

The Tar Path

The Tar Path has now become Grenham Road, but for many years was simply a tarred pathway from Grenham House School to Sea View Road and the top of St Mildred's Road. It went straight between cornfields towards Minnis Bay and was used by many local people as they went down to bathe and play on the on the sands during the summer months before and after the Second World War.

It was not made up into a full road until about the mid 1950s, but even then it still ran through countryside even as late as the early 1960s. At that time, Cunningham Crescent and its surround roads were built, with Grenville Gardens following swiftly on the other side of the road. Quite a number of the early aerial photos of Minnis Bay include the Tar Path and there is at least one postcard showing it.