LLYWEL St David Diocese of Swansea and Brecon SN8693830055

An early medieval origin for Llywel is thought to be a possibility. The church is largely late 15th century, with some parts older. Three formidable yews grow here.

Tree 1, SSE of the church, is a hollow male. In 1998 elder had taken root inside a tree that was already overwhelmed by ivy. Girth was about 27' 6" at the ground.

In 2006 ivy has been removed revealing the splendour of this vast hollow tree. Its huge columnar trunk retains its great girth for a considerable height and there were no branches below a height of about 15'. At this height the yew is still hollow. Girth could be more accurately recorded as 26' 9" at the ground. In December 2019 Luke Steer recorded a girth of 7.375m at 1.3m recorded (24' 1" at 4' 3").



Tree 2 grows NNW of church. In 1998 the trunk was completely hidden behind ivy and elder. A girth of approximately 23' was recorded at 1'.

In 2006 it was possible to appreciate the fine tree. A gap on the east side clearly revealed its hollowness with much internal growth. Girth of 22' 6" close to the ground was recorded.

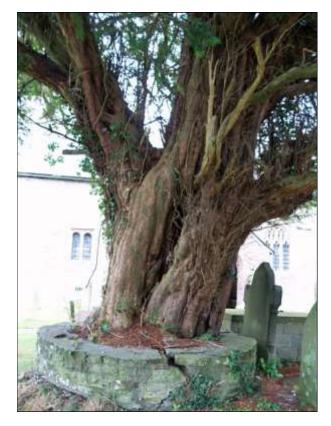
In 2019 Luke Steer recorded a girth of 7.10m at 1m recorded (approx 23' 3" at 3' 3").



Tree 3 grows SSW of the church. It is female with a girth of 14' 3" around the base in 1998.

In 2006 a girth of 14' 7" at 1' was recorded. The tree is becoming hollow and internal growth is seen in the space. It has almost outgrown its circular wall.

In 2019 Luke Steer recorded a girth of 4.52m at 30 cm (approx 14' 10" at 1').



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