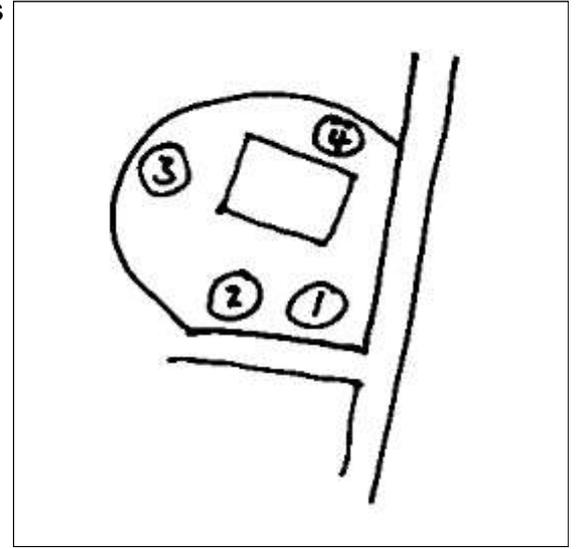


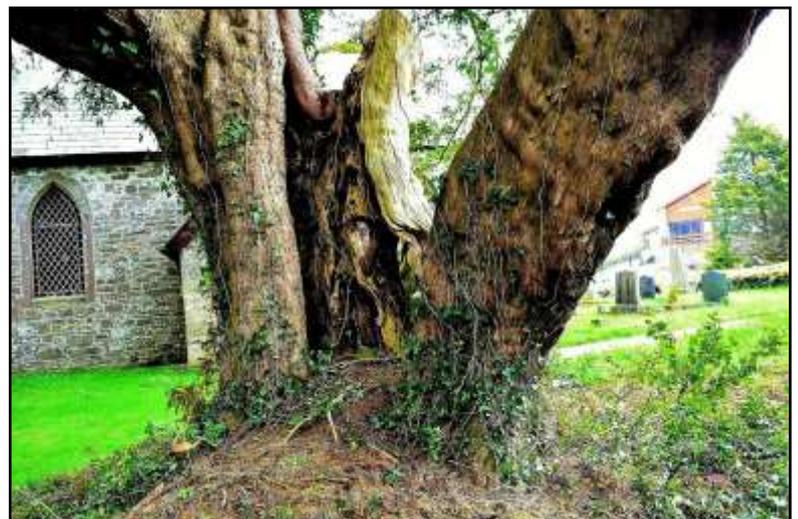
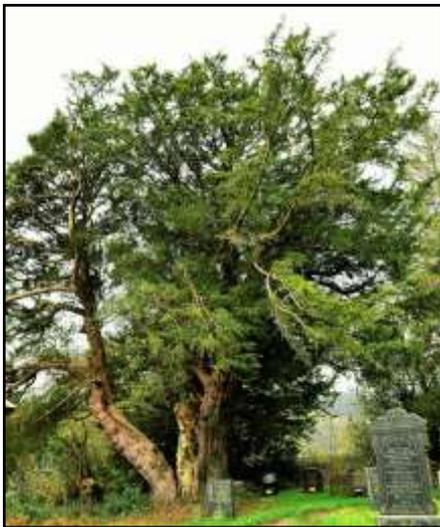
Little seems to be known about the origins of this site. It was named Dyffryn Honddu in the 1970 Brecon Yew Survey.



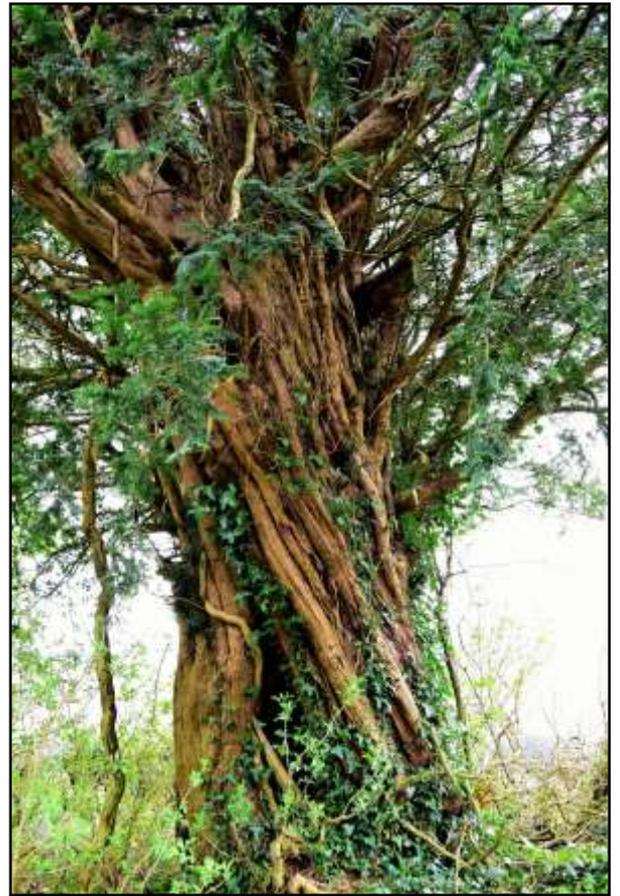
Tree 1, south of the church is the first yew seen on entering the churchyard. It has almost completely separated into two fragments, each clinging to pieces of the original trunk. The larger fragment consists of two trunks, the smaller divides at about 10' into two main branches. Rubble and decaying grasses continue to be stored around and inside the tree. A girth of 19' 10" was recorded in the 1970 Brecon Survey; I recorded 19' 4" around the base in 2001 and 18' 11" at 1' in 2012. Photos were taken in 2012.



Tree 2 is in the advanced stage of becoming two fragment trees. At the moment the fragments are linked by a decaying central section at (A). Once that has gone we will be looking at two trees. One part leans dramatically away from the original centre for about 10', before resuming vertical growth. Girth around both trunks was 16' 3" at 1' in 2001 and 17' 1" at the same height in 2012. The original tree would have been larger girthed. The photograph top left was taken in 2012. All others on this page were taken by Paul Wood in 2016. He also measured the yew at 1' and recorded a girth of 17' 1" (5.21m).



Tree 3 grows west of the church. It is hollow, with an outpouring of branches above a height of about 12'. Girth was 13' 11" at 3' in 2012 (left). It is seen on the right in Paul Wood's 2016 photo.



Completing the quartet, tree 4 is a hollow male growing NE of the church. In 2001 it was hidden by elder, which grew as tall as the yew. Much hard work must have gone into making the tree visible again, and in 2012 it was possible to photograph and record its girth of 11' 11" at 2'.

By 2016 ivy and brambles had encroached and a large pile of rubbish was spread around the tree. Ivy had grown right up into the canopy and covered about 85% of the tree.

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