

# SOMERSET Churchyard yew measurements

## Ashill (Male)



						15'	1791: Collinson/Rack
14' 7"			15'				1895: Lowe p184
16' 7"			18' 3" - ivy affected				1999 Hills
17' 2" close to ground over ivy	18' exactly at 2' 6"						2015 Hills

## Ashill (Female)



17' 9"			20' 0"				1895: Lowe p184
	19' 9"	21' 4"			26' 9"		1999 Hills

Badgworth – tree 1  
1740 Known planting date

		8' 11"	8' 8"				2013 Hills
		9' 6"	9' 3"				2013 Hills

## Barrington - tree 1



	15' 1"						2007 Hills
	15' 1"						2015 Hills/Norton

Barrington - tree 2



	12' 2"						2007 Hills
	12' 7"						2015 Hills
	12' 4"		12' 4"				2015 Norton

Barrington - tree 3



11' 9" nr ground							2007 Hills
11' 11½" nr ground							2015 Hills
12' at root crown							2015 Norton

Bickenhall



27' 6" (an incorrect measurement - probably taping around each root)	13'					1954 Swanton p42
	14' 9"					2006 Hills
	14' 4" at about 2' - narrowest available					2015 Hills

Bicknoller				23' 8"			1989 Meredith
		25' 9" between 1'/2'					1997 Hills
	22' 11" narrowest	25' 9" between 1'/2'					2000 Hills
						708cm (23' 3") at 0.5/1.2m	2006 Johnson
		25' 0" at about 2' from the ground measured from the hollowed side. Nails marked this height.					2012 Hills
Biddisham			11' 6"				2007 Hills
		11' 9"					2013 Hills
Blackford (Sparkford) Tree 1 SW			10' 11"				2006 Hills
			11' 6½"				2016 Hills
Blackford (Sparkford) Tree 2 SE			10' 1"				2006 Hills
			10' 9"				2016 Hills
Brompton Ralph							
			14' 10½"	15' 10½"			1991 Conservation Foundation
	15' 1" over ivy						2016 Hills

Buckland St Mary									
					4 yards			1791: Collinson/Rack	
		12'		15' 6"				1895 Lowe p 86	
			14' 9"					2002 Hills	
			15' 0½"					2015 Hills	
Burrington – tree 1							18'	1791: Collinson	
							8 yards round his trunk	1940s Mee	
							18' (copied 1791 notes)	1946 Cornish	
				19' 4"				1997 Hills	
		18' 5" close to ground		19' 4"				1999 Hills	
		18' 7" close to ground		19' 5½"				2012 Hills	
Burrington – tree 2									
						13' 0"	approx..	1998 Hills	
			13' 8" at 1' - above roots	13' 9"				2012 Hills	

## Butcombe



			13' 4"				1999 Hills
			13' 11"				2014 Hills

## Cameley



	13' 4"		13' 7"				2003 Hills
	13' 11"	13' 9"	14' 1"				2015 Hills
	13' 9"					sloping ground	2015 Norton

## Carhampton



	12' 8"					Ivy swamping tree	2012 Hills
	12' 5"					Ivy removed	2016 Hills

## Chapel Allerton



				17'		1791 Collinson/Rack
			16' 0"			1894 Lowe p 87
16' 5" above roots			16' 0"		13' 2"	
16' 11" above roots			16' 1½"		13' 6½"	2015 Hills

## Chard



14' 5"

15' 0" over thin ivy

2006 Hills

2016 Hills

## Chew Stoke



12' 2"

12' 8"

12' 11"

2004 Hills

13' 5"

2015 Hills

## Chilcompton



28' 6"

30' 0"

1988 Conservation Foundation

29' 3"

16 April 1992  
Meredith

25' 2"

29' 2" over ivy

1999 Hills

25' 7" Measured at the ground on the south side of the tree and at the root crown on the north side where this is a natural waist line.

2012 Norton

25' 6½" at or close to the ground

29' 7"

2013 Hills

27' 2"

30' 0"

2022 Hills





Dinnington	19' 2" at narrowest						2006 Hills
	19' 3" close to ground						2014 Norton
	19' 4" close to ground						2016 Hills
Drayton (male)							
	12' 5" between ground and 6"						2002 Hills
	12' 11" close to base						2015 Norton
	13' 1" between ground and 6"						2016 Norton
Drayton (female)							
	12' 0" lowest						2002 Hills
	12' 5" (minimum) - ground/root crown						2015 Norton
	12' 8" hard to find reliable place to measure						2016 Hills
Dunkerton							
			about 17' at 2' above lower slope				2003 Hills
			550cm (18') at 80cm				2008 ATH
	16' 11" measured at the height from the top of the soil (close to the wall) - tape at 90 deg to the bole (approx. 2' from the yew's east side)						2014 Norton

