

The Church is circa 1290. This was Charles Darwin's parish.

1863: *The Bromley Record and Monthly advertiser* July 1st: 'But although the yew tree at Downe may not boast so high an antiquity as that at Skelldale, it may still have flourished in Saxon times and have afforded shelter to those who made the memorable survey known as Domesday Boke'.

1936: The church was described by Mee's *The King's England* as having 'a yew outside much older than itself'.

1999: The two photos below show the large female yew which grows south of the church. At the ground it is in two sections with gaps of 1' and 4' giving access to the hollow. These two sections join at a height of about 10' and create a structure that leans slightly. Many new branches emerging from the side of the bole contribute to its thick green foliage and healthy appearance. Girth was 30' 3" at the ground.



The remaining photos were taken in 2013 by Peter Norton, who recorded a girth of 30' 9" close to the ground and 28' 0" at 2' 6", where some nails had been hammered into the tree.





