

DRAYTON Somerset
St Catherine

The Ancient Yew Group – Tree Record Update

Date of visit: February 13th 2026

Place name: Drayton churchyard Somerset

Tree's location to church: South of east end of church

What3Words location: ///modem.napped.listings

Tree ID (Ancient Yew Group): 924 (Tree 1)

Sex: Male? (flower buds swelling)

Minimum girth: 404 cm (at base level, above stone plinth)

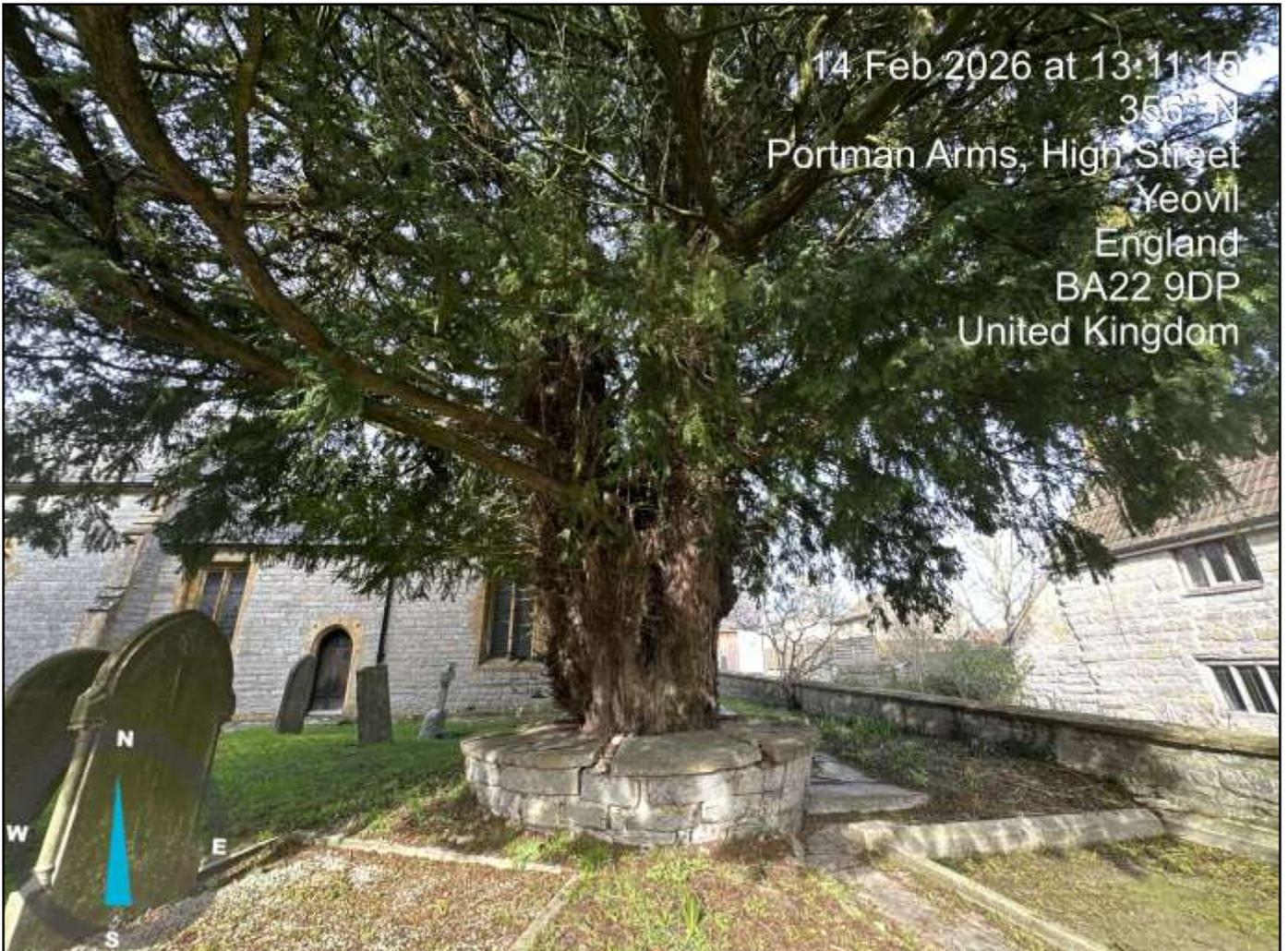
Height of measurement: Base level (above stone plinth; note: plinth/stone raised area present around base, being pushed out by root growth)

Height: Approx 9 m

Other observations / features:

- Secondary stems – bifurcation at ~2 m; strong union, no issues
- Bark – usually flaky
- Large stem/branch removal snag on south side
- Burrs on stems to ~6 m
- Foliage – good colour & density; normal extension growth







