

Tree of the Month



December 2021

Is awarded by **Wild About Barrow** to

Yew (*Taxus baccata*)

On Mill Lane opposite the Navigation Inn

For its wonderfully dense, evergreen canopy and gnarled trunk with a flaky bark



Unusually, this conifer has a fleshy covering around its seeds, called an aril, instead of a cone. Although most of the tree is poisonous (including seeds) the fruit tastes like lychees and is eaten by blackbirds, thrushes, fieldfares, waxwings and small mammals. These longlived trees have a very dense canopy, offering protection and nesting opportunities for many birds.

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