

2000: The old church of St Edward has been dismantled and parishioners now worship in a new building on the main road. With a grant from the millennium fund the old churchyard was secured as a 'wild garden' for the future. Some tombstones are to be restored, and the yew (which has had a preservation order placed upon it) is to be cared for as the centre piece.

This is a situation that many churches will face in the future and it is hoped that this example will be copied.

The fine yew has red/grey bark on a thickly fluted and solid looking bole. At between 5' and 8' its main branch and many substantial lateral branches develop, while others have been cut off at this height. Several dead looking branches 5'/10' in length were noted, but all had new growth arising from them.

This is a yew in a healthy condition. Girth 15' 2" at 1'; 15' 4" at 3'; 16' at 5'.



2016 Peter Norton took the photos below and recorded girth as follows: 15' 10" at 18", 15' 10" at 2' and 16' 2" at 3'.

