

Boghead Farmsteads A0278

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| Site Type | farmsteads |
| Site Name | Boghead |
| Other Name(s) | |
| Ownership | Forestry Commission, Eals Burn, Bellingham, NE48 2 HP |
| Related Sites | Boghead Bastle A0277 |

LOCATION

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| National Grid Reference | NY 7613 9100 | Km Square | NY 7691 |
| TAG 2006 Atlas : Map | G2 | Air Photo. No | No cover ? |

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

LISTINGS

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| Scheduled Ancient Monument | 1088992 | Listed | |
| National Monument Record | X | English Heritage Pastscape | 1084576 |
| Historic Environment Record | X | HVA | X |
| Grundy | X | Tarset & Greystead Books | MM- LX- |

EVIDENCE

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| Extant remains |
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DESCRIPTION

Two farmsteads, 20m apart, dating between early C17 and early C19. They lie c.140m N of Shilla Hill bastle (NY 79 SE 2) at the edge of a clearing in previously afforested land and are partly concealed to the NE by the edge of the forest. Their NE sides are almost coincident with the edge of the steep scarp above the Tarset Burn. Both are in poor condition and survive as turf- and moss-covered banks with some stone-facing visible. The stones are of a similar size and appearance to those of the bastle and it is possible that these had been robbed from that building.

The building closest to the bastle is rectangular (11.5m by 3.4m internally), aligned SW-NE, and probably had opposed entrances in the middle, revealed by 1.1m and 1.7m wide gaps in the 2.3m thick wall. The end furthest from the scarp is the best preserved and stands at a maximum height of 0.7m. Further along on a similar alignment is another farmstead, not so well preserved, close to a small burn on the edge of a deeply scored channel. It measures 9.4m by 3.3m internally. The side of the building that runs along the scarp is difficult to define due to pine needles and tree stumps. A large, faced stone is visible in one corner. The size of the buildings and the observation that they have opposed entrances indicates that they are farmsteads and not shielings. They have not been surveyed but details as given here were noted during the course of the RCHME Kielder SAMs Survey of Shilla Hill bastle. [Pastscape]

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NOTES

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| A less detailed description is in NHLE. |
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REFERENCES

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| See Pastscape and NHLE | |
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