

Four yews grow here. The male yew (left) has an elongated trunk and a girth of perhaps 8'9". It is on the south perimeter close to a wall. The area around the tree was being used as a rubbish dump.



The many trunked female yew (right) grows SW of the church. The metal bar is embedded in the tree at a height of about 5'. Girth was 8' 4" at 1'.



A male yew grows close to the road on the north side of the church at the churchyard's western extremity. Girth was 6' 2" at 18" threading the tape behind the ivy. The 4th yew, with a girth of 7' 8" at 2' is about 25 metres further east.

PAWLETT St John the Baptist ST3008542647 5th November 2012

Several yews grow here. ENE is a male (left) whose top has been removed. Branches have only been allowed to stretch a certain distance from the tree before being cut off. Girth was 12' 1" at 2'.



On the right is a male yew that grows south of the church. It had a girth of 11' 10" at 2', just below where it bulges with epicormic growth.

Close to this tree is multi-stemmed male with rising branches.

North of the church, on the west side, is a male yew with a girth of about 10' and much rising twiggy growth.

In addition to the individual yews, there are two yew hedges, one on the northern perimeter about 50 yards long and 8'9" high and a shorter one planted against the SW wall.



PEASEDOWN ST JOHN St John ST6991757556 5th August 2016

Four young yews grow on the north perimeter at the west end.



Tree 1 grows in the corner, in a space used to store cut and drying grasses. Girth was probably about 2'.

Tree 2 is male. Thick low twiggy growth prevented access. Girth guessed at about 3'.

Tree 3 is male. It becomes twin stemmed at a height of 5'/6'. It shares the space with a well developed holly and other trees. Estimated girth 4'/5'.

Tree 4 is male, dividing into several stems at a height of about 5'. Girth estimate 5'/6'.

PENDOMER St Roch ST5213210396 3rd May 2016

Here is one clipped yew.



PENSELWOOD St Michael ST7562131433 8th March 2016

This female yew grows south of the church. It has a cylindrical trunk, with its main branching starting at a height of about 15', with some smaller side branches at 10'/12'.

These branches tend to grow downwards and this has led to regular trimming around the tree to keep the branches above head height. It has a fine and pleasing overall shape. Girth was 11' 9" at 2' and 11' 6" at 3'.

There are also many clipped yews, of which one is shown here.



PENSFORD St Thomas a Becket ST61826373 25th June 2013

Only the tower of this church is accessible, the rest of the church having been converted into a house.

The churchyard yew is now a feature in a private garden. It is on the south side and close to the tower and grows in a small space between church and river. Girth appeared to be about 8'.



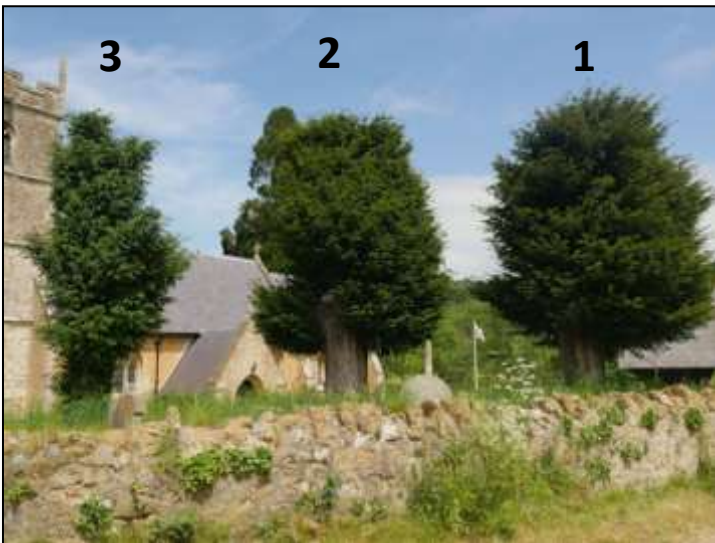
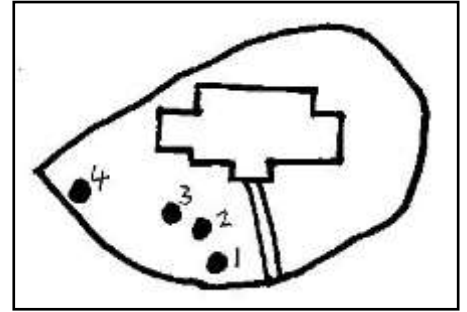
Here is a more unusual yew site. Two of its trees have been pollarded into large lollipops, while a third has been clipped less carefully.

