

High Thorneyburn A0252

Site Type	farmstead
Site Name	High Thorneyburn
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	High Thorneyburn, Tarset, Hexham, NE48 1AP
Related Sites	

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7665 8681	Km Square	NY 7686
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	L2	Air Photo. No	Run-E--OS/74062--073

Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Thorneyburn

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	x	Listed Grade 2. NHLE	1370505
National Monument Record	?	English Heritage Pastscape	x
Historic Environment Record	13637	HVA	x
Grundy	TAR 35	Tarset & Greystead Books	MM- 36 LX-34

EVIDENCE

Extant

DESCRIPTION

The buildings at High Thorneyburn front to the south-east, looking down the side of the North Tyne Valley; for the sake of simplicity in the following description this is taken as south.

The main block of the farmhouse is of two storeys and three bays, with a two storeyed wing to the north-east and a two storeyed outshut to the west of that. The main block and outshut are built of coursed and roughly-squared stone with substantial roughly-squared quoins and cut sandstone dressing; the rear wing is of coursed rubble with tooled-and-margined quoins and dressings. The roof are of Welsh slates except for the outshut, which is of larger grey slates.

The front elevation is almost symmetrical; the central bay has panelled double doors under a plain overlight; in a raised surround with a narrow chamfer. The windows are 24-pane sashes (first floor right renewed) in raised surrounds. the end gables have a flat coping, with swept kneelers of 18th century character; and there are stepped-and-corniced end stacks, that at the west end set c 0.30m within the line of the gable. the west gable end has a vertical pair of windows (the lower a 12-pane, the upper a 24-pane sash, both renewed) in raised surrounds but the east end is plain; structural problems here have resulted in a lot of patching, and in two large RSJs set diagonally, rising from brick plinths.

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To the right the east side of the wing is of two bays, with openings in chamfered alternating block surrounds; a four panel door with a two-pane overlight is set hard up against the main block and the windows are four pane sashes with slightly projecting sills; its gable end is capped by a stepped and corniced stack. the north and west sides of the wing have no openings.

The house is set into rising ground, so that the small yard behind the outshut is sunk c3.0m into the hillside. the rear of the outshut has at its left end, a doorway with a smooth ashlar surround and a narrow chamfer; with a later chamfered window (a 4-pane casement) above, and a vertical pair of older window openings in roughly tooled surrounds to the right. at the north-west angle of the outshut a kneeler from the north-west corner of the main block has been re-used.

There is quite a large garden in front of and extending some distance to the west of the farmhouse, with walls of roughly square stone with a flat coping.

The tall wall that extends from the west end of the house closes the south side of the farm yard, whilst the side walls are c1.2m high; the south wall is a ha-ha, with its coping at the level of the lawn, and a ditch outside separating it from the field beyond.

The farmhouse is listed Grade 2, although its interior was not examined, it would appear that the main block is of mid- to late-18th century date, the outshut a slightly later addition perhaps of c,1800, and the wing an addition of the later 19th century.

The original farm buildings enclose a rectangular yard on three sides; the south side of the yard is closed by the garden wall, the yard opening to the east at its south east corner, as the range extends further south than the east.

[The full survey report describes the farm buildings in some detail, covering the West Range, the East Range, the North Range and the Outer North Range. The original buildings are probably of the early 19th century]

Peter Ryder 2006 Farm Survey [abbreviated and with minor edits.]

IMAGES

None.

NOTES

REFERENCES

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