

HAREWOOD FOREST Hampshire

Harewood Forest, southeast of Andover, covers a vast area and is bisected by the A303. This area of private ancient woodland is in the north section of the forest. When I visited in 2002 I was unaware that the land was privately owned. At that time it was managed by the Wills estate. There were more than 100 yews contained within a small area, mainly younger yews but with some very large specimens.

Tree 1: girths 16' 1" at 1' and 18' 2" at 2', just below a small limb. Three substantial growth areas, each with numerous branches which separate from the main bole at a height of 5'/6', where there is a small platform. Many branches dip to the ground. Much gall was noted.



Tree 2: 50 metres SW of tree 1 is male and girths 19' 9" low down at its narrowest waist, with lateral branches emerging close to the ground. The whole tree covered in epicormic growth. From a distance it appears to have a massive central trunk, closer examination reveals it to be made up of many smaller branches, about 3' in circumference, which have coalesced and may in time form 1 trunk. Growth is upwards rather than lateral, its rising branches leaning gently outwards higher in the tree, creating an elegant appearance. Exposed roots stretch from the trunk.



Tree 3: Further along the path the next group of yew is seen. The largest is a massive presence in this wood. No two people are likely to measure it at the same place or in the same way for it has low branches emerging at various angles at the edges of the main bole.

I recorded 24' 10" near to the ground, which excluded the peripheral growth at the base of the tree. Also 23' 9" at 2/3'. Around the whole tree at the base, including peripheral growth is a girth of 29' 2".



Tree 4 girths 15' 9" close to the ground at (A) excluding peripheral branches. It has some gall and epicormic growth. Its main branches are parallel and upright.

Tree 5 girths 17' 4" at the base. It has a platform at about 3' from which grow many upright and angled branches.

Tree 6 girths 15' 8" low down with much sprawling growth.

Tree 7 girths 17' 10" at its base.

Tree 8 has 2 additional trunks emerging from the ground 4 metres from the main bole, but which are obviously part of the tree. At its narrowest I recorded 15' 10".