

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.

Ancient¹ 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 Winchester

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Bentley	St Mary	1 veteran – condition 3 notable
Binsted	Holy Cross	1 ancient 4/5m
Bishopstoke	Church ruin	1 ancient 5/7m
Breamore	St Mary	1 ancient Exceptional
Brockenhurst	St Nicholas	1 ancient 5/7m
Broughton	St Mary	1 veteran – condition
Bursledon	St Leonard	1 ancient 5/7m
East Tytherley	St Peter	1 ancient 5/7m
Ellingham	St Mary and All Saints	1 veteran – condition
Farringdon	All Saints	1 ancient Exceptional 1 ancient 5/7m
Harbridge	All Saints	1 ancient 5/7m
Hartley Witney	St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m
Hound	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 5/7m
Hurstbourne Priors	St Andrew	1 ancient 5/7m
Itchen Abbas	St John the Baptist	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m

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Lockerley	St John	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Long Sutton	All Saints	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m 2 ancient 5/7m
Minstead	All Saints	1 ancient 4/5m
Newton Valence	St Mary	1 ancient 5/7m
Old Alresford	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 5/7m
Owslebury	St Andrew	1 ancient 5/7m
Ropley	St Peter	1 ancient 4/5m
St Mary Bourne	St Peter	1 ancient 5/7m
Steventon	St Nicholas	1 ancient 5/7m
Tangley	St Thomas of Canterbury	1 ancient 5/7m
Twyford	St Mary the Virgin	1 ancient 4/5m
West Tisted	St Mary Magdalene	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Whitchurch	All Hallows	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m
Woodcott	St James	1 ancient ¹ - 7/9m