Durleigh South									
			13' 11" at 1' above higher ground over ivy						2012 Hills
			14' 8" at 4' over ivy						2016 Hills
East Chinnock									
			18' 9"		21' 3"		23' 11"		2000 Hills
		19' 3" close to ground							2014 Norton
			19' 6"		22' 2"				2016 Hills
East Lydford				10' 0½"	This became a church site in 1866 and the yew was presumably planted at that time.				2006 Hills
East Lyng									
			10' 6"		11' 1"				2006 Hills
			11' 0½"		11' 9"				2015 Hills

East Woodlands (SW)								
		18' 2"		17' 4"	19' 1"			2003 Hills
		18' 6"	18' 6"					2011 Norton
		19' 2½"	18' 9½"	19' 9"	2015 girths are so affected by ivy as to be of limited use			2015 Hills
East Woodlands (SE)								
				13' 6" over ivy				2003 Hills
		12' 10" at 18"						2011 Norton
				14' 7" over ivy				2015 Hills
East Woodlands (NW)								
				13' 4"				2003 Hills
		13' 6"	13' 7"					2011 Norton
		13' 8"	13' 9½"	13' 9½"				2015 Hills
East Woodlands (NNE)				9' 5"				2003 Hills
		10' 1" at 18"						2011 Norton
		10' 1" at 18"		9' 9½"				2015 Hills

Elworthy



29' 0" lowest girth close to ground						1997 Hills
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29' 4" lowest girth close to ground						2016 Hills
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Enmore



						15'	1940 Mee
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			16' 9"	18' 4"	19' 1"		2001 Hills
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			17' 4½"				2016 Hills
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Hardington Mandeville



	14' 11"						2007 Hills
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	15' 8" over some ivy						2016 Hills
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## Mells – south – tree 2



						1999 Hills
	14' 4"		14' 4"	Both measurements from the top of the mound		2011 Norton

## Middle Chinnock



15' 10" at ground level of highest ground - horizontal tape				16' 1"			2007 Hills
	15' 11"		15' 11"				2014 Norton
16' 6"				16' 3"			2016 Hills

## Monksilver

1770 likely planting date

			10' 7" above lower ground		2016 Hills
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## Misterton

3 yews probably dating from 1840. Girths of 8' 11": 9' 7": 8' 3" over very thick ivy - in 2016

1840 church built

## Nailsea (Christchurch)

Notice next to the tree says yew was planted in 1840, when the church was built. Girth 12' 1" trying to obtain a minimum in the first 6" of its growth.

2015 Hills

Nailsea (Holy Trinity)



		13' 1"					2002 Hills
		13' 7"					2015 Hills

North Cadbury



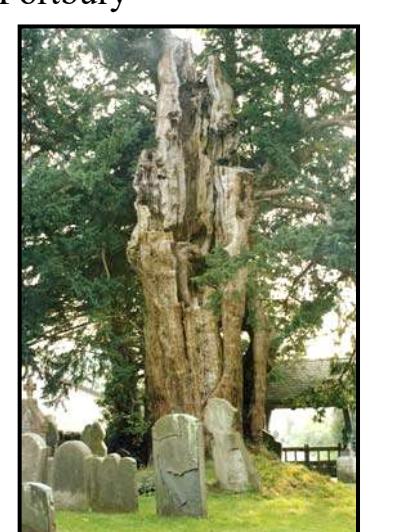
	10' 11"	10' 8"				11' 3" at 1' 6"	2010 Norton
	10' 11"	10' 8"				11' 3½" at 1' 6"	2016 Hills

North Perrott



	20' 3"		22' 7"				2000 Hills
20' 10" natural waist line and the current ground height							2014 Norton
	21' 2" at 1' over some twigs						2016 Hills

North Wootton					12' 10"		2000 Hills
					13' 4½"		2016 Hills
Norton Malreward							
				13' 5"			2001 Hills
				14' 2"			2014 Hills
	13' 6" root crown						2015 Norton
Odcombe							
				18' 6" above large bulgy section at the base of the tree			2007 Hills
			18' 6" at about 2' 6"				2014 Norton
			18' 8" above large bulgy section at the base of the tree				2016 Hills
Orchardleigh							
	16' 0" root crown	16' 0" at 18"					2011 Norton
		16' 2½" at 18"					2016 Hills

Pilton				17' 10"	18' 5"			1988 Conservation Foundation letter
	18' 6"		17' 6"					1997 Hills
		17' 3" at 2', not including small piece of fragmented stump						2012 Norton
	18' 6"		17' 9½"					2016 Hills
Puckington		Tree south of the church. Parish records say it was planted in 1724.						
	13' 0"		11' 0"					1897 Lowe
	15' 8"		16' 4"					1999 Hills
		15' 7"						2014 Norton
		15' 7"	15' 8¾"	16' 1½"				2015 Hills
Portbury				16' 7"				1889 Lowe
			16' 9"					1955 Swanton
			17' 1"					1997 Hills

