

**Highfield Bastle (1) A0212**

Site Type	bastle
Site Name	Highfield Bastle (1)
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Highfield Farm, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1RT
Related Sites	Highfield Farm A0211 , Highfield Bastle(2) A0213.

## LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7538 9074	Km Square	NY 7590
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	G2	Air Photo. No	Run B--OS/74133 --245

Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Tasset West

## LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	x	Listed	x
National Monument Record	79 SE 04	English Heritage Pastscape	15876
Historic Environment Record	23005	HVA	x
Grundy	x		

## EVIDENCE

A building is shown here on the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of OS ' 6 inch' Map Northumberland Old Series Sheet 59 Surveyed 1862, but is not identified as a historic site. Two walls remain as part of a drystone field boundary and are too thin to have been part of a bastle but the outline of a rectangular building can be seen and part is exposed as a boulder plinth.

## DESCRIPTION

On the north side on the first field north of Highfield Farm and close to the west side of the approach track is a ruined building. The lower part of the east end, of roughly coursed rubble stands to c2m high it is 0.80 m thick and has a central splayed slit vent. The north wall has been rebuilt inside the old line ( the original footing shows through the grass 0.70m further north) as field wall; some projecting blocks on the internal face appear to show the position of the west end which is also visible, together with the line of the south wall as slight mound. The overall dimensions of the building appear to be c8.5m by6.0m. Although the surviving wall is not especially thick, the dimensions of the building and the character of this masonry make it appear likely that the building was a bastle. It is shown on the c1840 tithe map. *Peter Ryder Farm Survey 2006*  
 .TAG has measured the site and found the apparent external dimensions of the building to have been 17.80m by 6.7m, although a mound, which may represent the foundation of another wall, runs across the building between 8.5m and 10.0m from the outside of the east wall.

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## IMAGES



## NOTES

According to English Heritage (Pastscape) the site was documented in 1604 and ruinous in 1804.
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## REFERENCES

	Tarset Archive Group Farm Survey (2006) – Highfield, The Archaeological Practice Ltd., Newcastle upon Tyne.	
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