

Significant yews in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon

Revised 2022

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.

Ancient¹ 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	Church name	Tree Classification
Abbeycwmhir	St Mary the Virgin	2 ancient - 5/7m
Aberedw	St Cewydd	2 ancient - 5/7m
Abergwesyn	formerly St Michael	5 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Abergwesyn (2nd church site)	formerly St David	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 notable - 3/4m
Aberyscir	St Mary and St Cynidr	2 ancient - 5/7m
Alltmawr	St Mauritius	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Battle	St Cynog	2 ancient - 5/7m
Bleddfa	St Mary Magdalene	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable - 3/4m
Bronllys	St Mary	2 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable - 3/4m
Bryngwyn	St Michael	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Cantref	St Mary	2 ancient - 5/7m
Capel-y-ffin	St Mary	2 ancient - 5/7m 5 ancient - 4/5m

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Cascob	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Cathedine	St Michael and All Angels	3 ancient - 5/7m
Cefnlllys	St Michael	4 ancient - 5/7m 1 notable
Clyro	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient - 4/5m
Colva	St David	1 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m 2 notable
Cregina	St David	2 ancient - 5/7m 1 notable
Crickadarn	St Mary	2 ancient - 5/7m 2 notable
Defynnog	St Cynog	1 ancient exceptional 9m+ 2 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient - 5/7m
Disserth	St Cewydd	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable
Garth Brengy	St David	3 ancient - 5/7m 6 ancient - 4/5m 9 notable and veteran
Gladestry	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Glasbury	St Peter	2 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m 2 notable
Glascwm	St David	1 veteran - condition
Heyope	St David	2 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Ilston	St Illtyd	1 ancient - 5/7m
Knighton	St Edward	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable
Llanafan-fawr	St Afan	1 ancient exceptional 9m+
Llanafan-fechan	St Afan	1 ancient - 5/7m

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Llanbadarn Fawr (Crossgates)	St Padarn	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m Notable yews
Llanbadarn Fynydd	St Padarn	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanbadarn-y-garreg	St Padarn	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 notable
Llanbedr (Paincastle)	St Peter	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 notable
Llanbedr Ystradyw	St Peter	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m Notable yews
Llanbister	St Cynllo	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
Llanddetty	St Tetti	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanddew	St David	1 veteran – condition
Llanddewi Fach (Cwm)	St David	3 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanddewi'r Cwm	St David	1 veteran – condition
Llandefaelog Fach	St Maelog or St Maelo	3 ancient - 5/7m 4 ancient - 4/5m
Llandefalle	Originally St Maelog, later St Matthew	2 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
Llandegley	St Tecla	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llandeilo Graban	St Teilo	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m
Llandeilo'r-Fan	St Teilo	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanelieu	St Ellyw	1 veteran – condition
Llanelly	St Elli	4 ancient - 5/7m 5 ancient - 4/5m 3 veteran - condition

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Llanelwedd	St Matthew	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanfaredd	St Mary	1 ancient exceptional 9m+
Llanfeugan	St Meugan	2 ancient exceptional 9m+ 7 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran - condition 1 notable
Llanfihangel-Bryn-Pabuan	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanfihangel-Helygen	St Michael	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanfihangel-Nant-Bran	1 ancient 5/7m	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanfihangel-Nant-Melan	St Michael	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 3 ancient - 5/7m 1 veteran – condition
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient - fragments
Llanfihangel Tal-y-Llyn	St Michael at the head of the lake	1 ancient - 4/5m 2 notable
Llanfrynach	St Brynach	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable
Llangasty-Talyllyn	St Gastyn	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran - condition
Llangattock	St Catwg	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
Llangenny	St Cenau	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llangors	St Paulinus	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llangunllo	St Cynllo	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llangynog- Pwll-du	St Cynog	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanhamlach	St Peter and St Illtyd	3 ancient - 5/7m
Llanpumsaint	Parish Church	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llanrhidian	St Rhidian and St Illtyd	1 ancient - 5/7m

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Llansantffraed-in-Elvel	St Bridget	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 3 ancient - 5/7m 4 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
Llansantffraed juxta Usk	St Bridget/St Bride	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Llanspyddid	St Cattwg	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m
Llanstephan	St Steffan	3 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable
Llanthony	St David	1 ancient - 4/5m
Llanwrthwl	St Gwrthwl	2 ancient - 5/7m
Llanyre	St Yre or St Llyr	3 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
Llowes	St Meilig	1 ancient - 5/7m
Llywel	St David	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Maesmynis	St David	1 ancient - 4/5m
Merthyr Cynog	St Cynog	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m 3 ancient - 4/5m
Nantmel	St Cynllo	2 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
New Radnor	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m
Newchurch	St Mary	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran
Norton	St Andrew	1 ancient - 5/7m
Patrishow	St Ishow	1 ancient - 4/5m

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Penpont	Bettws Penpont Church	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Rhulen	St David	2 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m 1 veteran – condition
Talachddu	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m 4 ancient - 4/5m
Talgarth	St Gwendoline	2 ancient - 4/5m
Upper Chapel (Dyffryn Honddu)	St Cynog	2 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran – condition
Whitton	St David	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Ystradfellte	St Mary	1 ancient exceptional 9m+ 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m 2 ancient - 4/5m
Ystradgynlais	St Cynog	2 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 4/5m

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Some notable yew sites

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Hay-on-Wye	St Mary	1 notable
Llangiwig	St Ciwg	1 notable
Llanigon	St Eigon or St Eigen	1 notable
Llanywern	St Mary Virgin	1 notable