

This male yew, seen here in 2013, has separated into 2 fragments, each a mix of live wood and extensive remains of old growth. In 1999 pieces of dead sapwood about 6m long lay on the ground, fallen from the long dead branch rising in the centre of the tree (below right).

Ivy was copious, climbing through the branches and crowning the tree. In 1986 J.Daryll Evans recorded 704 cm (23' 1") at 1m, almost identical to our 23' 3" at 3' in 1999. In 2013 girths of between 23' 9" and 23' 11" were recorded at 3', noting the difficulty of reproducing girth accurately at this height. A girth of 22' 9" at 1' was also recorded, but this will be less in the near future when a small section close to the ground has rotted away.

