HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE    St Mary the Virgin    ST5123311932    3rd May 2016

One yew grows in this churchyard, SW of the church. It is male, with many upright branches from a bole of about 4’. There was also a thick stem well attached on the south side. A large compost area has been built only a few feet from the tree.

Girth was 14’ 11” at 1’ in 2007 and 15’ 8” at 1’ - over some ivy - in 2016.

HIGH HAM    St Andrew    ST4252631064    12th April 2016

The churchyard abounds in Irish Yews. There are also a large number of common yew on adjacent land. In the churchyard are 3 yews, a male (below left) growing by the perimeter wall SW of the church. It is a fluted tree branching from 6/8’. Girth was 13’ 6” at 1’ and 13’ 3” at 2’.

On the north side is a straight boled female yew girthing 4’ 10” at 3’ (no photo).

Close to it is a recently planted yew that is sadly overrun by ivy. This tree was either planted in the early 1990s as part of the Go for God programme, or is one of many yews planted in churchyards to celebrate the Millennium.
HOLCOMBE OLD CHURCH  St Andrew  ST668150730  21st September 2016

The church is a mile and a half from the village, which moved away at the time of the plague.

In February 1998 the female yew measured 12' 9" at 3'. Many substantial lower branches had been removed. In September 2016 ivy was beginning to dominate the tree. A measurement now was 12' 5" at about 3', just at the top of the cut section. The tree’s girth will diminish further when another decaying section is lost.

HOLFORD  St Mary the Virgin  ST1565141091  29th October 2015

Two fine male yews grow on the north side of the church.

The tree (left) grows on the west side. It is tall and narrow, with branches removed where it overhangs the neighbouring farm and the path leading to the church’s north door. It has a solid bole with branches from 5' and above. Girth was 12' 3" at 1' above the highest ground and 12' 2" at 2' above the highest ground with a horizontal tape.

The yew (right) grows north of the church’s east end. It has a fluted trunk, a large central branch and another that angles towards the church. One branch carried twiggy growth reminiscent of woodland yews. Girth was 13' 3" at 2'.

HUTTON  St Mary  ST3524558608  8th September 2013

Here are two lines of yews on the north side. The line leading to the west tower has trees as follows: nearest the road is a male on a large mound. Measured between 2' and 3' to avoid twiggy growth, girth was 8'. Second is male with a girth of 5' 8" at 2', third is a leaning male with a girth of exactly 7' at 2' and Chicken-of-the-Woods fungus on its trunk. Fourth and closest to the church is female measuring 6' 11½" at 2'.

The Notable yew is by the path leading towards the east end of the church. It is female (left) with a girth of 12' 7" at 1'.

Closer to the road is a yew with an elongated trunk next to a small yew which is almost certainly attached to it below the ground. Girth of the main tree was 8' 2" at 2'. The new tree grows about 1' away and girthed 2' 1" at the ground.

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