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### *Northumberlandia, the lady of the north*



In a recent issue of *Sheetlines*,<sup>1</sup> David Andrews described the use by Ordnance Survey of hachures to denote slopes associated with other topographical features. Readers may like this newish example; the human landform sculpture Northumberlandia, on the Blagdon Estate near Cramlington in Northumberland.

I work about a mile away, so I visit her quite often at lunchtime to enjoy the good views from the top. It would be interesting to see what the lady would look like with contour lines rather than hachures.



For more information, see [www.northumberlandia.com](http://www.northumberlandia.com)

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<sup>1</sup> 'Ha-has – the last laugh', *Sheetlines* 97, 48.