

2009: The yew first came to our attention when noticed by a passenger using the railway that passes close to the churchyard. A visit confirmed that two very old yews grow on the south side of the church.

The female (below left) grows on a mound SW of the church. A large detached and decaying section is now separated from the main tree. Including this a girth of about 24' would be recorded, showing the size of the original tree. The living section, a twisted hollow shell with plenty of live growth has a girth of about 16' and supports a low crown.



The male (below and right) grows SSW of the church. It is a large hollow tree that has collapsed in two stages. One section split and fell recently, the other more than a century ago, as shown by the size of the new stems rising from it. Girth around the large fallen section alone is above 22', showing that this was once a very large girthed yew. Around both pieces 27' was recorded.

