

Numbers of Ancient Yews in Britain aged between 2 and 5,000 years.

Britain and in particular Wales, has the largest number of ancient yews in the world (157 at the most recent count). Although there are still undiscovered yews, we now believe that in Wales, there are at least 31 yews aged at 2,000 years plus, 11 of 3,000 years plus, 1 at 4,000 years plus and 3 at 5,000 years plus, totalling 46 yews aged at over 2,000 years, in Wales.

In the rest of Britain we have recorded 111 yews aged at over 2,000 years. This total is made up of 75 yews aged at 2,000 years plus, 32 at 3,000 years plus, 3 at 4,000 years plus and 1 at 5,000 years plus.

Numbers of ancient yews for the whole of Britain therefore total at least 157. These figures are based on current information and may expand further. At some of the places listed here, there is more than 1 ancient yew.

Wales.

Churchyard yews aged 5,000 years plus (3 yews)

Defynnog, Brecon

Discoed, Powys

Llangernwy, Clwyd

Wales.

Churchyard Yews aged 4,000 years (1yew)

Bettws Newydd, Monmouthshire

Wales.

Churchyard Yews aged 3,000 years (11 yews)

Alltmawr, near Builth Wells, Powys

Llanafan Fawr, Powys

Llanbedr Ystrad Yw, Breconshire

Llandeiniolen, Gwynedd

Llandre, Cerdigion

Llanfared, near Builth Wells, Powys

Llanfeugan, Breconshire (2)

Llangynyw, Powys

LLanymawddwy, Gwynedd

Llantrithyd, Glamorgan

Wales.

Churchyard Yews aged 2,000 years (21 yews)

Cyffylliog, Denbighshire
Gwytheryn, Clwyd
Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, Clwyd (2 yews)
Llanarth, Gwent
Llandrillo, Denbighshire
Llanfihangel Nant Melan, Powys
Llangathen, Carmarthenshire
Llangattock Juxta Usk, Monmouthshire
Llanilid, Glamorgan
Llanspiddy, Powys
Maesmynis, Powys
Mamhilad, Gwent
Meidrim, Carmarthenshire
Mynydd Islwyn, Gwent
Nantmel, Powys
Pennant Melangell, Powys (2 yews)
Penpont, Powys
Rhulen, Near Builth, Powys
Ystradgynlais, Powys

In the rest of Britain,
Churchyard Yews aged 5,000 years plus (1 yew)
Fortingall, Scotland

Churchyard Yews Aged 4,000 years plus (3 yews)
Crowhurst, Surrey
Linton, Herefordshire
Tisbury, Wiltshire

Churchyard Yews aged 3,000 years plus (16 yews)
All Hallows, Dorset
Ashbrittle, Somerset
Clun, Shropshire
Claverley, Shropshire
Coldwaltham, Sussex
Farringdon, Hampshire,
Kenn, Devon
Kennington Kent
Long Sutton, Hampshire
Lytchett Matravers, Dorset
Payhembury, Devon
Peterchurch, Herefordshire

Stanstead, Kent
Woodcote, Hampshire
Woolland, Dorset
Yazor, Herefordshire

Churchyard Yews aged 2,000 years plus (45 yews)

Acton Scott, Shropshire
Aldworth, Berkshire
Ankerwycke, near Runnymede, Buckinghamshire
Astbury, Cheshire
Awre, Gloucestershire
Boarhunt, Hampshire
Buckland in Dover, Kent
Buxted, Sussex
Challock, Kent
Cradley, Worcestershire
Crowhurst, Sussex
Darley Dale, Derbyshire
Dunster, Somerset
Elworthy, Somerset
Hambleton, Surrey
Harrietsham, Kent
Hope Bagot, Shropshire
Huntley, Gloucestershire
Kemble, Gloucestershire
Leeds, Kent
Loose, Kent
Loughton, Shropshire
Mamhead, Devon
Martindale, Cumbria
Mid Lavant, Sussex
Molash, Kent
Old Enton, Surrey
Overton on Dee, Shropshire
Prior's Dean, Hampshire
Ulcombe, Kent
Uppington, Shropshire
West Tisted, Hampshire
Wilmington, Sussex
Wintershall, Surrey
Rycote Manor, Oxfordshire
Sidbury, Shropshire
South Hayling, Hampshire

Staunton, Worcestershire
Stedham, Sussex
Stockbury, Kent
Tandridge, Surrey
Tangley, Hampshire
Tettenhall, West Midlands
Totteridge, Hertfordshire
Zeal Monachorum, Devon

Yews not in churchyards, (non churchyard yews), in the whole of Britain, aged 3,000 years plus (16 yews)

All Hallows, Dorset. One 30 ft. yew outside churchyard.
Boulsbury Farm, near Martin's Wood, Hampshire
Bulbarrow, Dorset
Bodcott Farm, near Moccas Park, Herefordshire
Borrowdale, Lake District. National Trust
Bulbarrow Hill, Woolland, Dorset. On ancient barrow
Druids Grove, Surrey
Garnons Wood, nr. Mansell Gamage, Herefordshire
Keffold's Farm, Haslemere, Sussex. Possible monastery site
Kentchurch, Herefordshire. Private estate. 3 yews
Knowlton Circles, Dorset. Henge monument
Norbury, Shropshire
Old Colwall, Herefordshire
Whitbury Hillfort, Dorset

Non Churchyard Yews in Wales aged 2,000 years plus (10 yews)

Caer Alyn, Llay, near Wrexham, Clwyd. Edge of field
Dolfor, Newtown, Powys. 2 yews on hillside
Dolforwyn Castle, Yew tree cottage, Welshpool, Powys. Next to well
Pantllidw, Machynlleth, Powys
Pantybeudy, Llangeithio, Ceredigion
Ty Illtyd, Llanhamlach, near Brecon, Powys. 3 yews on hillside
Yew tree Farm, Discoed, Offas Dyke, Powys/Herefordshire border

Non Churchyard Yews in the rest of Britain aged 2,000 years plus (30 yews)

Askerswell, Dorset
Barlavington Farm, Sussex
Coldred, Kent. On burial mound opposite church
Churchill, Worcester, Kidderminster area. Old Church site
Compton Dando, Wandsdyke, Somerset. On dyke

Craswall, Herefordshire
Ducks Nest Longbarrow, Dorset. Private land
Fountains Abbey, Ripon, Yorkshire. National Trust
Great Frazer Yew, above Loch Ness
Great Yews, Odstock, Wiltshire. Yew grove
Hanchurch, Staffordshire. Near a house called 'The Yew Trees'
Holywell, Eardisley, Herefordshire. SSSI
Jays Copse, Haslemere. Surrey. Boundary marker tree
King Yew, Eastwood, Tiddenham Chase, Gloucestershire
Kyre Park, Worcestershire
Lydney Park, Gloucestershire
Lorton, Kendal, Cumbria. Wordsworth's Tree. By stream in field
Marston Bigot, Somerset. Private land
Merdon Castle, Winchester, Hampshire
Middleton Scriven, Shropshire. 2 yews in field opposite church
Newlands Corner, Surrey
Old Enton, near Godalming, Surrey. Possible hillfort
Old Church, Ullswater, Cumbria. Hotel grounds
Rye Hill, near Knowlton Circles, Dorset. On farmland
Snoddington Manor Farm, Tidworth, Hampshire
Temple Farm, Longleat, Wiltshire
Yew tree knob, Wintershall private estate, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey
White house Copse, Cranbourne, Dorset
Yew Tree Field, Damerham, Dorset