

North Gatehouse Bastle A0001

Site Type	bastle
Site Name	North Gatehouse
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Gatehouse Cottage, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1NG
Related Sites	South Gatehouse BastleA0002, Gatehouse Bastles A0008, A0009.

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7878 8894	Km Square	NY 7888
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Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Bellingham—Tarretburn.

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	1015527	Listed Grade 2* NHLE	1044839
National Monument Record	78 NE 04	English Heritage Pastscape	1042924
Historic Environment Record	6992	Tasset & Greenhaugh HVA	1
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EVIDENCE

Extant

DESCRIPTION

The bastle is rectangular in shape and measures 11.4m by 7m externally with walls of large rubble 1.45m thick with large quoin stones at the corners. The bastle stands two storeys high with walls 9m to eaves level and was re-roofed in the 19th century. The original square headed doorway giving access into the ground floor basement is situated in the centre of the north eastern gable. It has been raised by cutting into the lintel and is furnished with draw bar tunnels and hanging sockets for two doors. The doorway in the north west gable is a 19th century insertion. A single slit window in the south east wall served to ventilate the basement. The upper floor is carried on massive timber beams, now built into the walls but originally carried on stone supports or corbels on the long walls.

The external stone stair on the south east side is a secondary feature; an earlier stone platform at first floor level is thought to have originally been reached by a wooden ladder. The upper doorway is placed behind the stone stair platform and has original small windows placed to either side. Inside the bastle at first floor level there are wall cupboards built against each gable and a fire place, of 18th century, date on the south west gable. [NHLE]

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IMAGES



NOTES

No public access, but visible from road. A replacement timber door of traditional type has been installed in the original ground floor entrance.
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REFERENCES

	Ryder, P F, Bastles and Towers in Northumberland National Park, (1990), 39-40	
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