

**GBR 46: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union**

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 46	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book recording the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from 22 July 1861 to 26 Oct. 1863.	<p>List of Guardians elected in April 1862 and April 1863. The list contains: names of Guardians as given in the election list in the minute book. Expanded forms, if known, are given in square bracket. Names of Parish, profession and places of residence if known. Year(s) elected.</p> <p>Ebenezer Black (Grindon, farmer, Grindon, 1862, 1863);  George Barclay (Tweedmouth, farmer, Tweedmouth, 1863);  Robert Boston (Tweedmouth, fishcurer, Spittal, 1863);  John Burn (Tweedmouth, farmer, Ord, 1862);  Robert Cairns (Berwick, hosier, Marygate, 1862, 1863);  William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer, East Mains, 1862, 1863);  David Cockburn (Berwick, farmer, New West Farm, 1862, 1863);  Thomas Crewther (Ancroft, mineralist, Ancroft Lime Works, 1862, 1863);  Adam Darling (Shoreswood, merchant, Palace Green, Berwick, 1862, 1863);  John Dunbar (Loanend, farmer, Bank Head, 1863);  John Embleton (Holy Island, farmer and auctioneer, Broome House, 1862, 1863);  Joseph Fleming (Berwick, currier, Castlegate, 1862, 1863);  William Gibson (Berwick, post-master, Church Street, 1862, 1863);  John Jackson (Kylloe, farmer, Fenwick Granary, 1863);  William Logan, Cornhill, farmer and miller, Cornhill Mill, 1862, 1863);  Richard Makins (Tweedmouth, farmer, Murton, 1862, 1863);  John Charles McDonald (Kylloe, farmer, Berrington, 1862);  George McGregor (Ancroft, farmer, Windmill Hill, 1862);  Andrew Mitchell (Berwick, farmer, Letham Shank, 1862, 1863);  James Mitchell (Twizel, farmer, Tindal House, 1862, 1863);  William Moor (Longridge, farmer, Longridge, 1862, 1863);  James Robert Nicholson (Thornton, farmer, 1862, 1863);  Robert Ramsay junior (Tweedmouth, farmer, Tweedmouth, 1862);  James Richardson (Felkington, farmer, Black Grindon, 1862, 1863);  James Sanderson (Berwick, grocer, Church Street, 1862, 1863);  Alexander Smith junior (Berwick, farmer, High Letham, 1863);  Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer, Galagate House, Norham, 1862, 1863);  Colville Smith (Tweedmouth, clothier, Berwick, 1862, 1863);</p>	22 July 1861 – 26 Oct. 1863.

