

## Old Hall Cottage A0244

Site Type	house
Site Name	Old Hall Cottage
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Old Hall Cottage, Falstone, Hexham, NE48 1AW
Related Sites	

### LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7635 8645	Km Square	NY 7686
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Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Thorneyburn

### LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	x	Listed	x
National Monument Record	x	English Heritage Pastscape	x
Historic Environment Record	15049	HVA	x
Grundy	TAR 46	Tarset & Greystead Books	MM- 35 LX-33

### EVIDENCE

Extant. Shown and named on 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of OS ' 6 inch' Map Northumberland Old Series Sheet 59 Surveyed 1862. Also on Plans for the Border counties Railway deposited in November 1853.

### DESCRIPTION

[The following applies to the building before renovation and extension in 1993.]  
 The cottage is a detached single storey 3-bay building, similar in appearance to a Scottish 'But and-Ben' with a (nearly) central front door flanked by two windows. It faces south to the Lanehead-Donkleywood road (C199). Originally there was a small rear outshot (privy?) which was extended at an unknown date, but possibly in the 1960s and by Batey's of Bellingham, to provide a bathroom and a kitchen.  
 The original walls are of squared and mainly coursed sandstone, with well-dressed quoins to the front corners, the front door and the two front windows. The quoins are all of similar dimensions. They, and the front door and window lintels, have a picked surface and a 1inch draft. These dressed stones are of a more brownish sandstone than the bulk of the masonry and probably came from a different source. There are quoins to the two rear corners but they are of inferior quality. There is a weathered OS Benchmark cut into a quoin on the east gable.  
 The gables have square cut copings, but no kneelers and are interrupted by the chimney stacks. The stacks are plain in two tiers and have a single string course/tabling at the top. The east pot is square with a toothed top, the west pot has been replaced by

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a metal cowl. The roof is of uniform blue slate and has a low pitch, approximately 30° with an angled stone ridge.

The front door is of two-leaf construction, hinged in the centre and on the east side, with bolection mouldings forming four panels. There is a multi-paned, non-opening fanlight over. The windows are four pane vertically sliding sashes with 'old' i.e. irregular glass. There are hinge pintles for double shutters on both windows and catches to retain the shutters in the open position. Little can be seen of the original rear wall. There was a door from the living room which probably lead to the outshot but was blocked when the kitchen extension was built. The original outshot was of lean-to form, the slope of the roof can still be discerned. The extension has solid stone walls, roughly matching the originals, flat felted roofs and 'Magnet' type timber window frames with concrete lintels. Externally there is a small shed built of stone with a corrugated iron roof, perhaps originally thatched. This is not truly rectangular in plan and is not built parallel to the house. It has a single door and one fixed window. The early deeds describe this as a stable.

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In 1993 the cottage was extended by adding a half storey with two dormer windows to the front and a small gable to the rear. The remainder of the 1960's [?] extension was covered with a cat-slide slate roof. A new timber and glass porch was installed with barge-boards to match the dormer windows. All the new slates are Spanish. The outbuilding was subsequently re-roofed with Welsh [?] slate and equipped with a NBR guards van stove from Saughtree Station on the BCR.

## IMAGES

None.

## NOTES

The date of construction is not known. The cottage does not appear on any of the Bell Plans in the NRO (ZAN Bell 56) which may place it post 1840. The earliest transaction in the Abstract of Title is a sale (for £102) in 1857. Kevin Doonan, chartered architect, considered that internal panels around the front windows might indicate a date in the 1830s. There is some evidence to suggest that it might have been built by a Joseph Mordue, who owned the nearby Crag House.

## REFERENCES

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