

## The Clipped Yew of Clipsham

At Clipsham, near Stamford in Lincolnshire, is a most remarkable avenue of clipped yew trees. Once the carriage drive to Clipsham Hall, the trees are now regularly maintained by the Forestry Commission and there is good public access. Some 135 trees stretch for a quarter of a mile. Most of the trees are over 200 years old and there is first mention of topiary being carried out in 1870. Over the years some have had quite elaborate shapes and text clipped into the foliage. Today, it is mostly a range of different shapes on top of a domed body that intrigue the visitor - from a simple bobble to a more elaborate bird on a nest!



Clipsham yew avenue

