

## Sunderland's 15 minutes of fame - in error!

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Only a handful of people live in the west Cumbrian hamlet of Sunderland. So they were a trifle surprised to see themselves included in the latest lockdown broadcast from Sky News. Boldly shown on the map to the west a lone dot on the map compared to the cluster in the east. However, missing from that group in the north east was Sunderland, Tyne and Wear &ndash; and there&rsquo;s quite a difference.

Cumbria&rsquo;s Sunderland is part of the All Saints ward of Allerdale Borough Council, roughly between Cockermouth near Aspatria, which has a total population of 4,803 according to the latest figures.

But that&rsquo;s the ward size and really only a handful of people live in the hamlet itself.

By comparison the city of Sunderland in Tyne and Wear, has a population of 174,286.

Lots of people contacted the news organisation to point out the error, which it corrected.

It&rsquo;s likely to be the first time that Cumbria&rsquo;s Sunderland made Sky News &ndash; albeit in error.

My own memories of Sunderland are a bit hazy, but I think we passed it on our way to Tallentire to visit my mother&rsquo;s cousin.

One house, in particular, stood out as it was garishly painted &ndash; green or blue as I recall, with drawings and according to my parents was the home of a gentleman called Slee &ndash; a character of the time.