

The church is the oldest building in this ancient community, with parts of it dating from the 11th century. It is also thought that there may have been an earlier wooden chapel on the site. No historical records have yet been uncovered regarding this yew.

In the 1990s, when Robert Bevan-Jones was researching old yews in Hertfordshire for *The Ancient Yew* (2002), he recorded a girth of 5.8m at the ground, which 'would have been greater if the major tree surgery had not taken place more than 5 years ago. Although severely damaged it is vital and will completely regenerate if current growth of foliage and spray persist'.

These photos were taken in 2001 and show that regeneration of this female yew, which grows NNW of the church, was continuing. Strong growth rises from the back of the tree and includes a vigorous main branch. Its shape is a horse shoe hollow with part of its bole cut off close to the ground at an angle of about 45 degrees. On the inside could be seen internal stems. I recorded a girth of 19' 4" at 1'.



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