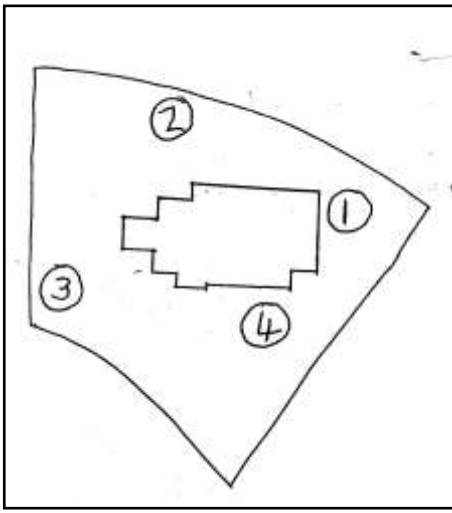


This 'fine yew tree' was first noted in the 1836 *History and Antiquities of Somersetshire* by William Phelps.

In 1958 Swanton's *Yew Trees of England* recorded a girth of 16' for the male tree. It grows NE of the church, close to a drop of several feet.

When I first visited in 2000 the ground beneath the tree was littered with compost, stones, rocks, pieces of wood and ivy. A section of dead wood close to the railings suggested that this might have once been a larger tree than its current dimensions suggest. Its girth of about 17' (close to the ground) will be further diminished when dead sections have decayed. Plentiful younger growth gave the tree a green and healthy appearance, in spite of large amounts of gall and brown leaves. The yew is seen here in March 2015 and (bottom right) in 2016 after the clearance of ivy.





In 2016 three further yews were recorded.

Tree 2 (right) is male and grows north of the church. It has a fluted trunk and a girth of 9' 1" at the root crown.



Tree 3 is female and grows at the entrance to a woodland garden. It was presumably once a churchyard yew, though it grows on ground that is a few feet higher than that in the churchyard. Girth was exactly 13' at 6" and 12' 7" at 3'.



Tree 4 is female and grows SE of the church, on a large plot of raised ground. It has a fluted clean bole from which numerous thick branches develop. Girth was 9' 11" at 2'.

