

1999: Two old yews grow at the boundary, which is part wall and part fence, south of the church. The tree on the left as we approached from the south porch is the oldest and most substantial. Ivy covered every tree in the churchyard, including this yew, which appeared unhealthy with many discoloured leaves. Its bole sweeps upwards into a main vertical branch with a smaller one rising parallel to it. It is usual for the hollow side of a yew to be facing a path or the church, since the hollow is caused in the first instance by the removal of branches that either obstructed the path or grew too close to the building. In this instance the hollow is unusually on the opposite side up against the wall.

I was unable to record a meaningful girth, but in 1987 J.Daryll Evans described a 'hollow and incomplete trunk' and a girth of 586cm at 1m (19ft 3in).



left - Geoff Garlick 2005

right - Tim Hills 1999

postcard - undated

