

1970: Three trees here were measured for the Brecon Yew Survey as 15' 6", 13' 8" and 11' 9".

2000: Of the three female yews, two grow side by side north of the church. One of the pair of yews due north of the church is seen on the left when approaching from the building. Its large central stem appears to have broken off at about 12', with smaller branches rising all around it giving the appearance of a series of stems snaking their way along the outside of the tree. Girth of 14' 10" at 2' was recorded. The yew, very close to a shed, shares the ground with piles of rocks and drying grasses.

In October 2013 it seemed that the tree was getting ever closer to touching the shed, which was erected in 1986. The gap was now only a few inches. The lowest girth obtainable was on this occasion was 14' 6". Comparative readings are not possible because of changes to the ground level.



Geoff Garlick - 2004



Tim Hills - 2013

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August 2000: This is the 2nd of the pair growing by the wall north of the church. It is on the right when approaching from the church. Large stones, dead grasses and earth have been piled against its trunk.



When seen in 2000 (above left) the fire/smoke damage was all too evident. This was possibly caused by the dried grasses that continue to be stored beneath and inside this hollow tree. At about 2' its girth was 15' 8".

The other photos were taken in October 2013 when elder growing 10' tall blocked access to the hollow part of the tree and is perhaps protecting it from more damage. The bole is 8'/10' high above which two main branches develop. The pile of rock and soil seemed higher than in 2000, up to 5' deep.



August 2000: SE of the church up against a wall that hides the fact that it is quite hollow. It leans towards the wall and measured 12' 5" at 5'.

October 2013: There was a pile up of several feet of decomposing grasses along the wall by this tree. Branches had been removed on the church side, but hang over the adjacent garden. The rectangular garden has trimmed and shaped yew hedging on 3 sides, with this overhanging yew making up the 4th. Girth was 13' 4" at 3'.



Tim Hills 2013 above
Paul Wood 2016 below