Seavington St Mary	19' 7"	20' 4"		23' 0"				1999 Hills
	20' 2" (nails)							2014 Hills
	20' 1½"	20' 8"						2016 Norton
Seavington St Michael			15' 0"					2007 Hills
		15' 8"	15' 3"	15' 2"				2014 Hills
			15' 4½"		15' 5"			2016 Norton
South Brewham tree 2 -SE	15' at base			12' 4"				1924 Swanton
				14' 3"				2000 Hills
				14' 4" at 3' from top of mound				2012 Norton
				14' 8"				2016 Hills
				I tried to establish where 3' was and a girth of 15' 5" suggested that it was not where I measured in 2016				
South Brewham tree 1 - S				15' 0"				1924 Swanton
	15' 8"		16' 2"					2000 Hills
	16' 1" gnd/6"	16' 0"	16' 8"					2012 Norton
	Not possible		16' 2" at 2' above the lowest ground, keeping tape horizontal					2016 Hills
			16' 5" at 2' above the lowest ground, keeping tape horizontal					2022 Hills
			16' 10" at 2' above ground all the way round tree.					2022 Hills

## South Petherton - tree 1



	16' 0"						2006 Hills
	16' 2"	16' 5"					2014 Norton
	16' 6"	16' 8" - allow 2" for ivy					2016 Hills

## South Petherton - tree 2



	13' 7" ivy						2006 Hills
		13' 6"					2014 Norton
	14' 0" no ivy						2016 Hills

## Staple Fitzpaine



13' 6"			14'				1954 Swanton
about 14' at base of tree							1999 Hills

## Stocklinch Ottersey



22' 4" over ivy	20' 3"					2006 Hills
		20' 6" at about 2' 6" where two nails were embedded				

Stogursey					Just over 11' - over thick ivy	2000 Hills			
					11' 11"	2014 Hills			
Stoke St Mary									
		13' 10" at 1' - ivy accounting for several inches				2006 Hills			
		13' 10" at 1' ivy removed				2015 Hills			
Stowey									
	13' 9" at the ground exaggerated by twiggy growth					2004 Hills			
		13' 5"				2015 Norton			
	13' 5½ at or close to the ground avoiding new shoots at the tree's base					2015 Hills			

## Ston Easton



		20' 6" at narrowest		1997 Hills
		20' 11" at about 2' - natural waist line		2014 Norton

## Theale

	11' 6" between 1' and 2'				1826 church built - measured in 2016
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## Thornfalcon

	10' 9"				2007 Hills
	11' 1"				2015 Hills

## Timberscombe



13' 4" close to ground	13' 11"				2003 Hills
405cm (13' 3") at 20cm					2006 Johnson
13' 4"	14' 4"				2012 Hills

Wellow  
1834 planting date

		6' 0"				2003 Hills
	6' 1"					2015 Hills

Wells (Horrington) St Thomas								1857 church built
Tree 1	8' 11" at root crown							
Tree 2	8' 5"							
Tree 3	9' 9"							
Tree 4	6' 7"							
West Chinnock								
		17' 2"		17' 8"				2007 Hills
	17' 7" between the ground and 6"			18'				2014 Norton
		17' 11"		18' 5"				2016 Hills
West Harptree		12' 4"						2001 Hills
		12' 11" ivy	13' 2" ivy					2013 Hills
West Hatch		13' 9"						2007 Hills
		13' 10½"						2015 Hills

### Westbury-sub-Mendip



19' 4" close to ground						1999 Hills
20' 3" close to ground						2014 Norton
20' 1" close to ground						2015 Hills

### Wick St Lawrence (1)



			14' 8"				2004 Hills
			15' 1"				2015 Hills

### Wick St Lawrence (2)



							1842 planting date
	8' 4"						2004 Hills
	8' 9"						2015 Hills

Winford - left side of path approaching church	8' 8"						2004 Hills
	9' 3"						2015 Hills
Winscombe							
					21' 3"		1997 Hills
20' 9" at 6"	20' 6"	20' 8"					2014 Norton
	20' 7"	20' 8"	21' 3½"				2015 Hills
	21' 0½"	21' 2"	21' 10"				2026 Hills
Winsham							
		11' 5"					2006 Hills
		11' 8½"					2016 Hills
Withycombe							
	22' 5" close to ground						2000 Hills
	22' 5" close to ground						2012 Hills

Wootton Courtenay



			16' 0"				2000 Hills
		15' 6"					2003 Hills
	15' 5"						2006 Johnson
		15' 10"					2012 Hills
		16' 2"	16' 6"				2016 Hills

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