

# LEWCOMBE (East Chelborough)

St James Church, Lewcombe (East Chelborough), Dorset

Site Type: Churchyard. Remote riverside location enhances heritage value.

Access: Public (via driveway to Lewcombe Manor)

Grid Reference (site): church approx. ST55890756

Date Surveyed: 03 January 2026

Updated record: Two yews surveyed (site previously recorded with one or two; update confirms two notable yews).

Tree 1 (Previously recorded tree ID 6149: Notable; recorded 25/05/2012 by Peter Norton as male, girth 373 cm at ground level, overhanging small stream)

Riverside Yew, likely the 2012 male:

- Height: ~11 m
- Girth: 384 cm at ground level (multiple stems/tributes from ~400 mm height)
- Location: ~15 m north of north side of church, on boundary beside river/stream
- What3Words: ///tomato.overdrive.javelin
- Description: Good health; no major issues observed. No cavities noted. Multi-stemmed form.
- Sex: Unknown (2012 record noted male; recheck recommended).
- Notes: Girth increase from 373 cm (2012) to 384 cm (2026) consistent with slow growth. Riverside position may aid vigour, but monitor for erosion/compaction.



Tree 2 (near NW corner):

- Height: ~ 10m
- Girth: 233 cm at 1.5 m (measured at nail)
- Location: ~10 m west of NW corner of church
- Grid Reference: ST5587807558
- What3Words: ///dried.coffee.starfish
- Description: Clear stem to ~2 m; bifurcates at ~3 m. Good health and condition. No cavities noted.
- Sex: Not known



No threats observed; recommend mulching and monitoring root zone for T1 due to proximity to water

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