

St Martin's churchyard adjoins open parkland. We have found no historical reports that mention the tree.

2000: The female yew grows NW of the church. It has a solid looking bole about 8' high, from which emerge a wealth of upright and lateral branches. The crown appeared recently damaged. I saw only one obvious gap into the tree, 8" wide at the ground and tapering until it disappears at a height of about 2'. Together with a small hole at about 5', these provide the only clues of possible hollow spaces inside this tree. Elder growing at the edge of the bole needed removing, as did the 4 stems of ivy which had rooted close to the tree and wound their way high into its branches. There were signs of burrowing and large quantities of fresh soil were piled against one side of the bole. Much of the bole bulges at a height of 3' to 4' with twiggy growth.



Girth

2000: 20' 3" at 1' and 22' 7" at 3' (just beneath the bulges) - Tim Hills

2014: A natural waist line and the current ground height was used to obtain the girth of 20' 10" - Peter Norton

2016: Remeasuring at the height of 1' was made difficult by long twigs on one side of the tree. A girth of 21' 2" was recorded.



2016: Also in the churchyard is this pair of younger female yews growing by the entrance gate. Each has had many branches removed because of their position close to a path.



The tree closest to the road, seen on the right, had a girth of 7' 1" at 2' above the path.

The tree seen on the left had a girth of 5' 6" at 2' above the path.

They were presumably planted at the same time.



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