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Churchyard yew measurements

Location	Girth at ground	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	Other	Recorder
Abbots Leigh 	22'			24' at 3'				1889: Lowe
	23' 10" between ground and 1'							1997 Hills
							24' 10" girth indicator only	2015 Norton
Angersleigh 		14' 4"						2001 Hills
		15' 1"						2014 Hills
Ashbrittle 	39' 11"							1997 Hills
	40' 4" a few inches above ground							2014 Norton
	39' 11"							2015 Hills

<p>Ashill (Male)</p> 								
						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	
<p>Ashill (Female)</p> 								
17' 9"			20' 0"				1895: Lowe p184	
	19' 9"	21' 4"			26' 9"		1999 Hills	
<p>Badgworth – tree 1 1740 Known planting date</p>			8' 11"	8' 8"				2013 Hills
<p>Badgworth – tree 2 1740 Known planting date</p>			9' 6"	9' 3"				2013 Hills
<p>Barrington - tree 1</p> 								
	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 		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.				
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						

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"		1999 Hills
16' 11" above roots			16' 1½"		13' 6½"		2015 Hills

Chard								
			14' 5"				2006 Hills	
			15' 0" over thin ivy				2016 Hills	
Chew Stoke								
		12' 2"				12' 11"	2004 Hills	
		12' 8"				13' 5"	2015 Hills	
Chilcompton								
				28' 6"	30' 0"		1988 Conservation Foundation	
		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
Combe Florey								
	25' 11" between ground and 1'			27' app.		29' app	twiggy growth	2000 Hills
	26' 7" close to the ground							2012 Norton
	26' 8" close to the ground							2015 Hills

<p>Compton Dundon</p> 							23' (no height given)	1787 Rack
	21' 0"			23' 2½"				1954 Rev Kellard
	24' 9"	23' 2"		23' 1"				2000 Hills
		23' 9"	23' 5"					2014 Norton
	25' 8"	24' 4"		23' 11"				2016 Hills
<p>Compton Martin</p>		12' 10"						2001 Hills
		13' 6" at 18"						2015 Norton
		13' 7"						2016 Hills
<p>Creech St Michael</p> 	18' 3"			18' 10"				1897 Lowe p87
	about 15'							1997 Hills
	15' 10" (482.6cm)							2009 Hills
<p>Cucklington – NW</p>		12' 10" at 1ft from the top of the bank						2010 Norton
		13' 4" at 1ft from the top of the bank						2016 Hills
<p>Cucklington – SW</p>		10' 4"						2010 Norton
		10' 10"						2016 Hills

<p>Curry Mallet 1</p> 				14' 11"				2006 Hills
				15' 6"				2015 Hills
<p>Curry Mallet 2</p>				8' 6"				2006 Hills
				8' 7½"				2015 Hills
<p>Curry Mallet 3</p>				7' 4"				2006 Hills
				7' 7½"				2015 Hills
<p>Dinder</p> 				31'				1895 Lowe
							11 yards round	1940 Mee
							31feet	1946 Cornish (copied from earlier records)
				35'				1954 Swanton
							30' 11"	1992 Baxter
	29' 6" at ground over adventitious growth							1999 Hills
	29' 11"							2015 Norton
<p>Dinnington</p> 	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
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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
29' 4" lowest girth close to ground							2016 Hills


Enmore							15'	1940 Mee
				16' 9"	18' 4'	19' 1'		2001 Hills
				17' 4½"				2016 Hills
Hardington Mandeville			14' 11"					2007 Hills
			15' 8" over some ivy					2016 Hills
Hinton Blewett			8' 8"					2003 Hills
			9' 1"					2015 Hills
Kingstone		24' 3" base of tree						1997 Hills
		24' 4" close to the ground						2014 Norton
		24' 8" base of tree						2016 Hills
Lamyatt			8' 4"					2003 Hills
			8' 11½"					2016 Hills


Martock	13' 2"			14' 11" at 3' 3"			2008 Saich
	13' 8" close to ground			15' 2½"			2016 Hills
Mells -SE - tree 1							
	14' 11" root crown						1999 Hills
	15' 1" root crown			14' 6"			2011 Norton
Mells – south – tree 2							
	14' 3" above bulge						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

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



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				2022 Hills

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					2014 Norton

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						
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
Willow 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

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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