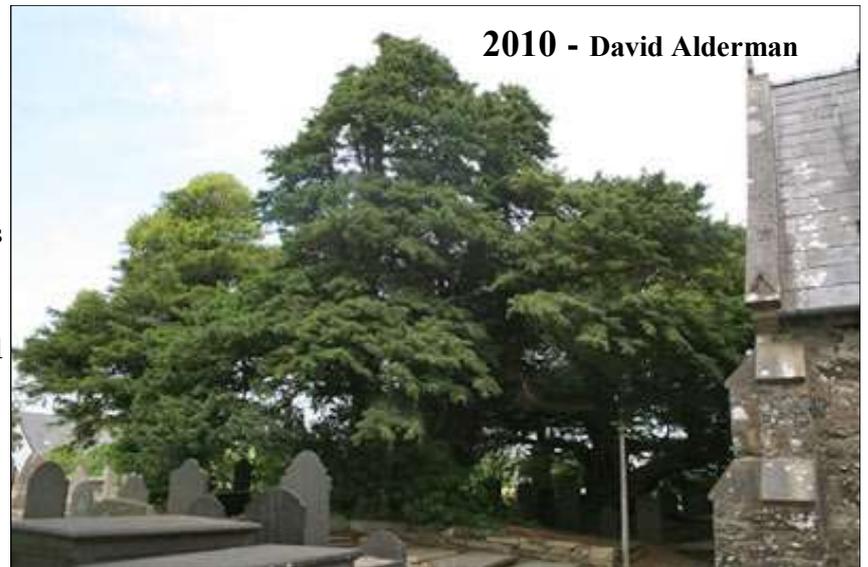
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For the moment the tree growing north is the least impressive to look at.

Girth of 768cm at 10cm (25ft 2in) recorded by David Alderman in 2010



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