

1818: In *A Journey round the coast of Kent* L.Fussell wrote that 'The churchyard is also marked by two yew trees of very unusual size, which are probably coeval with the building; and although hollow and decayed (their once lofty heads and widespreading branches being closely shorn by the hand of time) the renovating power of nature, which has thrown up shoots within the rind of the old trunks, bids fair for a protracted duration, at least as long as the fabric shall last, to which they have mutually afforded shade, and from which have derived shelter for so many ages.'



The remaining Monks Horton Yew is seen above in the 1856 sepia drawing is held by Kentarchaeology.org.uk

The photos from 1999 show a complex bole with hollows, large sapwood sections and internal growth. Dead wood can be seen high into the tree, whose crown appears to have been truncated at 16'/20', above which emerge spindly branches. Foliage was sparse and dull.

Girth was recorded as follows: 17' exactly at the ground, 16' 10" at 3' and 17' 11" at 5'.

