St Michael's ginnel

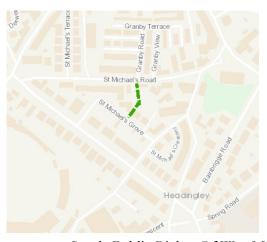
Cardigan Estate Map 1711

Ordnance Survey 1851









Ordnance Survey 1908

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06 St Michael's ginnel links Sagar Place, a drive off St Michael's Road, and St Michael's Grove; it is about 35 metres or yards long.

St Michael's Road was one of the original roads of Headingley village, forming a triangle with Otley Road and North Lane. Following the local Enclosure Act of 1829, houses were built on former common land along the south side of the Road. These included the Listed Buildings 11-13 St Michael's Road (with 1 Sagar Place) and Muir Court (now at the heart of sheltered housing). Between these houses, a passage was left (now Sagar Place), providing access to a garth or yard to the south. A path led on to a field beyond (Butt Close, roughly 'close enclosure'*). This latter path became a ginnel when the plots on either side were finally developed in the twentieth century, as inter-War semis to the east, and as Muir Court sheltered housing in 1979 to the west. The fields are now St Michael's Grove.

The ginnel is currently designated a Non-Definitive Footpath.

*In fact, there were two fields, Near Butt Close and Far Butt Close, and the path ran to the latter (the former could be rendered as 'close close Close').