Tree 1, closest to the churchyard gate, had a very circular trunk. Girth was 8' 9" at 3'.

Tree 2 is similar to tree 1, though significantly larger girthed at 10' 3" at 3'.

Tree 3 has been trimmed much closer to the trunk. Girth of this, through foliage, was about 6'.

Tree 4 was either planted in the early 1990s as part of the Go for God programme, or to celebrate the millennium. Twiggy growth develops from close to the ground. It was possible to see that just above ground level two parallel rising stems develop.



The churchyard perimeters are lined with trees, but most of these are in the gardens of adjacent houses. The largest yew was in the old vicarage garden. The east perimeter is a raised bank above the road and here are several young yews. The only largish one is a male by the SE entrance gate, with an estimated girth between 5' and 7'.

PODIMORE St Peter ST54562493 14th October 2015

A sprawling young, discoloured male yew grows on the south side of the churchyard.



PORTISHEAD St Peter ST4661576015 22nd June 2016



One millennium yew grows in a new remembrance garden attached to the churchyard.

PUBLLOW All Saints ST6234264182 30th June 2014

These yews grow side by side close to the tower and entrance porch on the south side. A third tree, which would have formed a neat triangle, is now reduced to a stump with a girth of just under 6'. Root material close to it suggests that it might have layered from one of the living trees.



The most westerly (1) has had a large branch removed, that would once have stretched towards the church. It appears that a space is developing behind this with signs of internal growth. Girth was 9' 6" between 1' and 2' – above the root crown but below some areas of lumpy growth.

The most easterly (tree 2) is female with a girth of 6' 8" at 3' .

At the east end of the churchyard where it joins open country side, is a trio of straight stemmed yews that become many branched above a height of 5'7".

Most northerly of the three was 6' 7" at 2'.

The middle tree was 6' 4" at 2'.

Most southerly was 8' 2" at 4'.

There was also a yew on the northern perimeter that seems to have become part of the adjacent vicarage garden.



PURITON St Michael ST3204041725 5th November 2012

One female yew grows SE of the church, overshadowed by a Wellingtonia. Its girth was 6' 9½" at 3' and 6' 11" at 4'.

PUXTON Holy Saviour ST4071063220 15th June 2014

One yew grows here, NNW of the tower. It is a bushy male, planted either in the early 1990s as part of the Go for God programme, or as part of the millennium celebrations.

A metal frame around its trunk was beginning to eat into the wood. It has probably been forgotten about and perhaps in time will be swallowed up into the developing tree.



PYLLE St Thomas a Becket ST6070538327 14th July 2014

Five yews grow here. Below left is the tree at the SW perimeter – multi-stemmed from low down and very upright. The smallest girth obtainable was 7' 7" close to the ground. Another yew next to it had been left for dead but had clearly sprung back to life.



North of the church at the perimeter is this yew that has become the dumping ground for thick piles of churchyard waste. The tree was ivy covered and appeared to have a girth of 6'7".





The largest yew here (left) grows in the NE corner on the church yard at the perimeter. It is male with a girth of 10' 2" at 2'.

On the south side to the east is this spreading young yew. Girth was 2' 6" close to the ground.



QUEEN CAMEL St Barnabus ST5973524915 14th October 2015



Three yews grow here. This one, NW of the church, is male with an ivy clad trunk and a girth over the ivy of about 8' 6".



This yew, NE of the church, has trunk features that suggest an Irish Yew, but the leaves are common yew.

A third yew, a young, multi-stemmed female tree grows south of the church at the east end (no photo).