

Highfield Bastle (2) A0213

Site Type	possible site of bastle and later sheepfold,
Site Name	Highfield
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Forestry Commission, Eals Burn, Bellingham, NE48 2 HP Highfield Farm, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1RT
Related Sites	Highfield A0211, Highfield Bastle (1) A0212,

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7543 9084	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	x	English Heritage Pastscape	x
Historic Environment Record	x	HVA	x
Grundy	x		

EVIDENCE

Site of 3-compartment sheepfold shown intact on 1st Edition of OS ' 6 inch' Map Northumberland Old Series Sheet 59 Surveyed 1862. Masonry fragments seen and reported.

DESCRIPTION

The field wall immediately east of the gateway where the Highfield farm track joins the forest road incorporates the fragmentary remains of a building. All that survives is a slice of its end wall, c0.70m thick and 1.5m high incorporated in later field wall running almost at right angles to it. South of the wall are what appear to be the footings of the south-east corner of the building, and of a little of its south wall; its west end is lost beneath the made-up track. There appears to have been a doorway immediately south of the surviving upstanding fragment; lying on the turf is a single large block from a door jamb, with a rebate and sections of two drawbar tunnels, a feature which surely indicates a defensible building. Other dressed stones are re-used in the field wall. Slight though this fragment is, it would seem likely to have been yet another bastle. The 1st edition O.S. map shows a sheepfold here, including a rectangular enclosure which is presumably the original building, although this is shown as a north-south rather than east-west rectangle; the c1840 tithe map shows roofless structures. *Peter Ryder, 2006 Farm Survey.*

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IMAGES

None.

NOTES

The current owners of the site report that a large quantity of masonry is buried in the plantation to the west of the farm entrance. This could, however, have come from site A0212. [TAG]

REFERENCES

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