

1903: The earliest evidence of a yew at this site is in this photo held by the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre at Chippenham. It clearly shows the split tree we see today.



1919: The following extract was taken from the *The story of Purton; a Collection of Notes and Hearsay* written by Ethel M. Richardson: 'An old feature of the graveyard at Purton is the yew, strapped together with its iron bands'.

1994: Meredith's gazetteer in *The Sacred Yew* described it as a hollow and decrepit female tree.



1998: The photos show that only fragments of the original shell remain, held together with wire.

In 2010 Peter Norton recorded girth as follows: 17' 2" at 1', 16' 3" at 2' and 15' 6" at 3'.

