

West Burnbank Tower House A0006

Site Type	tower house
Site Name	West Burnbank
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Not known.
Related Sites	

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7909 8757	Km Square	NY 7987
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	H3	Air Photo. No	Run C--OS/74133--205

Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Bellingham -- Charlton West

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	x	Listed	x
National Monument Record	78 NE 09	English Heritage Pastscape	15794
Historic Environment Record	?	HVA	6
Grundy	x	Tarset & Greystead Books	MM- LX-

EVIDENCE

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DESCRIPTION

To the west of the mid-20th century West Burnbank (A0444) is a flat-topped spur that has clearly been a defensive site, said to have been the 'pele tower' of the Dodds family. The grassed over footings of an elongate building remain clearly visible, with a possible sub-division close to the east end, together with a bank and wall that ascends the south end of the spur then runs along its south-east side; there are also other old wall lines to the north-west and on the north an area of marshland that appears to have been artificially created as a defensive barrier. The whole site is clearly of considerable archaeological interest, meriting further study and a proper survey. [Peter Ryder, Farm Survey (Burnbank) 2006]

Remains of a rectangular building, 18.0m long, 6.0m wide, reduced to a low bank of loose stones, turf covered. Three contiguous rectangular buildings extended from the east end, each measuring 4.0m long by 6.0m width, now similarly reduced to fragmentary banks. A broad ditch runs along the north side of the foundations, across the width of the promontory. Remains of the retaining wall are extant upon the S edge of the promontory. [Pastscape, see website for earlier records]

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REFERENCES

	Tarset Archive Group Farm Survey (2006) – Burnbank, Unpublished, produced by The Archaeological Practice, Newcastle upon Tyne.	
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