

The yew's position close to the church porch is seen in Saunders' sepia drawing of 1853 and on the right in 1999.



In 1936 Mee's *The King's England* described that 'the great yew of Tilmanstone has seen ..... the Norman builders of the church fashion the doorway of the church and its three Norman windows. It has seen the children of Tilmanstone brought to this font for 700 years or more.....'

In 1987 the tree was badly damaged in the hurricane.

March 1999: The large female yew grows SW of the church. Four main branches lean outwards and spread over a large area, with some smaller branches dipping onto nearby graves. Parts of the bole were covered in adventitious growth. High in the centre of this large yew are portions of the old trunk.

Girth: 28' between ground and 3": 28' 7" at 1' : 30' 11" at 3'.



Several younger female yews grow on an embankment south of the church.