

**Thorneyburn Colliery A0248**

Site Type	coal workings and outcrops
Site Name	Thorney Burn Colliery
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	High Thorneyburn, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1AP
Related Sites	Shaft A0249, Tileworks A0254

## LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7634 8671	Km Square	NY 7686
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	L2	Air Photo. No	Run-E--OS/74062--072

Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Thorneyburn

## LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	x	Listed	x
National Monument Record	x	English Heritage Pastscape	x
Historic Environment Record	x	HVA	x
Grundy	x		

## EVIDENCE

British Geological Survey, 'six-inch' map, NY78 NE and field walking.

## DESCRIPTION

The traces of the former Thorneyburn Colliery, comprising about six shafts on both banks of the Thorney Burn and a possible adit on the right bank . It is likely that the shafts were all shallow, and perhaps worked as bell pits because there is little evidence of spoil. All of the shafts appear to have collapsed or to have been backfilled. The southernmost shaft adjacent to the burn is marked by a pool of water about 3m diameter with a strong ochreous seepage. One shaft which has been boarded over appears to be c1.5m diameter. On the right bank of the burn there is an exposure of sandstone dipping at about 55 deg. and underlain by a coal seam 200mm thick. Another exposure of coal in the bed of the burn further upstream. The seam worked was the Thorneyburn Coal [1]. On the right bank of the burn a shallow leat runs parallel to the burn, there is no trace of a weir or dam at the upstream end or of a wheel pit at the downstream end. It may have conveyed water to the tileworks [A0254] crossing the burn by a timber launder.

## IMAGES

None.

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NOTES

As there are outcrops of the coal in the burn it may have been worked from an early date. It was probably developed about the time of construction of the Borders Counties Railway, along with the adjacent tileworks [q.v.] but did not survive the opening out of the much more productive colliery at Plashetts. [2]

REFERENCES

1	Frost, D.V. and D.W. Holliday, (1980) <i>Geology of the country around Bellingham</i> , Memoir for 1:50,000 geological sheet 13. Institute of Geological Sciences, HMSO.	
2	Sewell, G.W.M. (1992) <i>The North British Railway in Northumberland</i> Merlin Books, Braunton, Devon.	



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