

The yew was first noted in 1835, described as 'a yew tree of many centuries, standing still, by its perpetual verdure remains an emblem of the resurrection'. Horsfield's *Sussex*

In 1855 Mary Matilda Howard noted 'a large yew tree of great age' in *Hastings, past and present*.

In 1895 Mr Seeley described a 7' bole, also that the tree was 'perfectly hollow, and split in several places, and a fresh trunk appears to have arisen from the ground'. In the same article from *The Yew Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*, Lowe reported that 25 years earlier it had lost 10 or 12 feet of its top in storms.

8th July 1999: The female yew, growing south of the church, has become two fragment trees. The main fragment supports several thick branches above about 12'. The second leans before dividing into a main upright and 3 smaller lateral branches. From each fragment branches dip towards the ground. Foliage was plentiful and healthy and the yew was already laden with red arils. Ivy could become a problem with stems 15" round growing up against the largest fragment. Beneath the branches a pile of grass clippings had been allowed to accumulate and was already several feet deep.

Girth:

1895: Mr Seeley measured the tree for Lowe as 19' at the ground and 18' 6" at 3'.

1994 : 10m tall x a diameter of 201 cm @ 0.3m Owen Johnson *Sussex Tree Book*

1999: 20' 11" at 3' - Tim Hills

