

ORCHARDLEIGH St Mary ST7735250990 24th May 2016

In September 2011 Peter Norton recorded a girth of 16' at both the root crown and at 18", noting that while low spray made measurement difficult, it was possible to thread the tape behind the spray. In 2016 I recorded 16' 2½" at 18". Although the tree is large girthed, it consists of many stems growing close to each other, rather than a single trunk. It had the appearance of a managed yew, the sort of tree more often associated with country houses or estates.



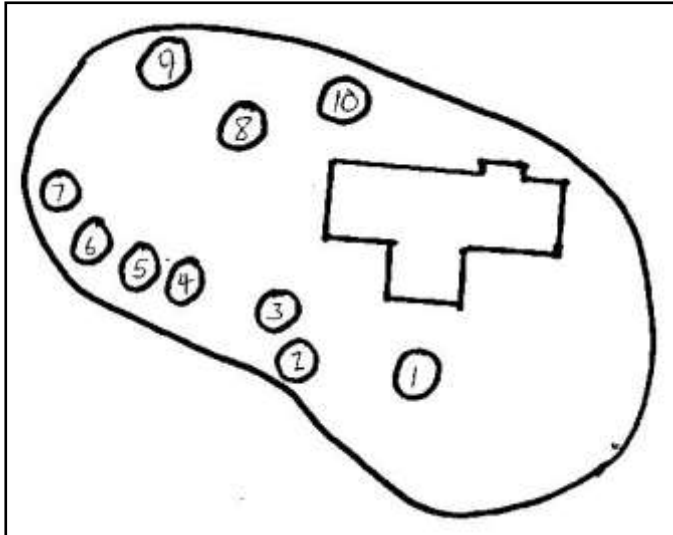
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The only yew in the churchyard grows south of church tower. It has a solid trunk which was partially concealed by ivy. Branching starts at 8'. Girth was 12' 1" at 1' and 13' 5" at 3'.



No fewer than 10 yews grow in this churchyard. The notable yew (1) grows south of the church and has been recorded since 1895 as follows:

Ground	1'	2'	3'	4'
1897	13' 0"		11' 0"	
1999	15' 8"		16' 4"	
2015		15' 7"	15' 8' ¾ "	16' 1½"



Tree 2 and 3 grow either side of a gate leading to a house. Each has had several large branches removed. Girths were about 10'/11'.

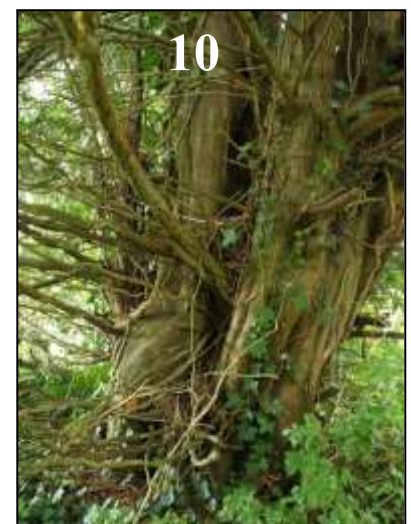


Trees 4,5,6,7 (no photos) are young yews growing at the perimeter on the south side. It was not possible to tell whether they belonged to the churchyard.

Tree 8: NW of the church with a seat fixed to it by a plate that is being swallowed up in new wood laid down by the tree. Girth was about 9'.

Tree 9: a little further NW, girth about 7' 6".

Tree 10: in a thicket with no way in. It might be 11'/12' in girth.





Tree 1, north of the church, was covered in ivy and had a girth of about 7'.

Tree 2, the notable yew, grows by the perimeter wall that leads to the Manor House. This wall has been especially curved to allow for the female yew's expansion. The side of the tree facing the church has been truncated at a height of about 10'. Girth was exactly 14' close to the ground, trying to obtain the lowest measurement over thin ivy. Also 12' 5" at 3' above the highest ground will also have been affected by ivy.



Tree 3, SE of the church, is triple stemmed from a platform within the centre at about 3'. Ivy and twiggy growth meant that only a base measurement could be taken and 12' 4" was recorded.

