

SHROPSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

BEDSTONE St Mary SO36897574 2017 Paul Wood

A few younger yews around the north and east perimeter of the churchyard. Around the village and Bedstone College Grounds are many more yews of various sizes with some close to 12ft in girth.

BITTERLEY St Mary SO57077731 2017 Paul Wood

A young yew south of the church.

BORASTON No dedication SO61347004 2018 Paul Wood

Younger yews.

BROSELEY All Saints SJ678015 22/11/2008 Tim Hills

The church was once in the centre of the village. The church internet guide describes 'an ancient yew' standing in the church grounds. Old but clearly not ancient. The male yew had a girth of 11 9" at 6" and a bole height of 6'8', above this many upright branches. Uniformity of these suggests that it had its crown removed. The space beneath the tree was being used to store old tombstones etc.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER St Mary SO67397578 2108 Paul Wood

A couple of younger yews.

CLUNGUNFORD St Cuthbert SO3948578742 2000 Pat Denne

Yews recorded with diameters of 100cm, 80cm, 50cm, 30cm, 20cm, 20cm.

CORELEY St Peter SO61327399 2108 Paul Wood

Some possible ivy infested yew stumps on the eastern boundary but the ivy is so thick it would need specialist equipment to clear.



CULMINGTON All Saints SO49368196 2016 Paul Wood

A few younger yews.

CWM HEAD Cwm Head church SO4232088692 2005 Pat Denne

A yew with a diameter of 90cm recorded.

DIDDLESBURY St Peter SO50838537 2106 Paul Wood

Many younger yews.

DODDINGTON St John SO61547616 2017 Paul Wood

A couple of younger yews.

EATON-UNDER-HAYWOOD St Edith SO49959000 27/11/2011 Tim Hills

A Norman church, built on sloping ground. The Rev. Williams watercolour of 1789 shows a large girthed tree growing east of the church. Today a male yew grows in that position. It is a much younger tree with thick low twiggy growth preventing access to the trunk. It was presumably planted to replace the tree painted in 1789. Girth appeared no more than about 8'.

EDGTON St Michael SO38648573 2017 Paul Wood

A couple of younger yews in the churchyard but a substantial yew noted in the village at SO38738579.

ELLESMERE St Mary SJ4017934855 2018 Paul Wood

A number of younger yews.

HOPESAY St Mary SO38918328 2017 Paul Wood

A number of younger yews.

HOPTON CASTLE St Edward SO36347825 2017 Paul Wood

No yews in churchyard but a number of younger yews in the gardens along the street leading to the church.

KNOWBURY St Paul SO57197522 2017 Paul Wood

Young yews along the southern churchyard boundary.

LEIGHTON St Mary SJ613051 2/4/2003 Tim Hills

There are certainly many yews around, but nothing that appeared of particular significance.

In the 1930s *The King's England* noted that 'clipped yews are everywhere and everywhere delightful. They are in the garden of the 18th century hall, in the churchyard, and over the cottage gate, this one 30' high, clipped in a haystack shape.'

LINLEY St Leonard SO687985 22/11/2008 Tim Hills

Here is a church in a field, built in the late 12th century. In the 1851 *History of the County of Shropshire: Volume 10* is this description: In the 1850s the church stood in a field near a 'venerable' yew, with no burial ground. A male yew grows S of the church, but it did not appear to be a tree described as venerable 150 years ago.

LUDLOW St Leonard SO5116374717 23/5/2006 Pat Denne

Two yews recorded with diameters of 60cm and 60cm.

LYDBURY NORTH St Michael and All Angels SO3520886029 12/4/2000 Pat Denne

Three yews recorded, with diameters of 100cm, 100cm and 60cm.

MARTON St Mark SJ2878102641 2017 Paul Wood

Two young yews.

MEOLE BRACE Holy Trinity SJ486106 3/4/2003 Tim Hills

SE of the church a yew whose many branches from 2' to 5' up on the bole arch up and over to reach the ground in most places around the tree. The rest of the bole feeds into central growth. There was much gall on this female tree, with a girth of 10' 11" at 1'. In the 1930s *The King's England* described 'shapely yews'.

MIDDLETON Holy Trinity SO54007733 2016 Paul Wood

Many younger yews.

MIDDLETOWN All Saints SJ3017312656 2018 Paul Wood

A single young yew.

MORTON St Philip and St James SJ2908024050 29/7/2014

Many yews ring church, but nothing above 9ft in girth.

NASH St John the Baptist SO64427171 2018 Paul Wood

A couple of younger yews.

NEEN SOLLARS All Saints SO66007227 2018 Paul Wood

A single yew near the south porch, possibly older than it looks. It has recently had a major overhaul. A number of younger yews also noted around the village.

NEEN SAVAGE St Mary SO67427733 2018 Paul Wood

A tight topiarised common yew at the east end of the church was not investigated due to work in the churchyard.

SHELVE All Saints SO3361699037 11/4/2000 Pat Denne

One yew with a diameter of 80cm.

SIBDON CARWOOD St Michael SO41298315 13/12/2017 Paul Wood

The church dates from the 1700s though many (including myself) believe the site is one of a lost medieval village and therefore of an older church. Research has yet to explore deeper into the history of this site.

Two yews are noted here. The first grows 30m SE of the church and it is not possible to be sure whether it is one or two trees. As well as the living wood, there are the remains of old white sapwood, particularly in a hollow on the south side. Since both male and female were seen in the foliage this would normally suggest two separate trees, but the yew is capable of surprising us with both sexes appearing on one tree. The 2nd yew grows 10 metres west of the church. Girth is only 7'8' but of interest is that its branches on the west side are being allowed to take root on the ground.



SILVINGTON St Michael SO62107984 2016 Paul Wood

No common yews but a number of younger yews on the boundary of the old rectory next door.

STOKE ST MILBOROUGH St Milburga SO567823 11/9/2009 Tim Hills

SSW of the church. Girth (including thick ivy stems) between 9' and 10'. Ivy penetrates right to the top of the tree. Good green and thick foliage. Beneath the tree and between the tree and adjacent wall a large pile of rubble.

STANTON LACY St Peter SO4955678838 23/5/2006 Pat Denne

Five yews recorded with diameters of 60cm, 40cm, 40cm, 30cm and 20cm.

WELSH FRANKTON St Andrew SJ3631633183 2017 Paul Wood

A number of younger yews.

WELSHAMPTON St Michael SJ4328434954 2018 Paul Wood

A number of younger yews north of the church.

WEM St Peter and St Paul SJ5119528832 10/3/2002 Pat Denne

Two yews with diameters of 60cm and 30cm.

WENTNOR St Michael and All saints SO 374927 5/10/2007 Tim Hills

A line of younger yews on the W perimeter.

WESTBURY St Mary SJ3544509469 2018 Paul Wood

Though there are no yews in the churchyard there are many younger yews around the village.

WHITTON St Mary SO57577285 2015 Paul Wood

A number of young yews on the churchyard perimeter.

WISTANSTOW Holy Trinity SO43228558 2018 Paul Wood

A number of younger yews around the churchyard.

WOLLASTON St John the Baptist SJ3283812337 2018 Paul Wood

No yews in the churchyard, but a young yew on the castle mound next door to the west.

WORTHEN Holy Trinity SJ3274604725 2017 Paul Wood

Many young yews.

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