

This fine yew, unnoticed by travellers and writers of the past, was brought to my attention through the Hampshire Ancient Yew Survey (1995).

Allen Meredith described it in 1981 as 'not very obvious, of bush like growth from a distance, very difficult to measure owing to many vigorous young shoots coming from the trunk, very hollowed and decayed inside, yet still a very vigorous looking tree, although it is a ruin of its former self. Several large stems still thrive from this hollow shell, it is SSE from the present church. Its girth at 4ft from the ground is about 30ft'.

My first visit was in the snow of December 2000. The male yew, growing SE of the church, had a girth of approximately 25' 1" close to the ground. At this time its branches were laden with ivy, but by the time of a visit in 2008 the stems had been cut. This is one of Hampshire's oldest trees, and deserves to be looked after as if it was a specimen tree in an arboretum, keeping ivy to a minimum. Ivy clearance made it possible to see internal growth and some of the dead sapwood that indicates parts of the original tree.

Also measured by Russell Cleaver in 2003 when the tree was still covered in ivy, recording 25' 7" (7.80 at 1.1

