

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 Worcester

Site name	Church name	Tree Classification
Alvechurch	St Laurence	1 Ancient ¹ 7/9m
Broadwas	St Mary Magdalene	1 ancient 4/5m
Broughton Hackett	St Leonard	1 ancient fragment
Churchill-in-Halfshire	St James	1 ancient 5/7m
Clifton-on-Teme	St Kenelm	1 ancient 5/7m
Great Comberton	St Michael	1 ancient 5/7m
Kington, Worcs	St James	1 veteran – condition
Knighton-On-Teme	St Michael	1 ancient 5/7m
Leigh	St Edburga	1 ancient 4/5m 1 veteran-condition
Pensax		2 ancient 5/7m
Powick	St Peter and St Lawrence	1 ancient 5/7m
South Littleton	St Michael the Archangel	1 ancient 4/5m
Tardebigge	St Bartholomew	2 ancient 5/7m
Whittington	St Philip and St James	1 ancient 4/5m