

Shilla Hill Bastle A0275

Site Type	Bastle (ruins) and enclosures
Site Name	Shilla Hill
Other Name(s)	Starr head ?
Ownership	Forestry Commission, Eals Burn, Bellingham, NE48 2 HP
Related Sites	A0276

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7636 9039	Km Square	NY 7690
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Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Tarset West

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	1008991	Listed	X
National Monument Record	79 SE 02	English Heritage Pastscape	15862
Historic Environment Record	7067	HVA	X
Grundy	X	Tarset & Greystead Books	MM- LX-111

EVIDENCE

Extant

DESCRIPTION

<p>The monument includes the remains of a bastle, a form of defended farmhouse situated on the summit of Shilla Hill commanding the valley of the Tarset Burn. The bastle is rectangular in shape and measures 14.5m by 7m externally with walls of large unhewn stone 1.4m thick. They are best preserved on the northern and eastern sides where they stand to a height of 2m. Shaped boulders have been used to form quoin stones at the corners of the building. There is a main entrance in the eastern wall giving access into the ground floor basement; it has an arched roof over a lintel and is furnished with a draw bar tunnel. It is thought that the west end of the bastle, which is encumbered by fallen debris, contains the remains of a stair which would have given access to the upper storey living area of the bastle. [NHLE]</p>

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REFERENCES

Hope-Dodds, M, The Victoria History of the County of Northumberland: Volume XV, (1940), 271 Ryder, P F, Bastles and Towers in Northumberland National Park, (1990), 41



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