

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.

Ancient¹ 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 Chester

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
With the exception of Taxal, the sites are all in Cheshire		
Astbury	St Mary	1 ancient unmeasurable
Bunbury	St Boniface	1 ancient - 5/7m
Eastham	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Farndon	St Chad	1 ancient - 5/7m
Goostrey	St Luke	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Nether Alderley	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Prestbury	St Peter	1 ancient - 4/5m 1 veteran - condition
Taxal, Derbyshire	St James	1 ancient - 4/5m
Warburton	St Werburgh - CCT	1 veteran – condition