## STOKE ABBOTT St Mary Diocese of Salisbury ST4536700585

The church dates from the 12th century. A yew was noted here as early as 1855 when the *Post office directory of Hants, Wilts and Dorset* described the view from the churchyard, which 'also contains a fine yew-tree'.

2006 Tim Hills: I noted that no fewer than 6 large limbs had been cut off at the height of between 6' and 9'. Some of these would have been 200/300 years old, with growth rings clearly visible on some of these cuts. Above this is an outpouring of smaller branches, through which rise many tall upright branches creating a distinctively shaped tree. The yew, which rises above a clump of raised root material, has a particularly red bark. Girth was exactly 16' at 3'.

2012 Peter Norton: 16' 2" at root crown and 16' 6" at 3'. A smaller female yew with a girth of 10' 6" also grows here.





These two photos show the yew in 2006 and the two below, from Peter Norton, in 2012.





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