## WITHYCOMBE St Nicholas Diocese of Bath and Wells ST0152341302

In 1940 The King's England described 'a giant yew and a charming church'.



The site has been visited several times between 2000 and 2016 and is seen above in 2000 and 2012. The female yew grows SE of the church and in 2012 it was possible to photograph the bole. This has separated into two fragments, one of which supports vibrant new growth, while the other is a stump from which only one small branch emerges. The gap between the fragments was filled with 2' to 3' of humus.



Girth: In 2000 at its narrowest close to the ground was 22' 5". Around the larger section alone it was about 19' at 2'. In 2012 it was remeasured close to the ground and as in 2000 a girth of 22' 5" was recorded.



A few years can make a considerable difference and by October 2016 the tree was again so ivy covered that most of its bole features were hidden. It's canopy continued to be thick and very green



Also noted NW of the church was this millennium yew, its plaque well hidden by its low growth. It is astonishing to think that the tree has grown this much since 2000. The honeysuckle growing through the centre detracted from its otherwise fine appearance.



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