

2014: Four significant yews grow here, three on the north side of the present building and one to the south. Two hundred years ago the ancient female yew was rightly considered to be one of the biggest yews in Wales, with a girth at that time of 36 feet. This huge fragment, with a girth of 25' 6" in 1998, is what remains today, struggling to escape the confines of a wall that will continue to crumble as the tree expands. All other photos were taken in 2014.



The 2nd yew is not as impressive as the fragment seen above, though it grows within an wall of similar size. It presents as one large old fragment with several newer stems arising from its old root system. When visiting in 1998 I was unaware of the significance of this tree, since it was hidden behind low horizontal branches, elder, ivy and brambles. Whatever the arguments might be against removing so many branches, it at least provided a window of opportunity to discover an important tree. Although classified as a veteran it is quite possible that it is the same age as the ancient yew.





The 3rd yew, and most northerly in the churchyard, is a smaller girthed tree (16' /18' est.) contained within a disintegrating wall. It consists of a main central stem surrounded by many thick branches.



The only yew on the south side grows inside an 18" high wall. From its 2' bole emerge 4 trunks. There is much bulging close to the ground consisting of root development where soil was once piled up against the trunk. Girth was recorded above this bulge as 16' 1".

