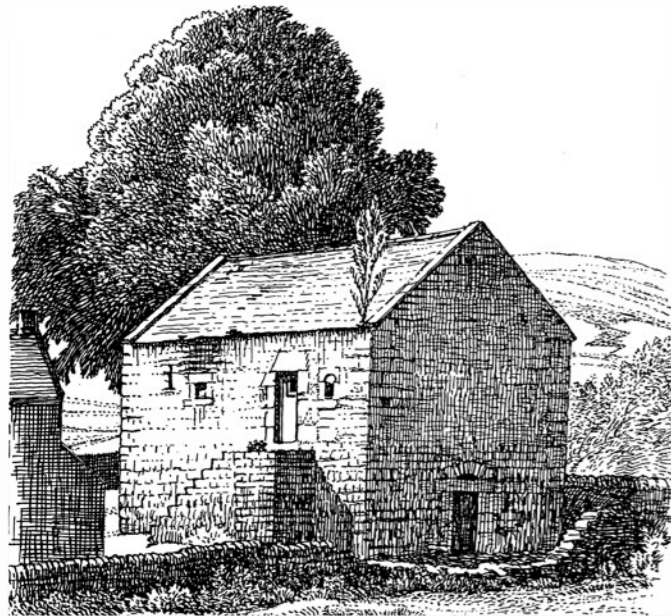


# THE BASTLE PROJECT



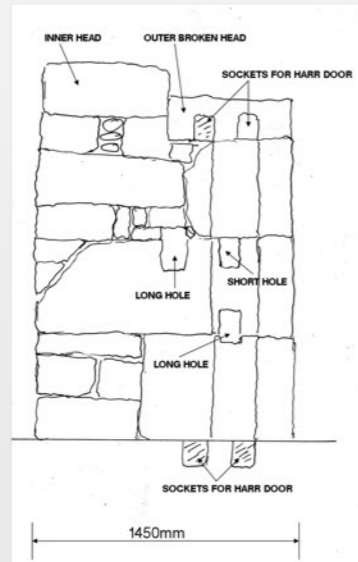
View of North Gatehouse from History of Northumberland Vol. X



Conservation work at Boghead Bastle English Heritage recently funded work on Boghead and Shilla Hill bastles; vegetation has been cleared, masonry consolidated



Old Hall recently discovered doorway



North Gatehouse sketch of a ground floor door jamb



Masonry Workshop with Dr Peter Hill held in the North Gatehouse Bastle



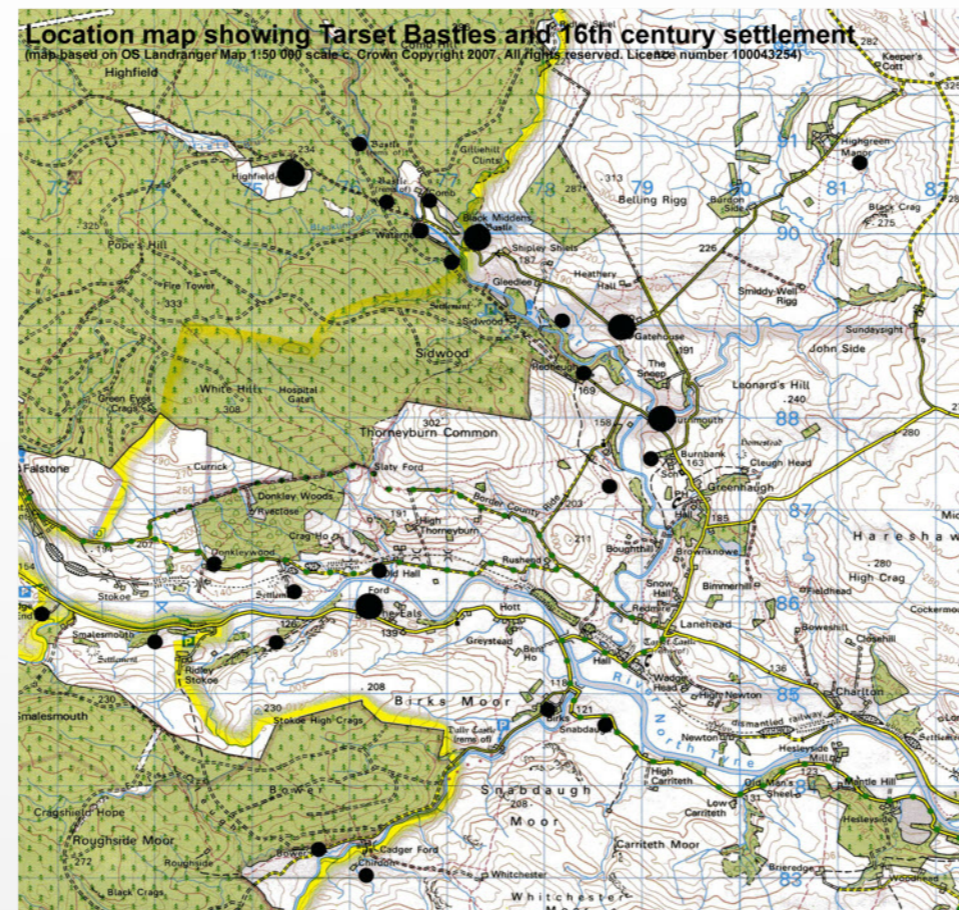
Surveying and recording in progress Hollinhead Bastle being recorded for the first time; possibly the only one to have been damaged by mining subsidence

## Reiver Landscapes, Reiver Homes

Tarset was in the English front line of the cross-border raids of the 16th and early 17th centuries. In over forty settlements recorded in contemporary documents, about two thirds included one or more bastles or reported bastle sites.

Most publications on bastles describe their architectural features, while many accounts of the contemporary scene concentrate on the 'Riding Times' with its blood thirsty raids and skirmishes.

The Archive Group has looked at bastles not just as historic buildings but as people's homes. We have attempted to work out how they might have been built and used. We have also looked at their place in the landscape, the reasons for the choice of sites and how the land was farmed.



### PROVEN AND REPORTED BASTLE SITES IN TARSET

- SINGLE BASTLES
- TWO OR MORE BASTLES



Extract from Saxton's Map, c 1576 most place names survive to present day; later settlement development mainly by 'infill', little expansion on to 'wastes' of high ground

This exhibition presents some of our findings and poses some questions for further research.

The main activities of the group have been

- collecting and reviewing published accounts of bastles and their environment
- re-visiting the Tarset Bastles, to record and assess present condition
- mapping and recording selected sites
- investigating the landscape by field walking and air photograph interpretation
- considering possible sources of materials and the logistics of construction in a war zone
- running workshops on bastle construction and masonry

The Tarset Archive Group thanks all current and former bastle owners for their generous tolerance of its invasions of their property and for the supply of information, as well as everyone who has contributed to the project especially for

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