

The 1855 *Post office directory of Hants, Wilts and Dorset* recorded that 'in the church yard there are two yew trees much admired by visitors; their age is supposed to be at least 800 years'.

1999: Only one tree today fits the description, this male yew growing NW of the church. It illustrates the fusing of outer and inner growth, resulting in a tree which appears to have great strength, sustaining growth to a height of about 40'.

Six separate parts of the tree are in contact with the ground, most of these coming together at the height of 7'8". One internal stem can be followed to about 15' where it continues upwards as part of the main branch. Lateral branches emerge from a height of 10' and above, so there is a feeling of light and space beneath this tree.

Girth: 21' 3" at 1' and 21' 10" just above 5'.



In Peter Norton's 2011 photo below, the 2nd yew noted in 1855 can be seen in the background. Its gnarled bole had a girth of 11' 10" at 1' and it might be the fragmentary remains of a once much larger yew.

