

Burnmouth A0446

Site Type	farmstead
Site Name	Burnmouth
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Burnmouth, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1LZ
Related Sites	Burnmouth Bastles A0010, Burnmouth Mill A0068.

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7920 8880	Km Square	NY 7988
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	H3	Air Photo. No	Run D--OS/74062--025

Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Bellingham -- Tarretburn

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	X	Listed	X
National Monument Record	X	English Heritage Pastscape	X
Historic Environment Record	X	HVA	X
Grundy	X	Tasset Books	MM-86 LX-82

EVIDENCE

Extant

DESCRIPTION

The buildings at Burnmouth comprise the present house, facing west, and a little to the north an irregular single storey range running north-west to south east, parallel to but set back a little from the edge of the steep slope down to the burn. the present house, much altered and extended within recent years, appears first on the 2nd edition Ordnance survey map of c 1898; it was originally a two-bay cottage of roughly coursed rubble with tooled and margined dressings; its doorway and upper windows, with 12-pane sashes remain; the right-hand bay is a modern addition; cleverly matching the older fabric.

The older buildings now serve as outbuildings and garage to the house, but they originally faced onto a narrow farmyard on the opposite (north-west) side. The main section of the range is of mid-19th century date, and built of coarse rubble with tooled-and-margined quoins and dressings, with a slate roof; on the north west are three doorways with neat alternating block surrounds. At either end are smaller buildings, perhaps slightly earlier than the main block, that to the south a cart shed with a pair of openings divided by a plain square pier; and a second small building, set at a different angle beyond.

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NOTES

Burnmouth is clearly a site of considerable archaeological interest, with origins in the early 17th century or earlier. Two bastles identified at the site may have replaced earlier structures and were themselves replaced during or before the second half of the 19th century.

The c1840 Tithe map and the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey of 1866 show a linear grouping –parallel with the burn, with the present, fragmentary roadside bastle forming its south-west end. The 2nd edition Ordnance Survey Plan of 1898 shows a similar linear arrangement but displaced several metres to the south east, perhaps after the original group fell into disrepair or began slipping downwards towards the burn. The current arrangement of garden and paddock walls dates from the early 19th century or earlier, while the trackway leading past Burnmouth farmstead to the ford opposite the mill site is clearly related to both original bastle sites and perhaps indicates early origins for the mill.

Aerial photographs of the wider area show that it is part of a complex of earthworks which, in addition to the structures already mentioned include other building remains, field boundaries, rig & furrow, paths trackways and Holloways. Various remains on the east side of the Burnmouth farmstead, although difficult to interpret, suggest that the farmstead may once have spread eastwards of its current position on the south side of the principal trackway to the mill site which is accessed via a ford from the south side of the Tarret. Much more impressive redundant trackway features on the south and east sides of the burn to the east of the mill site, west of the modern road, are probably the remains of droveways which were late replaced by the modern road. This route is not

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closely connected to Burnmouth farmstead, although it does offer access to the height-land north-east of the mill across which flowed the mill leat.

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REFERENCES

	The Archaeological Practice, 2009. Burnmouth Mill, Northumberland. Report on Archaeological Excavations and survey of earthwork features	
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