

YORKSHIRE

Unless otherwise stated, these are likely to be churchyard yews

Aldbrough Manor	Near Boroughbridge: A 19 th century reference to Ancient yews.
Birdwell	A woodland near Hoyland. (SE341020) In Wigfield Woods, partially ancient, are ‘predominantly yew/birch’. For more information go to www.wt-woods.org.uk
Birkby (N)	Between Northallerton and Darlington. In 1914 <i>History of the County of York North Riding</i> : “On the south of the churchyard there is a fine yew tree.”
Cawthorne	<i>History of Cawthorne</i> 1882 notes the following: These "Lanes" have a peculiar interest in being undoubtedly the oldest vestiges of man in the Parish. They are most probably, with a few later deviations, the original tracks through the forests of pre-historic times. It is not impossible indeed, that the yew trees which still wrestle on with life near Hillhouse, with others of their kind scattered on the route, were road-marks to shew the way to the few travellers of near two thousand years ago.”
Clapham (N)	Yews trimmed like a table top
Darfield (S)	There is an ancient yew-tree, flourishing on the south side of Darfield church, near Barnsley. 1875 <i>The Penny Post</i> .
Giggleswick	1848: Numerous yew trees spring from the clefts of the high limestone ridges.
Grimston (ER)	In Arboretum and Fruticetum (1838): “In Yorkshire, at Grimston, 13 years planted, it is 14ft high, the diameter of the trunk 9 in., and of the head 14ft.
Ingleton (N)	In Yew Tree Gorge, near Ingleton is a “living bridge of yew.”
Kirkby Malham (N)	Old yews
Langsett (S)	Alderman’s Head is about a mile east of Langsett. In <i>The Tour of the Don</i> 1837 is “A little below Alderman’s Head there stands, in a field by the road-side, a very ancient mouldering yew.” It is described as probably coeval with a yew of 25ft girth described in a poem <i>The yew tree of Penisal</i> .
Lockton (N)	St Mary’s church fell out of use in the mid 1950s. Yew trees have been described as ‘looking ancient ‘.
Lupset Hall – Wakefield (W)	1844: At Lupset Hall, the residence of our former honest member for Wakefield, Daniel Gaskell; Esq., there stands a lordly yew, by far the most gigantic of any in this neighbourhood. At some period of time, now long gone by, all its larger branches have been cut away from the stem. Others now supply their place ; and by the present healthy aspect of the tree, we may conclude that, at some future day, this second series of main branches will have attained a growth and vigour equal to what the original ones would have presented to us, had they been allowed to remain on the tree”. <i>Essays on Natural History</i> , by Charles Waterton
Nunburnholme	Lady Well SE8492 4877 A yew grows by the spring – the only yew noted in the area.
Osmotherley	Mount Grace Priory (English Heritage Site)
Oughtibridge	Bitholmes Wood is a predominantly ancient semi natural woodland

	owned by the Woodland Trust. Yews are to be found on the crags and some areas of the upper wood. For more information go to www.wt-woods.org.uk/bitholmeswood/description.asp
Oulton (W)	Old yews
Richmond	1833: In pleasure grounds formerly known as Yorke Grounds: The walk first descends a sloping terrace, and then winds through the wood, abounding with ancient and grotesque yew trees, natural and artificial grottos along the margin of the river.
Ripley Castle	No details
Settrington House (N)	Parkland with magnificent yews.
Strid Woodlands	A mile and a half upstream from Bolton Abbey (059 563). A large (paying) car park. The trail “starts in a grove of yews, and there is a legend that the monkish builders of the Abbey lived under the native yews when they arrived from the south.”
Tadcaster	Oxton Hall: 1890: A large yew, the branches of which cover a space measuring 100 yards in circumference.
Wakefield – Lupset Hall	A ‘gigantic yew’ described 200 years ago.
Warter Priory	4 miles from Pocklington on the Driffield road. 1892: In the garden are three magnificent specimens of the yew tree.
Wensley, Leyburn (N)	An 1848 reference is as follows: “Vestiges of an extensive religious building are discernible near the village; about forty years ago, large quantities of stone, and some specimens of highly-carved Gothic windows, were dug from the ruins; and in sloping a precipitous bank near them, in the spring of 1843, the skeletons of thirty human bodies were removed and interred below. Near the foot of an ancient yew-tree of immense size, human bones, and bones of horses, with implements of war, were found some years since, in a mass of black earth.”
Wentworth Castle	Yews in the grounds, the largest by the Earl’s Seat – Jenny Furse
Womersly (N)	Yew hedge