

GRENHAM ROAD

The name GRENHAM does not appear in the bay from which all the other connections are derived, until the late 1800s, as until that date, the 'bay' was still a fairly flat piece of coastline. As the sea eroded the cliffs and the bay was slowly formed, it was eventually given the name of Grenham. Where this name came from is, at the moment, not known. However, we know that the bay appeared first, then the School (1910) and finally the road, (1950s).

For many years the road we now call Grenham Road was just a footpath which joined Lyell Road with Sea View Road. It ran between the cornfields which stretched from Minnis Road on the south right across to the cliff edge on the north side. The path received a tar covering in the late 1930s to mid 1940s and became locally known simply as "The Tar Path". It remained like this - even though the top end of it contained the prestigious boys' boarding school of Grenham House - for many years.

In the mid-1950s it was finally decided to make it into a proper road - possibly with some inside knowledge about the fate of the farm land through which it ran. At that point, it was then decided to give it the name Grenham Road, after the School and the Bay.