

In the past:

1897: 'There are two yew trees in the churchyard at Queenwood, near Tytherly, in Wiltshire, which are above 500 years old ; the largest is 28 ft. high ; diameter of the trunk 3 ft. 6 in., and of the head 50 ft'.

Described in J.C.Loudon, 1783/1843 (*arboretum, vol iv. 2075*)

2007: The above description refers to Broughton churchyard, where a single yew remains with veteran credentials. It grows SW of the church, and viewed from the church side is a tree bulging outwards from the base, considerably so at about 4'. Above this are many branches, with much of their surface area covered in adventitious growth. The other side of the tree reveals decay and internal growth. Girth was 11' 4" at the ground. The tree is female.

A second female tree, with a girth of 9' 6", grows NE of the church, but this could not have been described as 500 years old 170 years ago. We must therefore assume that one of the trees recorded by Loudon is lost.



Photos below by Peter Norton show the Broughton yew in 2011



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