



Temple Bar

This infamous narrow entrance, between Temple Cottage and Honey Cottage, leads from Dolphin Street to Fore Street. Only 18 inches wide at one point it was in the 1978 Guinness Book of Records as the narrowest public thoroughfare in the world.

It was originally named 'The Entry' and this is an indication that it was an early way into the village. It once connected with another alley across Dolphin Street, leading through to the Poor Court and the Chapel at the end of Middle Street. Evidence of this are the cobbles that were found under the floor in Bottlenose Cottage.

The name Temple Bar comes from Mr Temple, a former owner of the cottage it runs through. He put a bar across to stop people using it - thus Temple's Bar. It was not until the 1950s that it was nicknamed 'Squeeze Belly Alley'.