

1876: Littlebury's *Directory and Gazetteer of Herefordshire* described the yew trees in the churchyard as 'extremely fine, some of them perhaps the finest in England'.

1938: *The King's England* noted that '....several ancient yews throw their shade across the graves'.

Either both recorders have exaggerated the nature of trees here, or there were once even older trees than those seen today, since even the largest would have probably only had a girth of about 14ft in 1876.

2002: Of four yews that grow in the churchyard, the significant specimen is this hollow male, SW of the church and close to a 10' drop to the road below. Of its 4 main growth areas the most substantial leans outwards over the road and is joined to the underside of an old branch. The other three, one of which is fluted, grow vertically. The hollow was filled with rolls of wire fencing and there were signs of fire damage. Girth was about 17' at 1'.

Of the other three, the young male to the NW was inaccessible, the female to the NE had a girth of 10' 2" at 2' and the male to the SE measured 13' 9" at 1'.



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