

Hill House Bastle A0295

Site Type	bastle
Site Name	Hill House
Other Name(s)	Haugh Hill House (1552)
Ownership	Forestry Commission, Eals Burn, Bellingham, NE48 2HP
Related Sites	

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7706 8977	Km Square	NY 7789
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	G4	Air Photo. No	Run B--OS/74133 --247

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

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	1010034	Listed	X
National Monument Record	78 NE 03	English Heritage Pastscape	15665
Historic Environment Record	6991	HVA	X
Grundy	X	Tarset & Greystead Books	MM- LX-

EVIDENCE

Extant remains

DESCRIPTION

<p>The remains of a bastle, a form of defended farmhouse, situated in a strongly defensive position on a low promontory commanding the Tarset Valley to the north, west and east. The bastle is visible as the grass covered walls of a rectangular building 5m by 6m and standing to a maximum height of 1.5m. It stands at the centre of a large enclosure 36m north east to south west by a maximum of 60m north west to south east, defined by a bank of stone and earth 1m high. Within the enclosing bank there is a scooped ditch-like feature on average 4m wide which would have provided extra defence on the most vulnerable sides of the bastle. There is an apparent entrance through the enclosure bank at the north east corner. Adjacent to the bastle, on its south side, there are the remains of at least one rectangular building and an associated yard visible as the low stone founded walls. These are interpreted as the remains of a farmstead of similar or slightly later date to the bastle. Attached to the external side of the enclosure bank, immediately north of the entrance on the edge of the steep valley side, are the remains of two enclosures defined by low banks 0.6m high. The first is roughly square and measures 5m with an entrance in its south west corner. The second enclosure is irregularly shaped and measures 10m by 4m. [NHLE]</p>

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NOTES

Hill House is first mentioned in 1552, then called Haugh-Hill House and it was raided in 1583. During the 17th century it was occupied by the Hunters. It is not shown on a map of 1769 and may have been deserted by that time. [NHLE]

REFERENCES

	Ryder, P F, Bastles and Towers in Northumberland National Park, (1990)	
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