

**Boghead Bastle A0277**

Site Type	Bastle (ruin)
Site Name	Boghead
Other Name(s)	Barty's Pele, Corby or Corbie Castle.
Ownership	Forestry Commission, Eals Burn, Bellingham, NE48 2 HP
Related Sites	A0278

## LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7615 9099	Km Square	NY 7690
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	G2	Air Photo. No	Run B--OS/74133 --246

Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Tarset West

## LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	1008992	Listed Grade 2	NHLE	1370502
National Monument Record	79 SE 01	English Heritage Pastscape		15855
Historic Environment Record	7066	HVA		X
Grundy	X	Tarset & Greystead Books		MM- LX-111

## EVIDENCE

Extant, NHLE.
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## DESCRIPTION

<p>The ruins of a bastle, situated at the foot of a steep slope in the valley of the Tarset Burn. The bastle, rectangular in shape and orientated north west to south east, measures 9.6m by 7m externally with walls of large unhewn stone blocks 1.4m thick. The walls stand to a height of 4.5m on the north west and south west sides and 2m-4m elsewhere. Roughly shaped boulders have been used as quoin stones at the corners of the building. There is an entrance in the centre of the western gable wall giving access into the ground floor basement; it is square headed with rounded door jambs and has been provided with two doors, each furnished with draw bar tunnels. Above the doorway there is a narrow channel cut through the thickness of the wall; this is interpreted as a channel through which water would be poured to douse fires lit against the door and is a very rare feature of bastle construction. There is a single slit window in the east end of the bastle. The basement or byre clearly shows the remains of a vaulted roof which has mostly fallen into the bastle. It is thought that the upper storey living area was reached by a wooden ladder or staircase. [After NHLE].</p>
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NOTES

Currently listed by Historic England as “Borbie Castle”. But entered as a Scheduled Ancient Monument as “Bastle etc. 730m NW of The Comb”

REFERENCES

1	Hope-Dodds, M, The Victoria History of the County of Northumberland: Volume XV, (1940), 271	
2	Ryder, P F, Bastles and Towers in Northumberland National Park, (1990), 34	



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