## LYTCHETT MINSTER Parish church Diocese of Salisbury SY9604293078

In 1852 *The British gazetteer* by Benjamin Clarke described 'two yew trees, the age of which is supposed to be at least 800 years'. Both trees remain in situ, though unusual circumstances have resulted in two atypical yews.

The first of the pair, seen below, grows south of the church. It is a significant fragment of a once vast tree of which one half was lost. The surviving half slowly leaned and as it did so pulled some of the roots out of the ground. The lean was gradual and the tree is now secure in its new resting position, with branches again growing vertically.



photos - Peter Norton 2011

The second yew is less imposing and grows WSW of the church on a mound of soil and grass cuttings that is at least 5' high, and completely conceals its original bole.

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