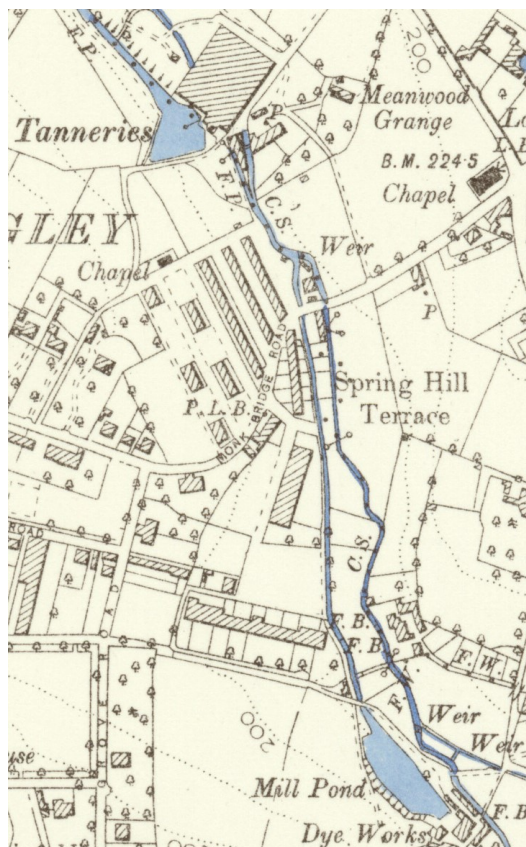
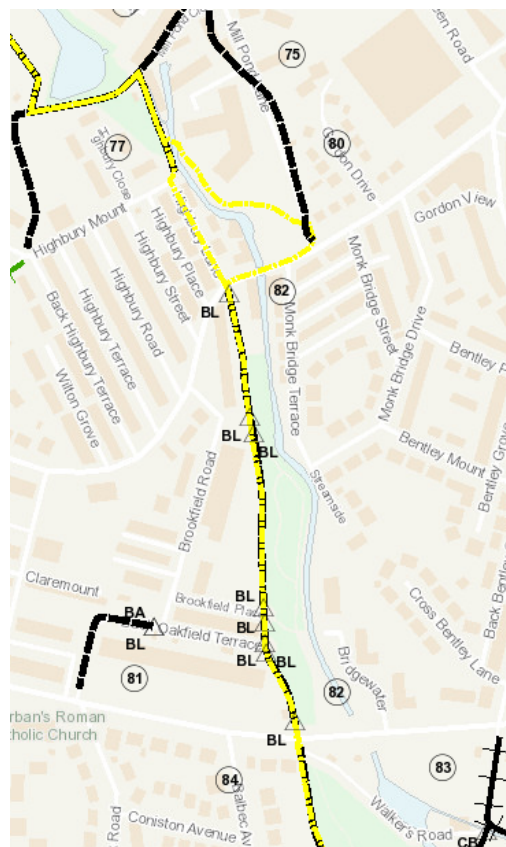


## The Beckside ginnels



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The main focus of footpaths (and thus later, of ginnels) around Headingley was the corn mill built on and powered by Meanwood Beck nearly a thousand years ago, originally known as Wood Mill and later the site of Meanwood Tannery. Among other routes, it was approached from the south, beside Meanwood Beck, from the Headingley Hill ginnel **01**, by way of the Spring Hill ginnel **14** below and the Highbury ginnel **15** below.

**14** The **Spring Hill** ginnel links Monk Bridge Road and Brookfield Road, along the front of Spring Hill Terrace; it is 100 metres (110 yards) long.

*Path:* The path is part of the old route from the hamlet of Wrangthorn (now Hyde Park Corner) over Headingley Hill and beside Meanwood Beck, to Wood Mill (later Meanwood Tannery), which may be nearly a thousand years old. In the eighteenth century, another mill was built downstream from Wood Mill, below Woodhouse Ridge; a weir was built just north of Monk Bridge Road, and the mill stream ran down to the new mill, west of the Beck. The old path now ran beside the mill stream.

*Ginnel:* In the 1880s, terraces were being built on the hill west of the Beck, on either side of Monk Bridge Road, including Spring Hill Terrace (built by a building club in 1874), parallel with the mill stream. The Terrace backed onto the Road, with front gardens running down to the Beck – and foot bridges gave access over the stream. The mill fell into disuse after the Second World War, and eventually was demolished, in 1974, and the mill stream filled – but the path survived, running through the gardens, and became a fenced ginnel (hence, one of the most recent around Headingley).

The ginnel is a Public Right Of Way, part of Definitive Footpath Leeds 82 (which in turn is part of the Meanwood Valley Trail).

**15** The **Highbury** ginnel links the bottom of Highbury Mount (the north end of Highbury Lane) and Tannery Park (formerly Meanwood Tannery or Highbury Works); it is 75 metres (80 or so yards) long.

*Path:* The path is part of the old route from the hamlet of Wrangthorn (now Hyde Park Corner) over Headingley Hill and by Meanwood Beck, to Wood Mill (later Meanwood Tannery), which may be nearly a thousand years old. The path runs by the tail race, downstream from the Tannery, and thence beside the Beck. About 1900, Highbury Lane was built over the path.

*Ginnel:* To the east, the path was enclosed by the Beck and by Meanwood Tannery built in 1857. To the west, houses were built up Highbury Mount from the 1930s onwards.

The ginnel is a Public Right Of Way, the southern end of Definitive Footpath Leeds 77 (which continues west along School Lane, and is in turn part of the Meanwood Valley Trail).