

I am a slow growing but long lasting and very strong tree with a smooth brown bark tinged with purple. My leaves are linear, glossy and dark green



Who Am I?



One of the oldest trees in Britain is one of my species. It is estimated to have lived for over 300 years.

Many trees like me grow in churchyards around the country because people used to think that my poison would protect the dead – can you spot the one in Hilton Churchyard?

I produce a chemical called **taxol** which is used today in the treatment of series illnesses.

I produce distinctive berries which have scarlet coverings called arils.



The bright colour attract birds whose digestive system is needed to allow the seed to sprout.

My wood is very hardwearing and was used in the middle Ages to make the longbows which helped English armies to win famous battles like Agincourt. The famous outlaw Robin Hood is also well known for his longbow made from this wood.

