

This fine male yew, which grows east of the church, was visited in 2000 and 2015. Its bole shape is elongated so that it presents two large flat surfaces (1 and 2) and two smaller curved surfaces (3 and 4). Face 1 appears as a massive slab of wood, while face 2 shows more clearly how the tree has developed into two distinct sides from low on its bole. One of these sides (A) develops into the main branch, the other is smaller. The tree was filled throughout with thick foliage.



There were many dead branches to be seen, and the gash that divides the tree can be followed almost to the ground. This might mark a point where the tree fragments at some time in the distant future. In 2000 the area around the tree was being used as a store for old planks of wood. This was a temporary measure and when the photos were taken in 2015 the oldest tree in the churchyard was being given the respect it deserves.





Girth:

1946: 14' in girth, with the longest branch growing 29' from the trunk. Vaughan Cornish *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*

2000: 17' 10" at the ground; 17' 8" at 3'; 19' 2" at 5' - Tim Hills

2008: 5.44m (17' 10") @ 0.2m - Dave Kenny

2015: 18' 4" at 3'; 19' 11" at 5' - Tim Hills

