

## 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 Oxford

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Aldworth, Berkshire	St Mary	Ancient – unmeasurable
Arborfield, Berkshire	St Bartholomew – church ruin	1 ancient 4/5m 1 notable
Blewbury, Oxfordshire	St Michael	1 ancient 5/7m
Brightwell Baldwin, Oxfordshire	St Bartholomew	1 ancient 5/7m
Britwell Salome, Oxfordshire	St Nicholas	1 ancient 5/7m (almost 7m)
Combe, Berkshire	St Swithun	1 ancient 5/7m 1 notable
Didcot, Oxfordshire	All Saints	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m
Drayton, Oxfordshire	St Peter	1 ancient 5/7m
Fulbrook, Oxfordshire	St James	1 ancient 5/7m
Heythrop (old church) , Oxfordshire	St Nicholas–church used once a year	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m
Ibstone, Buckinghamshire	St Nicholas	1 ancient 5/7m
Iffley, Oxfordshire	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m
Langley Marish, Bucks	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m

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Midgham, Berkshire	St Matthew	1 ancient 5/7m
North Moreton, Oxfordshire	All Saints	1 veteran - condition
Ruscombe, Berkshire	St James the Great	1 ancient 4/5m
Rycote Chapel, Oxon	St Michael and All Angels – private chapel managed by English Heritage	1 ancient <sup>1</sup> - 7/9m
Sandhurst, Berkshire	St Michael and All Angels	1 veteran - condition
Shottesbrooke Park, Berks	St John Baptist	1 ancient 5/7m
South Moreton, Oxon	St John the Baptist	1 ancient 5/7m
Steventon, Oxfordshire	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient 5/7m
Sunninghill, Berkshire	St Michael and All Angels	1 ancient 5/7m
The Lee, Buckinghamshire	St John the Baptist	1 ancient 4/5m
Upton Nivet, Berkshire	St Peter	1 ancient 5/7m 1 veteran – condition
Upton-cum-Chalvey	St Laurence	1 ancient 4/5m
White Waltham, Berkshire	St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m