The Parkside ginnel

Ordnance Survey 1851

Ordnance Survey 1908









Ordnance Survey 1933

Leeds Public Rights Of Way Map

08 The **Parkside** ginnel links St Anne's Road and the north end of Ash Avenue; it is abut 100 metres (110 yards) long.

The Path: When Headingley was given to Kirkstall Abbey in the twelfth century, the monks built a new grange or farm there to manage their lands (the site is now The Grange at Leeds Beckett University). Over time, New Grange built satellite farms around the estate, perhaps the first of which (from its name) was Grange Farm, to the south-east (others were Ivy House Farm to the east, Old Oak Farm to the north and Kepstorn to the west). Grange Farm was certainly there by the eighteenth century, by which time the Wade family had acquired New Grange. From the farm, a path ran across the fields directly to North Lane in Headingley village: it's certain therefore that this path is centuries old, what's not certain is how many centuries? The Wades turned the fields to the south of New Grange into a park (now Beckett Park), and later in the nineteenth century, the farm became known as Parkside Farm.

The Ginnel: About the turn of the twentieth century, the southern 100 metres (110 yards) of the path was developed as Ash Avenue. The rest of the path continued to run over the fields to Parkside Farm. Then in the 1930s, the farm's fields were developed for housing. In the early '30s, Trelawn Crescent, Dennistead Crescent and St Anne's Road were built, enclosing another 100 metres (110 yards) of the path as a ginnel, while the rest of it survived, crossing the fields. But by the mid-'30s, the Beckett's Park housing estate was built over the remaining path (though Parkside Farm itself survived until the late '30s).

The ginnel is a Public Right Of Way, Definitive Footpath Leeds City 81.

When the Beckett's Park estate was developed, other ginnels were also made – the Trelawn **09**, St Anne's **10** and St Chad's **11** ginnels.