While this is reported to have been a site of worship for more than 1000 years, the present church dates from 1753. The veteran yew grows NE of the building.
At the time of my first visit in 1999 three feet of soil and stones heaped against the tree made it difficult to assess and I was not convinced that this yew had regenerated from the stump of an old tree. Its many young stems carried poor brown foliage with bare twigs much in evidence.
By 2003 the area around the tree had been cleared and it was possible to see that it consisted of many new stems rising vertically, with a small platform in the centre. The many stems/branches seemed likely to mark the edge of an old trunk. Girth was 18' 2" around the base (on sloping ground) with foliage still on the thin side.
The photos, taken in June 2015, show the tree’s condition to be much improved.