

In 1791 Collinson recorded 'an old yew tree' in his *History and Antiquities of the County of Somerset*.

In January 2000 it was not possible to get close to the tree. I noted an irregular bole, appearing as though a number of smaller trunks were plastered to the side of the tree, layer upon layer. There was much twiggy growth on the side of the bole close to the wall and ivy was growing high into its branches. I estimated its girth to be about 17'.

In January 2015, when these photos were taken, much work had been carried out in and around the male tree. Ivy was less of a problem and much of the twiggy growth had been trimmed, making it possible to measure and record an approximate 21' girth. On the east side a more recent curved stem (A) has developed close to the base of the tree.



This female millennium yew grows east of the church and only about 2m from the perimeter wall. Having recorded a large number of bushy millennium yews this one is a rare single stemmed tree with a girth of only 4" at 1'. It divides after 20" of growth into two tall leaders. From the point of divide the prominent branch (left) reaches out a further 4' 2". The shorter of the two develops into numerous twigs.

