

2003 and 2023

The church is reached by a public footpath across a field. The present building replaced the original church about 200 years ago. Work was being carried out on the building in 2003 and in 2023 the roof was under repair. The yew grows south of the church in a churchyard that appears to have once been more circular in shape. In 2003 I mistakenly recorded the church as being aligned N/S with the yew growing to the east. It was in the days before Google Earth. The church is more or less E/W, with the yew growing on the south side.

The tree was first noted in Mee's *The King's England* (c1936) as follows: 'The lychgate and the twisted yew are both older than the plain red church begun in 1788 after the Norman church had toppled down'.

2003: The male yew carries thick foliage on many large branches. Its bole consists mainly of living wood, with small patches of dead wood showing through. Internal growth can be seen partially enclosed in decaying heartwood.

Girth: 19' 10" at the height of the broken grave leaning against it, and 21' 2" at 5'.



Revisit in April 2023:

At the time of this visit work on the church roof was nearing completion, so photos are once again interrupted by scaffolding and builder's materials. In 2003 a single photo had to suffice because of the cost of film and printing. This time there were no such constraints.

The yew was measured at the height of some nails somebody has hammered into the tree and a girth of 20' 3". This is approximately the height of the broken grave recording in 2003 and shows an increase of 5". Girth at 5' was 21' 9", an increase of 7". It was also measured as 20' 9½" at 2' 6".







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