Tree's location to church: ~10 m south-east of church entrance

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Tree ID (AYG): 1088 (Tree 2)

Sex: Female (old berries present)

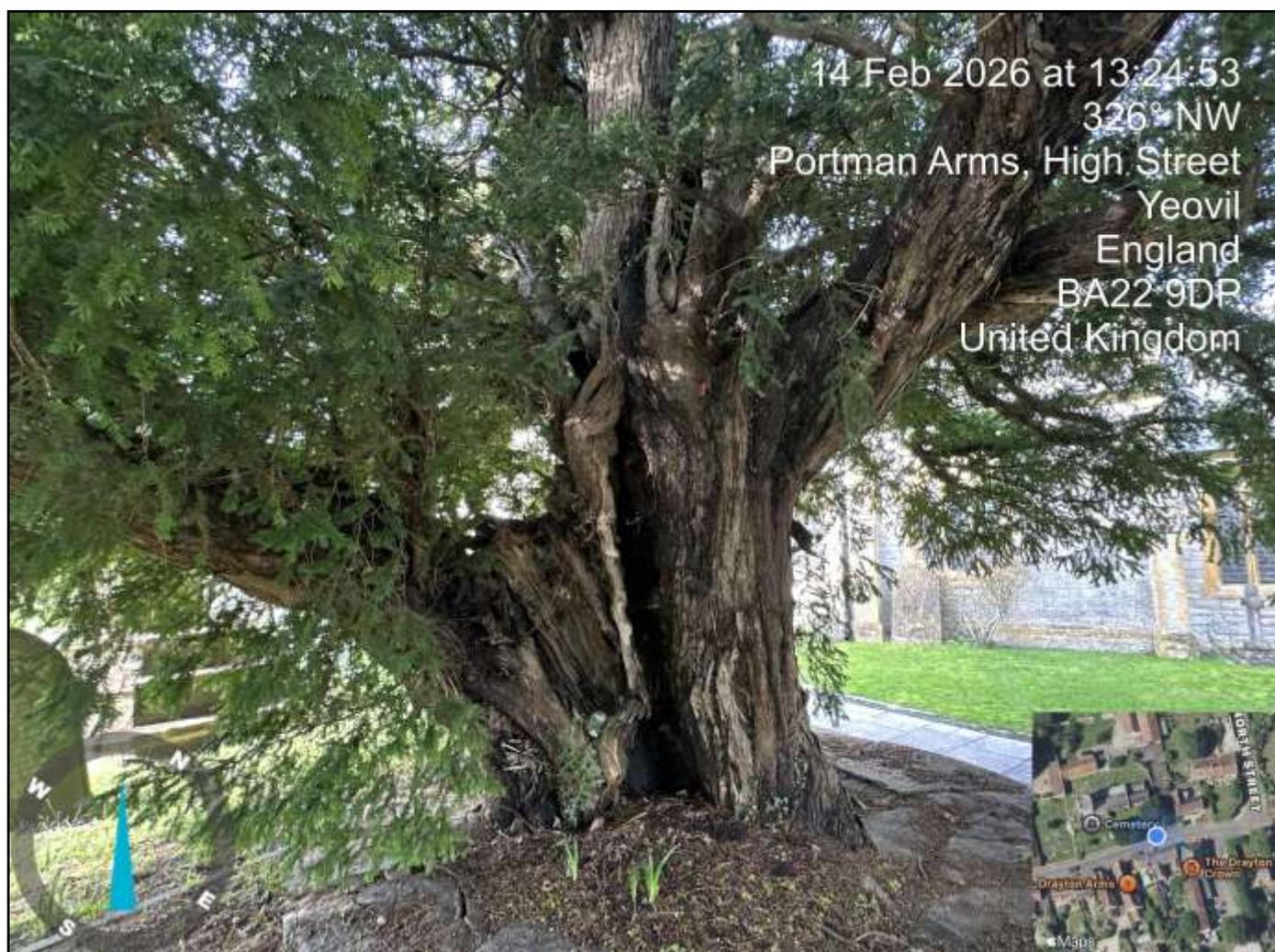
Minimum girth: 407 cm (at base level, at stone plinth)

Height of measurement: Base level (at stone plinth; stone area all around base)

Height: ~8 m

Other observations / features:

- Single stem with large 45° lateral branch on south side
- Massive sounding & open cavity on south side from ground level to 2 m
- Cavities on lower 3 m south side – potential bat summer roost (ecological feature of note)
- No burrs
- Dense branching
- Foliage – very dense, slightly darker than T1; good colour; normal extension growth







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