

DENBIGHSHIRE - churchyard sites with younger yews

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BODFARI St Stephen SJ0925570118 29/3/2015 Tim Hills

CPAT described yews and firs lining the SE boundary. The yews are all young.

CORWEN St Mael and St Sulien SJ079434 5/9/2004 Tim Hills

One very young yew in this churchyard.

DERWEN St Mary SJ07035073 5/9/2004 Tim Hills

Church now cared for by The Friends of Friendless Churches. Two yews:

(1) SE - a solid bole, in the region 8'/10' female.

(2) SSE just above drop of 6' to road. Impossible to get near to bole through elder and low horizontal branches. In the region 10'/12', male.

LLANDYRNOG St Teyrnog SJ0196665342 CPAT

CPAT described 'yews, none of any great age, around edge of original churchyard, together with occasional pine. One yew in northern strip between scarp bank and perimeter wall.'

LLANFERRES St Berres SJ188606 8/9/2004 Tim Hills

Twin trunked from 3'. Female estimated 14'/16' girth.

LLANFWROG St Mwrog and St Mary SJ1137757820 17/11/2013 Paolo Bavaresco

Two fine yews, the largest measured 9' 3" girth at the base. It has superficial strimmer damage. I also noted a remnant of a stump, which could possibly be a lost yew adjacent, perhaps replaced by the Irish yew?

LLANGOLLEN St Collen SJ2167141975 CPAT

CPAT recorded 'five yew trees of no great age scattered around the south and west sides'.

LLANGYNHAFAL St Cynhafal SJ133634 6/9/2004 Tim Hills

SW - thick low branches prevented bole from being seen. Girth 8'/10'

LLANRHYDD/LLANRHUDD St Meugan SJ140577 6/ 9/2004 Tim Hills

A mix of younger and Irish yews. Largest is male NW with a girth of 9' 3" at 2'.

MELIDEN St Melyd SJ 063 811 7/9/2004 Tim Hills

The only yew here a millennium yew from the Defynnog tree.

RHUDDLAN St Mary SJ021781 7/9/2004 Tim Hills

CPAT describe 'several old...around the perimeter, stumps of 3 along E drive'. Nothing old however.

ST ASAPH St Cyndeyrn and St Asaph SJ036743 24/4/2000 Tim Hills

In 1946 RE Roberts informed Cornish (*The Churchyard Yew and Immortality*) of 10 yews at this site. Not only was the church locked, but also the churchyard. From outside there appeared to be no yews of note, though I managed to count 8, including one in the centre surrounded by a pile of green rubbish.

TREFNANT Holy Trinity SJ053707 24/4/2000 Tim Hills

In *The Churchyard Yew and Immortality* 1946, Cornish records Tref-y-nant, which is a completely different place (with numerous churches and ex-churches of the same name. It was by chance that I discovered Trefnant, and this fits Cornish's description that '6 yews line the main drive, and eight are round the edge of the churchyard'- information supplied by S.E.Ashmore. As well as the 6 young yews lining the drive, there were a further 7 young yews around the edge.

TREVOR SJ2579242233 Tim Hills

Built in 1717 Trevor church has no churchyard as such. It lies in the gently sloping grounds of Trevor Hall. There are however three yews, one on each of the north, west and south sides.