Significant yews in the Diocese of St Davids

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In 2022 the Ancient Yew Group updated its classification of yews. Most trees with a girth above 4m are now called Ancient. They are categorised according to their present girth or a known historic girth.

Ancient - E are those exceptional yews with girth above 9m and a likely age above 1000 years.

Ancient 1 have a girth between 7m and 9m and a likely age above 800 years.

Ancient – 5/7m in girth have a likely age above 500 years.

Ancient – 4/5m in girth have a likely age above 400 years.

Notable applies to yews with a girth between 3m and 4m.

Where smaller girthed yews exhibit some of the features found on ancient trees, for example holes, cavities or crevices, they will be classified as Veteran (V-con) because of their condition.

Site name	County	Church name	Tree Classification
Abergwili	Carmarthenshire	St David	2 ancient - 5/7m
Cenarth	Ceredigion	St Llawddog	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Ciliau Aeron	Ceredigion	St Michael	1 ancient exceptional 9m+ 1 ancient - 5/7m
Cilrhedyn	Pembrokeshire	St Teilo	1 ancient - 5/7m
Cilycwm	Carmarthenshire	St Michael	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient - 5/7m
Freystrop	Pembrokeshire	St Justinian	1 ancient - 5/7m
Golden Grove	Carmarthenshire	St Michael	1 ancient - 5/7m
Lampeter Velfrey	Ceredigion	St Peter	1 ancient - 4/5m
Laugharne	Carmarthenshire	St Martin	1 veteran - condition
Llanafan	Ceredigion	St Afan	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Llanddarog	Carmarthenshire		1 ancient - 4/5m
Llandovery (Llandingat)	Carmarthenshire	St Dingat	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llandre	Ceredigion	St Michael	1 ancient exceptional 9m+
Llandybie	Carmarthenshire	St Tybie	1 ancient - 5/7m

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Llandyfeisant/Dinefwr Park	Carmarthenshire	unrecorded	1 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m
Llanerchaeron (Llanaeron)	Ceredigion	St Non	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanfair Clydogau	Ceredigion	St Mary	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Llanfihangel-ar-arth	Carmarthenshire	St Michael	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Llanfihangel-y- Creuddyn	Ceredigion	St Michael	2 ancient - 4/5m
Llangathen	Carmarthenshire	St Cathen	2 ancient - 5/7m 3 ancient - 4/5m
Llangeitho	Ceredigion	St Ceitho	2 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m
Llangoedmor	Ceredigion	St Cynllo	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llangunnor	Carmarthenshire	St Cynnwr	1 ancient - 5/7m 4 ancient - 4/5m
Llangybi	Ceredigion	St Cybi	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llangyndeyrn	Carmarthenshire	St Cyndeyrn	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llansadwrn	Carmarthenshire	St Sadwrn	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llanwrda	Carmarthenshire	St Cwrdaf	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanycrwys	Carmarthenshire	St Dunstan	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Myddfai	Carmarthenshire	St Michael	1 ancient - 5/7m
Nash	Pembrokeshire	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Silian	Ceredigion	St Silian	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
St Dogmaels	Pembrokeshire	unrecorded	1 ancient - unmeasurable
Strata Florida	Ceredigion	Strata Florida	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - unmeasurable
Taliaris	Carmarthenshire	St Davids	1 ancient - 5/7m
Trefenty (Llanfihangel Abercowin)	Carmarthenshire	unrecorded	1 ancient - 5/7m
Trefilan	Ceredigion	St Hilary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Upton Castle, nr Pembroke	Pembrokeshire	St Giles	1 ancient - 5/7m
Ystrad Aeron	Ceredigion	not known	1 ancient exceptional – 9m+ 1 ancient unmeasurable

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Ystradffin	Carmarthenshire	St Paulinus	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m

Some notable yew sites

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Hafod - Eglwys Newydd	Ceredigion		1 notable
Llandissilio	Pembrokeshire	St Tysilio	1 notable
Nevern	Pembrokeshire	St Brynach	1 notable
Stackpole	Pembrokeshire	St James and St Elidyr	1 notable

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