

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 Guildford

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Albury	St Peter and St Paul - redundant church	1 ancient - 5/7m
Alfold	St Nicholas	1 ancient - 5/7m
Ashtead	St Giles and St George	1 ancient - 5/7m
Capel	St John the Baptist	1 ancient - 5/7m
Dunsfold	St Mary and All Saints	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Hambledon	St Peter	1 ancient E - 9m+ 1 ancient 5/7m
Little Bookham	All Saints	1 ancient 5/7m
Peper Harow	St Nicholas	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Walton-on-the-Hill	St Peter the Apostle	1 veteran – condition