

1866: In *The History of Bordesley Abbey*, Woodward and Bartlett noted the yew: 'On a hill, to the west of the town, stood the old Church, and beside it the old yew-tree, still green above the graves of Saxon, Norman, and Englishman'.

March 2002: The healthy and well cared for female yew grows SW of the church. Access is denied to its cavernous hollow, above which rises the most substantial section of the tree, consisting of several thick branches.

The branch at (A) is well connected to the tree on one side; on the other a gap is developing as dead wood decays. Many remnants of its original trunk and old branches can be seen.

Girth in 2002: 21' 11" at the ground (excluding jutting root).

Girth in 2023: 22' 7" at 6" (height of nails hammered into trunk).



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