

## 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 St Albans

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Totteridge is in Greater London. The remaining sites are in Hertfordshire		
Benington	St Peter	1 ancient 1 - 7/9m
Broxbourne	St Augustine of Canterbury	1 ancient 5/7m
Dane End/Little Munden	All Saints	1 ancient 5/7m
Little Hadham	St Cecilia	1 ancient 4/5m
Nettleden	St Laurence	1 ancient 4/5m
Shenleybury	St Botolph	1 ancient 5/7m
Thorley	St James the Great	1 ancient 5/7m
Totteridge	St Andrew	1 ancient Extraordinary
Watton at Stone	St Andrew and St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m
Wormleybury	St Laurence	1 ancient 5/7m