

# The Moor Side ginnels

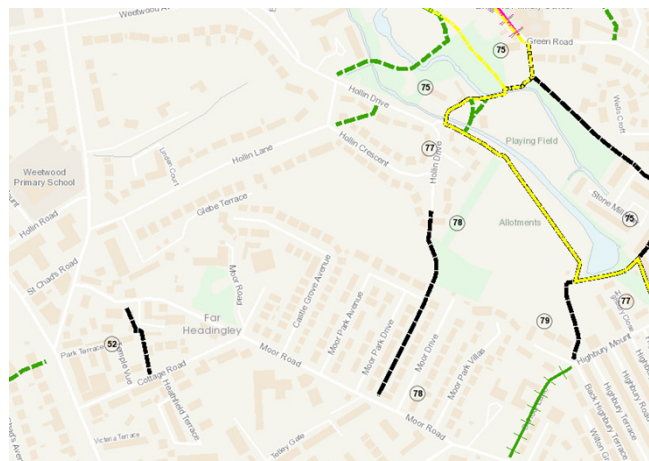
An important focus of footpaths (and thus later, of ginnels) was the Whalley Tannery built beside Meanwood Beck in the seventeenth century. (Following the Dissolution of the monasteries, the Kirkstall Abbey lands beyond the Beck were acquired by the Whalley family, who built the tannery; it fell into disuse in the nineteenth century, and the site has now been built over, beside Hollin Lane Farm.) The tannery was approached from the south, from Headingley Moor (see the Headingley Moor ginnel **17** below), and from the west, from Headingley Moor Side (now Far Headingley) (see the Hollin ginnel **18** below).



Ordnance Survey 1851



Ordnance Survey 1933



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**17** The **Headingley Moor** ginnel links Moor Road and Hollin Drive, in two parts, by way of Moor Park Mount; overall, the ginnel is 275 metres (300 yards) long.

Originally, Headingley Moor was open common land, with a track running eastwards from the hamlet of Headingley Moor Side (now Far Headingley village). In 1834, the Sixth Earl of Cardigan enclosed the Moor, designated the track as Moor Road, and sold plots for building. Moor House was built north of the Road, with a drive up to the House on the east side (known as High Close Road); the drive continued as a path down into Meanwood Valley, and by a footbridge (over the mill stream to Wood Mill) to the Whalley Tannery. In 1899, Moor House was sold and demolished, and after the Great War, the Moor Park estate was built in the grounds and in the adjacent field to the east: the drive now became the south part of the ginnel, between Moor Drive and Moor Park Drive, leading up to Moor Park Mount. Then in the 1930s, most of the north part of the path was built up as Hollin Drive (accessed through Hollin Crescent), and the steps down from Moor Park Mount were thereby enclosed as a ginnel. At the north end, the footbridge still crossed the mill stream. (About 1960, Hollin Drive was extended west, to the present junction with Hollin Lane.)

The ginnel is a Public Right Of Way, Definitive Footpath Leeds 78.

**18** The **Hollin** ginnel links Hollin Drive and Hollin Crescent, and is 70 metres (75 yards) long.

A track from Headingley Moor Side (now Far Headingley village) ran to the north of Headingley Moor, down to the Whalley Tannery. Known as Hollin Lane, by the eighteenth century its main route turned north (where Hollin Lane still turns, to Manklin's Farm, now Hollin House), but the path itself continued directly across a field towards the tannery. The path continued across this open field for two more centuries (though the tannery ceased), while houses were built along Hollin Lane in the 1870s. The path was finally made a ginnel when the Hollin Drive estate was built on the field about 1960 – which makes it one of the neighbourhood's most recent ginnels. Today, the line of Hollin Lane still continues through the ginnel.

The ginnel is currently designated a Non-Definitive Footpath., but is partly overgrown and not passable.