

This church is situated in the middle of a working farm, and access from the main road is through electronically controlled gates. The raised churchyard is almost circular.

In 1922 'a yew of enormous girth' was noted in *Little Guides*. The fact that here are two significant yews was first noted in Mee's *King's England*: 'by a 300 year old farm stands the little church dwarfed by two great yews, one with a girth of 20'.'



3/5/98 and 13/12/14: The largest of the two is seen above in 2014. It is female and grows on the south side of the church. It appears solid but is completely hollow. At the time of my first visit its cavity was filled with large quantities of straw. Its dead central trunk, which rises about 20', bore the marks of fire damage. Around this rise 6 substantial upright branches. Girth in 1998 was 26' 5" between the ground and about 1' 6" to rise above protruding roots. 28' 9" at 3' was also recorded, a figure affected by ivy and twiggy growth. In December 2014 a girth of exactly 27' was recorded between the ground and 18" - an increase of 7" in 16 and a half years. Ivy has become a prominent feature and has climbed high into the tree's upper branches. I was told that the vicar would be advised to have this removed. The rubbish stuffed into its vast hollow had disappeared.



The second female tree grows on the north side by the churchyard wall. I was given permission to see it from the farmyard below, where a substantial section of the tree grows out of the wall. The yellow line shows the top of the wall.

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