

The ancient yews in the Dioceses of the Church of England - October 2022

In 2022 the Ancient Yew Group updated its classification of yews. Most trees with a girth above 4m are now called **Ancient**. They are categorised according to their present girth or a known historic girth.

Ancient - E are those exceptional yews with girth above 9m and a likely age above 1000 years.

Ancient ¹ have a girth between 7m and 9m and a likely age above 800 years.

Ancient – 5/7m in girth have a likely age above 500 years.

Ancient – 4/5m in girth have a likely age above 400 years.

Notable applies to yews with a girth between 3m and 4m.

Where smaller girthed yews exhibit some of the features found on ancient trees, for example holes, cavities or crevices, they will be classified as **Veteran (V-con)** because of their condition.

Diocese of Canterbury

| Site name | Church name | Tree Classification |
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| Badlesmere | St Leonard | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Barfrestone | St Nicholas | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Boughton Monchelsea | St Peter | 1 ancient - 4/5m |
| Boxley | St Mary and All Saints | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Bridge | St Peter | 1 veteran – condition |
| Broomfield | St Margaret | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Buckland-In-Dover | | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Challock | St Cosmas and St Damian | 3 ancient – all unmeasurable |
| Detling | St Martin of Tours | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Eastling | St Mary | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Eastry | St Mary the Virgin | 1 veteran – condition |
| Egerton | St James | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Elmsted | St James the Great | 4 ancient - 5/7m |
| Godmersham | St Lawrence the Martyr | 1 ancient - 5/7m |

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| | | 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Harrietsham | St John the Baptist | 1 ancient E - 9m+ 1 ancient 5/7m |
| Herne | St Martin | 1 veteran – condition |
| Kennington | St Mary | 4 ancient - 5/7m |
| Leaveland | St Lawrence | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Leeds | St Nicholas | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Little Chart | Church ruin | 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Loose | All Saints | 1 ancient E - 9m+ |
| Molash | St Peter | 3 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 3 ancient - 5/7m |
| Monks Horton | St Peter | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Nackington | St Mary the Virgin | 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Newington-by-Hythe | St Nicholas | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Nonington | St Mary the Virgin | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Norton Court | St Mary | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Petham | All Saints | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Ringwould | St Nicholas | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Ripple | St Mary the Virgin | 1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Rolvenden | St Mary the Virgin | 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Sellindge | | 3 ancient - 5/7m |
| Selling | Selling | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Sholden | St Nicholas | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Stalisfield | St Mary | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Stelling | St Mary | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Stockbury | St Mary Magdalene | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Stowting | St Mary | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |

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| | | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Thanington | St Nicholas | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Throwley | St Michael and All Angels | 2 ancient – 4/5m |
| Thurnham | St Mary | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Tilmanstone | St Andrew | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Tunstall | St John the Baptist | 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m |
| Ulcombe | All Saints | 2 ancient E - 9m+ 2 ancient 5/7m |
| Upper Hardres | St Peter and St Paul | 1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient – 4/5m |
| Waldershare Park | All Saints - Redundant church | 1 ancient E - 9m+ 1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient - 4/5m 1 notable |
| Walmer | St Mary | 1 ancient - 5/7m |
| Waltham | St Bartholomew | 5 ancient - 5/7m |