

There is evidence to suggest a Church on this site in Saxon times, consecrated on September 29th 998.

The first record we have of the yew is in 1889, when it was given a girth of 25' at the ground. In 1999, photo right, I recorded 25' 11" at the same height.

The yew has an unusually large number of straight rising branches. To the right of the opening is a large section of dead wood (A); with its eventual disappearance the tree's girth will be reduced by about 2' 6". There is a particularly fine spread of branches towards the church. Foliage was not thick and there were many yellow leaves. The other face of the tree was covered in dense twiggy growth.



The photos below were taken by Peter Norton in 2014, who recorded a minimum girth of 25' 1" at about 6".





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