

## OXFORDSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

**ADDERBURY** St Mary Virgin SP471354 17/8/2001 Tim Hills

Vaughan Cornish noted a tree to which there was a reference in 1656. There were several yews in the churchyard, the largest with a girth of perhaps 12'/14', breaking from a 2' bole into 2 main branches.

**ARDINGTON** Holy Trinity SU431883 2011 Peter Norton

A female yew south west of the church girthing 10' 6" at 1'. A second female north west – girth not recorded.



**CHADLINGTON** St Nicholas

Photographed in 2016 by Jonathan Emanuel. Girth is probably between 10' and 12'.



**DEDDINGTON** St Peter and St Paul SP467318 25/5/2011 Tim Hills

Many young yews in this churchyard. No sign of the ancient yew I had been told about.

**EAST HENDRED** St Augustine's of Canterbury SU459886 29/10/2011 Peter Norton

Two young female yews south east of church – girths not recorded.

**EAST LOCKINGE** All Saints SU428872 29/10/2011 Peter Norton

A mid 12th century church in parkland. Two male yews grow south of the porch. The west yew girthed 9' 3" and the east yew was 10' 1", both measured at about 1' – the height at which somebody had hammered nails into the trees.



**FERNHAM** St John the Evangelist SU293918 31/1/2011 Peter Norton

The present church was built in 1861. A yew grows on a mound west of the church.



**KINGSTONE LISLE** St John the Baptist SU326876 29/10/2011 Peter Norton

A 12th century church One young male yew grows west of the church.

**LITTLE COXWELL** St Mary the Virgin 31/1/2011 Peter Norton

A 12th century church built as a chapel of ease. A female yew grows close to the south east perimeter. A girth of 10' 4" at 1' was recorded, the height of a nail embedded into the trunk.



LITTLEMORE St Mary and St Nicholas SP538028 5/11/2005 Tim Hills

I had been informed of an ancient yew at this site. I visited in darkness and found nothing larger girthed than about 8'.

NEWINGTON St Giles SU609966 4/6/2003 Tim Hills

2 male yews grow here. That to the east had a girth of 9' 11" at 3'. Foliage was thin. That to the SE had a girth of 10' 1" at 1'. Its trunk gradually swells outwards and at a height of 5' branches grow upwards around a small platform.

NORTH HINKSEY St Lawrence SP495055 4/6/2003 Tim Hills

2 contrasting female yews grow south of the church. The largest grows closest to the building and is tall, with much gall, but also new growth. Its girth was 10' 2" at 2'. The smaller growing next to it had many dead leaves. This one is broad with no great height.

PISHILL SU726898 10/4/2014 Peter Norton

Pishill church, of unknown dedication, is at the top of a hill overlooking the village. It is a flint-and-stone building of Norman origin and was largely rebuilt in 1854. The north perimeter is lined with young yew and to the west of the church grow two mature yews with girths around 8'9". At the east gate a further two yews grow either side of the path. The north tree is male (below left) and girthed 10' 10" while the south tree (below right) was female and girthed 10'.



**SOUTH STOKE** St Andrew SU599836 5/11/2005 Tim Hills

I was asked to visit to help in a Health and Safety dispute. The yew overhanging the school playground was threatened with partial destruction because 'yew has poisonous berries' which might fall into the playground. The yew was in fact male, as are the other two in the churchyard!

**WOODEATON** Holy Rood SP536119 5/11/2011 Tim Hills

Text with a photo from 1890 describes a large yew tree standing in the churchyard. 5 yews grow here, nothing of great merit, though in size the many stemmed ones are above 10'.



**WOOLSTONE** All Saints SU294875 29/10/2011 Peter Norton

A 12th century church. One young male yew.