

# RYCOTE CHAPEL

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The chapel is owned and cared for by English Heritage. A public footpath leads to the site making it accessible even when the car park is closed.

1971: In *Churches the Victorians Forgot* Mark Chatfield spoke of 'the mighty yew near the door. Tradition says that the tree was planted at the coronation of King Stephen in 1135, a legend that one may or may not believe'.

1999: Here is a male yew with a massive clean bole which maintains its large girth for a considerable height. The bole is covered in living wood for most of its circumference. Wire netting covered several of the gaps high in the tree.

The chapel was built in 1449, but a tree of this size is considerably older and could indeed be a commemorative tree for King Stephen.

1999: 25' at both 1' and 3' and 24' 1" at 5' - Tim Hills

2013: 24' 10" at about 1' 6" - Peter Norton

The yew in 1999 - Tim Hills





The yew in 2013 - Peter Norton

