

WORCESTERSHIRE churchyard sites with younger yews

CHADDESLEY CORBETT St Cassians SO89127359 2017 Paul Wood

A few younger yews.

CROPTHORNE St Michael SP0001645130 22/3/2015 Tim Hills

5 younger yews in this churchyard - if planting date is known it would be worth returning to measure.

DORMSTON St Nicholas SO987586 30/9/2000 Tim Hills

The King's England 1938 noted two yews forming a gateway to the church. These younger yews were not measured.

EASTHAM St Peter and St Paul SO6576882 15/5/2011 Tim Hills

Young yews not measured.

HALLOW St Philip and St James SO828579 29/8/2009 Tim Hills

The original building, which was destroyed in 1830, stood on a site some 300 yards to the north-east. Church Lane leads east to the site of the earlier church site, described by Pevsner as 'a rather forlorn cemetery'.

An 1870 reference (probably *Penny Post*) says 'where he sketched an old yew tree.....they laid him to rest in the peaceful churchyard of Hallow, not far from the yew tree'. This old graveyard is easy to get to, but there was no yew of any note growing here.

HIMBLETON St Mary SO947587 30/9/2000 Tim Hills

The Churchyard Yew and Immortality 1946 described 'an old tree, which has evidently been trimmed. Still very well preserved'. There was nothing of note here.

LITTLE COMBERTON St Peter SP151875 22/3/2015 Tim Hills

The *Penny Post* of 1870 noted a yew tree at this location. There was nothing noteworthy in the churchyard, though yews were visible in the grounds of nearby buildings

MAMBLE St John the Baptist SO68847161 2016 Paul Wood

A few younger yews.

RIBBESFORD St Leonard SO787740 2/6/2000 Tim Hills

The *Penny Post* 1875 described 'a fine old yew-tree near the entrance porch'.

There are 3 younger trees as follows:

Tree 1 SW of the church, so ivy covered you can look up into it and see no yew at all. Girth was under 11' at 5'.

Tree 2 NW of the church and the finest of the 3. Girth 11' 5" at 5'. A tall, straight and clean bole that splits to 2 risers and many other branches at about 14'. Many branches all around hang downwards.

Tree 3 N of the church is 10' at 3' (from where ground is highest). One section of its bole is dead wood and new wood can be seen wrapping around it.

ROCK St Peter and St Paul SO732712 2/6/2000 Tim Hills

There was nothing to see here - only 3 younger yews on the north side and no sign of the stocks

Previous references

Cornish - Two pathways flanked by yews. 5 on the north side of the church. Village stocks beneath one of them.

SEDGEBARROW St Mary the Virgin 10/3/2003 SP025385 Tim Hills

The King's England described 'a pathway lined with yews'. These are Irish.

UPTON SNODSBURY St Kenelm SO943545 10/3/2003 Tim Hills

The King's England described '4 arches of clipped yew still in situ'. Visited and photographed by Geoff Garlick in June 2004.