

In 1836 *Mockett's Journal* noted 'some large yew trees' in this churchyard. One hundred years later Mee's *The King's England* reported that there were 'three ruined yews and three good ones'.



Several yews have since been lost from this churchyard. The largest seen today is shown here, growing south of the church. It is a large hollow tree of which $\frac{3}{4}$ of its shell remains, supporting three main areas of growth. Two of these are well established with a mix of dead and live wood around hollow branches, while the third is of recent growth. Elder obscured the fine bole, which showed signs of smoke or fire damage. In 1896 its girth was recorded as 22' 6" at the ground and 23' 1" at 3', with a bole length of 11' 6" and a height of 51' 6". In July 2000 we recorded 23' 5" at 1'.

Three further yews were measured. The largest, at the entrance to the churchyard, was a tall male (struggling to be noticed through nettles, ivy and elder) with a girth of 14' 6". It is seen in the photo of a Petrie watercolour in 1807. The remaining two had girths between 10' and 12'.



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