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

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7804 8638	Km Square	NY 7886
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Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn Thorneyburn

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	Х	Listed	Х
National Monument Record	Х	English Heritage Pastscape	Х
Historic Environment Record	15052	HVA	Х
Grundy	Х	Tarset Books	MM- LX-

EVIDENCE

Extant.

DESCRIPTION

Rushend farmhouse and its attached building face slightly west of south, the farm buildings form an L-plan group set a little to the north-west.

The **house** and its attached building are clearly of a single build. The front elevation is of coursed roughly-tooled stone, with quoins of and dressings of tooled ashlar. The house, to the left (east) is of two storeys and three bays. Two steps lead up to a central doorway holding a renewed door under an overlight; the windows are 4-pane sashes (with horns); the openings are all set in alternating block surrounds. The house has stepped end stacks with hollow- chamfered cornices. The farm building to the left has two small casement windows to the upper floor.

The other elevations to the range are in roughly-coursed and roughly-squared stone; their original openings have alternating block surrounds with quite heavy lintels and elongate 'long' stones. The house has an integral outshut; its rear wall has a part-glazed door set between two renewed windows that have external iron bars broken away; there are further renewed windows in old openings at first floor level in the end walls, and inserted doorways at the west end of the rear wall and in the west end.

A garden on the south runs the full length of the range and has walls (the western partially collapsed) of roughly-coursed stone c. 2.0m high with a rough coping of stones set on edge and lines of projecting 'throughs'; there is a gate on the south.

Very little now remains of the **farm buildings**; the north range, in poor condition, was replaced by a modern shed c 2005. An open-fronted shed (with a metal roof) has been built inside the remains of the West Range of which the lower parts of the south wall, north part of the west wall and north gable end survive; there has been some sort of

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projection towards the south end of the west wall, the north side of which remains. The walls are of coursed roughly-squared stone. The north wall incorporates the south gable of a narrower and lower structure to the north, which has large coping stones and may have been heather thatched. A featureless length of the west wall of this older building survives as well.

The front elevation of the house and its adjacent building looks of mid-19th century character, but the rear elevation rather older; this discrepancy is probably an illusion, reflecting the desire for a house to have a smart frontage, but older vernacular elements persist elsewhere. The whole building may date from the 1830s or 1840s. Not enough survives of the detached farm building group to make any real comment, although the possible heather-thatched gable end might imply an 18th rather than a 19th century date. *Peter Ryder, 2006 Farm Survey.*

IMAGES

None.

NOTES

REFERENCES

1.	Tarset Archive Group Farm Survey (2006) – Rushend.	
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