

The 1970 Brecon Yew Survey recorded 2 trees with girths of 17' 6" and 13'.

I visited the site in 2000 and 2013; the photos are from 2013. Male and female yews grow 7m apart at the east end of the church and close to a lych gate. The larger male measured approximately 18' at 3' in 2000 and at that time appeared unhealthy, with sparse foliage and many dead leaves and branches. In 2013 it looked in excellent condition. It has a solid bole of about 6', above which rises a thick central branch and many smaller; several of these consist of new wood wrapped around dead branches. By the wall the ground level is raised by about 2'. The yew measured exactly 18' at 3' in 2013.



Paul Wood took the photos below in 2016.





The smaller girthed female has a smooth and visible bole leading into a main branch. Its solid bole is circular at the base, but by the height of about 10' has become elongated. A split branch on the south side marks the starting point for internal decay. In 2000 a pile of dried grass several feet thick was stored beneath the tree. This had been removed before 2013 when the photograph (left) was taken.

Girth in 2000 was 13' 6" at 3', in 2013 was 13' 7½" at the same height and in 2016 Paul Wood recorded 13' 8" at 3'.

photos below Paul Wood 2016



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