SPELDHURST

St Mary the Virgin

Diocese of Rochester

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In 1897 the yew was 'about 25' high, measures 18' 6" at 3' from the ground. At 10' it is about 3' in girth. The top has been broken. This is a good example of the rapid growth of the trunk after fracture of the leading stem'. Lowe *The Yew Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*

2003: The female yew grows ESE of the church, above a precarious drop to the road below. From its elongated bole two branches rise in the centre. There is also new growth on the periphery, swelling the tree's dimensions. Limbs that would have grown across the road have been removed.

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