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### Parish of Sockburn

. Rather like many areas of the so-called Tees Valley today, Sadberge had a rather confused sense of identity.

### The History of the Lambton Worm and Sockburn Worm

Girsby, a village on the South side of Tees, is considered, as to ecclesiastical matters, within the Parish of Sockburn. Then again, both renditions draw motivation from the Icelandic adventure of the shape-shifter Alsol and her darling Hjalmer.

### GENUKI: SOCKBURN: Geographical and Historical information from the year 1890., Yorkshire (North Riding)

Middleton One Row and Middleton St George are best known for the nearby Durham Tees Valley Airport, formerly called Teesside Airport which started life out as an airforce base RAF Goosepool and then RAF Middleton St. The other portion of the parish, comprising the townships of Girsby and Over Dinsdale. The stone under which the was reputedly buried is or at least until recently was still visible, and the with which it was said to have been slain is in Treasury.

### North

In about 1870, Henry's widow, Theophania, erected another footbridge some way north of the house, to enable the faithful to access their church without using a ford near the house. His son Robert held lands in Over Dinsdale in 1633, and Richard and Thomas Ward answered for five hearths there in 1673.

### The Oldest Traditions: Legends, Rituals and Plays

The Sockburn Peninsula occupies a deep bend in the Tees. Twenty years later Roger son of Robert sued Humphrey de Conyers of Sockburn for not keeping this agreement. In 1225 Geoffrey was dead, and his son and heir John was under age and in the custody of Hubert de Burgh.

### Legendary Dragons from British Mythology

The Visitation of Durham in 1666 contains a sketch of the faulchion , which was then kept at the manor-house of Sockburne.

### **The Grey Stone Sockburn Standing Stone / Menhir**

But, though thus divided, the whole township is included in the county of Durham. The Conyers were at Sockburn for centuries, but in the late 1500s or 1600s they moved their family seat a little further north to Horden, near Peterlee, and sold Sockburn to the Blacketts, a family of Newcastle industrialists. He gave or left the manor to his third son Henry Collingwood Blackett, who at his death without issue in 1856 left it to his elder brother Edward, the sixth baronet.

### **Sockburn Worm**

It was the duty of the lord to meet the Bishop of Durham on his first entry into the diocese and present to him a falchion.

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