

## WEST SUSSEX - churchyard sites with younger yews

**BARLAVINGTON** St Mary SU9721616049 1992 D.Rudd-Jones

A solid female yew with a girth between 9' 4" and 9' 8". Also this millennium yew planted in 1999.



**BEPTON** St Mary SU854183 Peter Norton

An early church, rebuilt in the 13th century and in 1878. Of the six yews that grow along the east perimeter five are quite small. The largest, with a massive exposed root system, overhangs the road that leads to the farm.

**CHIDHAM** St Mary SU788039 Peter Norton

One young male grows southwest of the church. At the southeast corner of the churchyard is a larger male with three main leaders from a short bole. Much twiggy lower growth and thick stems of ivy preventing accurate measurements and 11' was estimated.

**COCKING** St Catherine of Siena SU879175 Peter Norton

A church recorded in the Domesday Book, restored in the 19th century. One male yew growing north of the church had a girth of 11' at 3'. It has a tapering bole with no break of crown. Two smaller female trees grow along the south and east perimeter.

**COMPTON** St Mary SU777147 Peter Norton

Three young yews grow in the churchyard.

**EAST DEAN** All Saints SU905132 Peter Norton

A 12th century church restored around 1870. One female grows just south of the porch. It has a break of crown at 4' 6" and a girth of 10' 2" at 2'.

**EAST MARDEN** St Peter SU807146 Peter Norton

A 12th century church, much restored in 1875. A male and female grow on the southwest churchyard perimeter and two males on the northwest perimeter.

**EASTERGATE** St George SU9454205090 Peter Norton

A much restored 11th century church. Here are six main yews, four young trees plus several saplings. A male close to the gate girthed 7' 10" at 1'. A female grows SW of the church with four younger yews and some saplings can also be found. Towards the east of the church is a line of four yews. They are (1) male with a girth of 12' 8" at the root crown and 13' 1" at 2' (2) a smaller male (3) a female (4) a female with a girth of 9' at 1'.



**ELSTED** St Paul SU816197 Peter Norton

One young male close to the south gate, many lower branches distorting measurements.

**FISHBOURNE** St Peter & St Mary SU842044 Peter Norton

One male yew grows northeast of the church and a juvenile male, possible a millennium planting, grows to the northwest.

**FORD** St Andrew TQ002036 Peter Norton

A young yew grows east of the church. Thick lower growth prevented measurement.

**LODSWORTH** St Peter SU931227 Peter Norton

An ancient church much altered in the 1840s. Three yews grow here. (1) A columnar female girthing 10' 8" at 1' 6" grows close to what was the original entrance through the tower. (2) A twin trunked female grows on the north perimeter. (3) A male with a girth of 14' close to the ground grows close to the northwest gate. Its girth is exaggerated by side limbs.

**LYMINSTER** St Mary Magdalene TQ022047 Peter Norton

A 10th century Saxon church with considerable restoration after 1850. One male grows close to the north corner of the churchyard. Girth was 8' 11" at 1'.

**MERSTON** St Giles SU893026 Peter Norton

One young yew grows south west of the church.

**NORTH MUNDHAM** St Stephen SU874021 Peter Norton

A 13th century church rebuilt in 1883. One young yew grows near the porch.

**OVING** St Andrew 19/06/2011 Peter Norton

The largest tree here girths about 11'.

**POLING** St Nicholas TQ047045 Peter Norton



A church of Saxon origins restored in 1875. Of the three yews that grow here two are close to the tower. The third, female, grows opposite the south porch.

**SIDLESHAM** St Mary our Lady SZ855990 Peter Norton 2011

A 13th century church, 16th century tower and 19th century porch. One young female with a girth of 8' 8" at 2' grows just west of the church. East of the church is a multi-stemmed male with the girth of 11' 9" at 6".



**SINGLETON** The Blessed Virgin Mary SU878130 Peter Norton

An 11th century church, restored in 1863. One female yew grows near to the north porch. Thick stemmed ivy has recently been cut and a girth of around 10' at 2' was noted.

**STORRINGTON** St Mary TQ086141 8/10/2011 Tim Hills

A report of 3 x 500 year old yews here is wide of the mark. None of the trees is particularly old and no details were taken.

**STOUGHTON** St Mary SU800115 Peter Norton

Three yews grow here, two females west of the church and one male growing from a substantial mound just northwest of the porch. This tree leans away from the church and has new growth from the base of the bole which artificially expands the girth. No measurement was recorded.

**TERWICK** St Peter SU817235 Peter Norton

One male grows close to the porch

**UP MARDEN** St Michael SU795141 Peter Norton

This 13th century church is hidden away from the road up a narrow farm track. It has no electricity and no restoration. As you approach the church from the north entrance you pass beneath four yews, two each side of the footpath of which the largest was 11' 5". On the south side of the church are a further four yews of similar size to the first. At the southeast corner of the churchyard is a circle of five yews with a tomb in the centre dating from 1881. The largest tree in this group measured 9' 8".

**WISTON** All Saints TQ144139 8/10/2011 Tim Hills

A grade 1 listed church. The yew (NE) is not the 'great yew' I was expecting to see. It is a three stemmed tree from close to the ground and was not measured.