

In 1940 Mee described that 'a magnificent yew with a solid trunk 22' round spreads its branches to protect the little church, it was probably a sapling when the oldest part of the church was young'. St Mary's originates in the 13th century.

The female yew displays a few feet of fluted bole before it is hidden behind twiggy growth. There seemed to be a platform at about 7' from which emerges a thick and tall main branch as well as 3 further substantial growth areas. Ivy had taken root inside the tree, making it more difficult than usual to eradicate. The tombstones seen next to the trunk are only a few inches high.



1999



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Girth:

Nov 1999: 19' 7" at the ground; 20' 4" at 1'; 23' at 3' - Tim Hills

June 2014: 20' 2" close to the ground where six embedded nails mark the height - Peter Norton

Nov 2016: 20' 1½" at the ground; 20' 8" at 1'. It was no longer possible to measure at 3' – Tim Hills



2016



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A second yew, male, grows west of the tower. It is low and wide spreading. From 3' upwards it develops many stout branches.

Girth in 2016 was 10' 1" at 1' above the higher ground, using a nail that somebody had hammered in to the tree as a guide.



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