

The Holne Yew makes its first appearance in 1860 in *The Photographic news for amateur photographers* vol. 4 by Sir William Crookes and Thomas Cradock Hepworth.

'Leaving the forest bounds, for a time, we reached the little village of Holne, without meeting with anything worthy of note, and made our way to the churchyard, in which stands a venerable old yew tree, still alive, but evidently fast decaying. On its trunk "posters" of sales by auction, &c.. were placed side by side with parish notices'.

150 years later the inexperienced eye might still see a 'fast decaying' yew, but to look more closely is to see many strands of new wood being laid down over much of the old trunk, sustaining a thin but healthy crown.

In 2009 the hollow female yew stands on 5 'legs', which combine at between 4 and 10 feet to produce a tree no taller than 25 feet. Foliage, while sparse, was green and healthy. The structure, which leans towards the church, is dwarfed by two younger spreading yews, male and female.

Girth was recorded in 1999 as 19' 2" at the ground, 15' 6" at 3' and 14' 6" at 5'.

