

Mee's entry in *The King's England* (1939) is the earliest written record we have found, describing 'a hollow yew, 30' round, doubtless the oldest thing in the village'.

In 1983 Morton recorded a much smaller girth of 6.6m (21' 9") in *Trees of Shropshire*, describing the male yew as 'very decayed at base and hollow. Full of churchyard debris'. This discrepancy in girth is probably indicative of the loss of a section of the tree between 1939 and 1983.

These photos from 1998 show some of the churchyard debris, but the trunk is clearly visible and accessible.



By 2014 it was difficult to get close to a tree that was becoming dominated by ivy and elder. In spite of this it continues to grow vigorously.

