## TRELYSTAN St Mary Diocese of Hereford SJ2635903924

Trelystan's half timbered church is reached along a 200 m gated track accessible by car.
The yews here were first recorded by the Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust, who in 1996 noted that 'six yews of considerable age encircle the west side of the church; the largest being by the south porch. Two yews located along with a holly tree near the south-east gate and a third yew felled'.

I visited in September 2004 and April 2015. Photos are all from 2015.
Tree 1 is an ancient male growing close to the church's south porch. It consists of a series of young looking branches around the edges of and in the centre of a bole with a height of $2^{\prime} / 33^{\prime}$. Girth was recorded as $19^{\prime} 10$ " at its narrowest point close to the ground in 2004. New twiggy growth prevented meaningful measurement in 2015.


Trees 7 and 8 grow 3 metres apart SE of the church.
Tree 8 , female, had a girth of $12^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ at $3^{\prime}$ in 2004 and $12^{\prime} 8 \frac{1}{2}$ " at the same height in 2015 . The tree is classified as veteran because of its condition, with half of its circumference comprising dead wood.


Tree 7 is male with a girth of $12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ at $3^{\prime}$ in 2004 and $12^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ at the same height in 2015.
Tree 2 (below) is the first yew seen on entering the churchyard. It is female, with a girth of about 12 ' 6 " at the ground in 2015, though twiggy growth hindered accurate measurement. The bole swells above a height of 4 '. A hollow space is seen at the base of the tree.


Tree 3, 4, 5 and 6 are smaller girthed yews.
Girths in 2015 as follows:
Tree 3: 8' 8" at 3'
Tree 4: 7' $101 / 2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ at ${ }^{\prime}$ - male
Tree 5: exactly 10' between the ground and 1 ' - male
Tree 6: exactly 10' above root bulges and below limb development - female

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