

The first picture by Rev Williams, c1790 and held in the Shropshire Archives collection, shows the long tradition of keeping the yew clipped. It was described in *Nooks and Crannies* (1899) as 'a great yew, shaped like an extinguisher'. We know this tradition was maintained until at least 1939 when *The King's England* described 'a lovely clipped yew tree, with a trunk about 13' round and wooden seats beneath it'.



2003 and 2014: The fine male tree is surrounded by a wooden bench. One section has been cut to allow for the tree's expansion. The yew has a large leading branch with much growth around and associated with it. Its appearance suggests hollow spaces within. Girth at the ground (2003) was 18' 8", allowing the tape to ride over the larger roots. It was measured at the height of the bench top as 14' 11" both in 2003 and 2014. It was also measured at a height of 3', and was 14' exactly in 2003 and 14' 7" in 2014. Photos were taken in 2014.





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