

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 Lichfield

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Adderley, Shropshire	St Peter - Churches Conservation Trust	1 ancient 5/7m
Baschurch, Shropshire	All Saints	1 ancient 4/5m
Boningale, Shropshire	St Chad	1 veteran (condition)
Chapel Chorlton, Staffordshire	St Laurence	1 ancient 4/5m 1 veteran (condition)
Codsall, Staffordshire	St Nicholas	1 ancient 5/7m 1 ancient fragment
Draycott-in-the-Moors, Staffordshire	St Margaret	1 ancient 5/7m 1 ancient 4/5m
Drayton Bassett, Staffordshire	St Peter	1 veteran (condition)
Dudleston, Shropshire	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 5/7m
Ellastone, Staffordshire	St Peter	2 ancient 5/7m
Forton, Staffordshire	All Saints	1 ancient 5/7m
Gayton, Staffordshire	St Peter	1 ancient 4/5m
Hanbury	St Werburgh	1 veteran (condition)
Horton, Staffordshire	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient 5/7m

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Little Ness, Shropshire	St Martin	2 ancient 4/5m
Longnor	St Bartholomew	1 veteran (condition)
Oswestry, Shropshire	St Oswald, King and Martyr	1 ancient 5/7m
Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire	St Lawrence	1 ancient 4/5m
Ruyton-XI-Towns, Shropshire	St John the Baptist	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Selattyn, Shropshire	St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m 1 ancient 4/5m
Tettenhall, West Midlands	St Michael and All Angels	2 ancient 5/7m Ancient unmeasurable
Uppington, Shropshire	Holy Trinity	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Yorton, Shropshire	Church ruin	1 ancient 4/5m