

## **Bastles and Castles of the Upper North Tyne**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 2026**

The Tarsset Burn, a tributary of the North Tyne is home to a wonderful cluster of well-preserved fortified homes. Between the 12<sup>th</sup> to late 16<sup>th</sup> century this harsh remote area of Northumberland was a constant struggle for folk. Living either side of the Scotland England border, discover how families survived the robbing and plundering of their goods and chattels.



Redesdale  
Archaeology  
Group



Altogether  
Archaeology

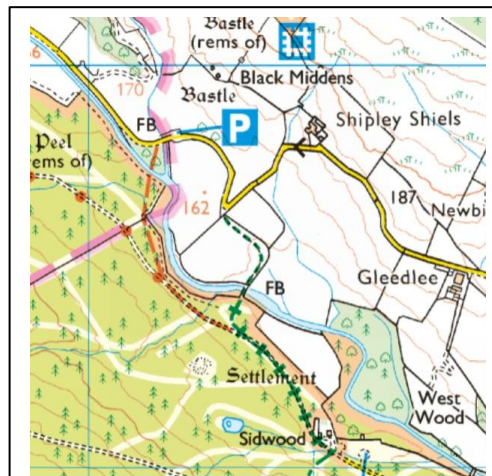


NORTH OF THE WALL  
**TYNEDALE  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
GROUP**

### **ARRANGEMENTS**

**Meet at the car park TIME 10:45 for a 11:00 start.** See map right.

Grid Reference ny772897. Postcode NE481NE  
From here we will walk up to the Black Middens bastles. Return to car park for a brief lunch stop then a forest road walk to visit Shilla and Boghead bastles. Returning to car park we will car share to visit Dally Castle.



Black Middens 1

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To reserve a place contact Elaine Vallack via email:  
[elainevallack@hotmail.com](mailto:elainevallack@hotmail.com)

Duration of day 10:45 – 16:00. Bring a pack lunch, drink & any necessary medication. CLOTHING strong sturdy footwear, waterproofs. TERRAIN forest road tracks, and pasture fields. Likely to be very boggy in places. Good idea to bring walking poles especially at the Boghead site. Maximum distance about 4.5km/3miles