

Morton's *Trees of Shropshire* (1986) refers to this watercolour of 1790 by Rev. Williams showing that there were once two large trees here. One was once described as admitting '12 persons into the trunk'. It is likely that the yew formerly growing west of the church was removed during restoration work.



1999: The surviving yew grows SE of the church. It is completely hollow, an almost complete shell with just one space giving access to the inside. The first two feet of the bole was covered in thick twigg' growth. Ivy appeared to have been treated. Girth: 28' 4" at the lowest point and 31' 5" at 5'.



In 1999 I had noted many yellow leaves, but by the time of a site meeting in 2005 very few were in evidence and the yew appeared in excellent condition. At the meeting it was decided that a few side branches be shortened to reduce stress on one of the main branches. It was also decided that a small branch overhanging the path should be left, since it displayed the rare phenomenon of a single male branch growing on a female tree.

When Ian Robert Brown visited in 2007 he noted evidence of new growth on right side of entrance to the interior of this hollow shell. Also that the outer branches seemed strong and healthy with a good spread of foliage and that the female tree was heavily laden with fruit. Unfortunately the single male branch on this female tree appeared to have been cut back.

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