

The Sneep findspot (Bronze Age Burial) A0447

Site Type	findspot
Site Name	
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	The Sneep, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1RN
Related Sites	

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 799 889	Km Square	NY 7988
TAG 2006 Atlas : Map	H3	Air Photo. No	Run C--OS/74133--204

Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Bellingham -- Tarretburn

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	X	Listed	X
National Monument Record	78 NE 06	English Heritage Pastscape	15677
Historic Environment Record	6994	HVA	X
Grundy	X	Tasset Books	MM- LX-

EVIDENCE

See Pastscape

DESCRIPTION

The late 19th Century discovery of a cist burial at the Sneep, North Tynedale was made by the erosion of the east side of a small hill of sand and drift gravel by the Tarret burn which flows past its base. The cist was 3'9" long, 2'11" wide at the west end and 1'11" wide at the east end, and 1'9" deep. The cist, which had no covering mound, was four feet below the surface. Within the cist was the contracted skeleton of a female, a 'drinking cup' (beaker), and seven flints which showed signs of having been shaped by flaking. The 'drinking cup' is 7 1/4" high, 5 3/8" diameter at the top and 3 1/8" at the bottom. The decoration consists of incised bands and a lattice pattern. Two of the flints are of the class known as 'scrapers' but the others appear to be waste flakes. The 'C' Type Beaker is now exhibited at the Great North Museum in Newcastle. [After Pastscape]

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IMAGES



The plate from Hedley (1892).

NOTES

The exact location of this site is doubtful; Charlton (Ref. 1.) refers to it as being at The Sneep but see Pastscape. According to the note in *Archaeologia Aeliana* (Ref. 2.) the cist was found on the property of a Mr J. R. D. Lynn, who immediately informed Mr W. L. Charlton.

REFERENCES

1.	Charlton, D. B, 1987, <i>Upper North Tynedale, A Northumbrian Valley and its People</i> . Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumbrian Water. p.18	
2.	Hedley, R., 1892, 'A Prehistoric Burial at the Sneep, North Tynedale', <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> (2 nd Series) 15, 49-53	



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