

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 Exeter

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Bampton	St Michael and All Angels	2 ancient – unmeasurable
Colaton Raleigh	St John the Baptist	1 ancient - 5/7m
Combe Raleigh	St Nicholas	1 ancient - 5/7m
Culm Davey		1 ancient - 5/7m
Dartington	Church ruin in parkland	1 ancient - 5/7m 1 ancient – 4/5m
Farway, Church Green	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 ancient - 5/7m
Heavitree	St Michael and All Angels	1 veteran – condition
Hemyock	St Mary	1 ancient Exceptional - 9m+
Holne	St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Kenn	St Andrew	1 ancient Exceptional - 9m+
Kentisbeare	St Mary	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 1 veteran - condition
Mamhead	St Thomas the Apostle	1 ancient Exceptional - 9m+
Payhembury	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient Exceptional - 9m+
Plymtree	St John the Baptist	1 ancient - 5/7m

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Shirwell	St Peter	2 ancient - 5/7m
Silverton	St Mary	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Staverton	St Paul	1 ancient - 5/7m -has been larger
Stoke Gabriel	St Gabriel and St Mary	1 ancient - 5/7m
Stoodleigh	St Margaret	1 ancient - 5/7m
Uplyme	St Peter and St Paul	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Westleigh	St Peter	1 ancient - unmeasurable
Withycombe Barton - Bystock	St John in the Wilderness	1 ancient – 4/5m
Zeal Monachorum	St Peter	1 ancient - 5/7m