			<p>George Smith (Loanend, farmer, Ancroft, 1862);  Andrew Thompson (Berwick, ironmonger, Marygate, 1862, 1863);  Mark Thompson (Horncliffe, farmer and seedsman, Horncliffe, 1862, 1863);  Richard Thompson (Ancroft, farmer, Cheswick, 1863);  George White (Duddo, farmer, Duddo, 1862, 1863);  George Young (Tweedmouth, fishmonger, Bridge Street, Berwick, 1862, 1863);  John Young (Berwick, grocer, Marygate, 1862, 1863);</p> <p>Medical Officers appointed March 1862 and 1863:  Dr John Paxton (Norhamshire, East Division 1862, 1863).  Dr Matthew James Turnbull (Norhamshire, West Division, 1862, 1863).  NB These two Medical Officers were appointed on dispensation from the Poor Law Board, as there were no other medical gentlemen residing in their respective districts fully qualified. The appointment was therefore for one year only, the other Medical Officers' appointments were no longer time limited. These were:  Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] (Union Workhouse).  Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] (Berwick District).  Dr Wilson [James Wilson (Islandshire and Tweedmouth Districts).</p> <p>Relieving Officers serving during the period covered by this volume:  Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District);  George Turner (resigned March 1862);  Thomas Cairns (appointed March 1862, resigned March 1863) (Berwick District)  John Crosby (appointed April 1863) (Berwick District).</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse during the period covered by this volume:  Thomas Hood Mitchell (appointed July 1861).</p> <p>The parishes which comprised the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union during the period covered by this volume were:  Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe;  Kylloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton;  Tweedmouth; Twizel;</p>	
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Item	GBR 46/1 - 5	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 July 1861	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Embleton; Ebenezer Black; David Cockburn; William Moor; John Burn; Robert Cairns; George McGregor; Thomas Bogue. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of pauper lunatics were examined and ordered to be paid: Berwick, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Hannah Jameson, Kyoel Parish, Warwick County Asylum, Mary Mather.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Brown, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from haemorrhoid, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Wilson, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Cecily Wilson, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. William Sidey, of West End, suffering from carbuncle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Alice Armstrong, of West End, suffering from fracture of arm, may be able to work in a fortnight, nothing prescribed; The above signed by James Wilson. John Musgrove, of Shoreswood Colliery, (suffering from not stated), prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>The Guardians considered a memorial from the inhabitants of Holy Island, but in the absence of a motion it was not adopted. The promoters of memorial were to be informed that the nuisances arose from the dirty state of the roads in the village, and it was suggested to them that the Surveyors of the Highways should be asked to remedy the matter.</p> <p>An order of the Court of Quarter Sessions for Northumberland respecting the appointment of the Police Constable within the Union as Inspector of Nuisances</p>	22 July 1861.
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			<p>was laid before the meeting. To be taken into consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a notice from the Warwick County Asylum notifying them of an increase in their maintenance fee. Resolved that immediate steps be taken to remove to the Northumberland County Asylum the pauper lunatic now chargeable to the Union and at the moment confined in the Warwick Asylum.</p> <p>District meeting for the examination of paupers belonging to the Tweedmouth and Spittal Districts had been held before Joseph Fleming; William Gibson and John Young (Tweedmouth):  Parochial Poor – 82  Union Poor- 39. Total 121.  Before Joseph Fleming and James Wilson (Spittal):  Parochial Poor – 45  Union Poor - 26. Total 71.  Cases of paupers investigated who were not able to attend  27.  Total number 219.  George Car, Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth Parish, attended the meeting. He explained that the delay in payment of the calls due from him arose from the non-completion of the new valuation of the Parish, and therefore the consequent inability to levy the necessary rates.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/6-10	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 Aug. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Burn; George Smith; Colville Smith; James Sanderson; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson];  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] his clerk, H J Williams was appointed to act as his substitute.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	5 Aug. 1861.

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); John Winter (meatseller); Francis Lough (undertaker); Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchants); William Alder (spirit merchant); William Pirie (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Account: Joseph Scott, expense of examining and conveyance of John Forsythe, a pauper lunatic chargeable to Ancroft, to the County Asylum. T H. Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], expense of conveyance of Dorothy Ward, a pauper lunatic, chargeable to Berwick, to the County Asylum.</p> <p>Registration Fees: George Turner, Berwick, Tweedmouth; J H. Graham, Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe; Joseph Scott, Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Hornccliffe. Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration Fee: Joseph H Graham, Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Taylor, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed sago; Robert Gibson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from swelled testicles, prescribed necessaries; Robert Taylor, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, prescribed necessaries; Robert Taylor's wife, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed sago. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Agnes Paxton's child, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed wine (port). Signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Resolved that considerations regarding the appointment of the Police Constables within the Union as Inspectors of Nuisances be adjourned till the meeting to be held on 2 September.</p>	
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			Dr Kirkwood ordered to visit the County Asylum and report to the Guardians the state of the lunatics belonging to this Union and now confined therein.	
Item	GBR 46/11-15	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 Aug. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Smith; Richard Makins; John Burn; Colville Smith; John Young; Thomas Crewther; Robert Cairns; Adam Darling; Rev. George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Joseph Scott and George Turner were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Ramsey, junior (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); T Black &amp; Son (Spittal Forge).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Magher, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed ½ lb of beef or mutton every second day; Robert Gibson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from swelled testicles, prescribed necessaries; John Taylor, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, and Mrs Taylor, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed together with her husband, 1 ½ of sago. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Thomasina Coulson, of West End, suffering from sickness, is capable of some work. Signed by J Wilson [James Wilson]. Richard Johnson, of Norham, suffering from a wound to the knee, nothing prescribed; Violet Dodd, of Norham, suffering from deficient nutrition, advised to try to work and get plenty of food. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood</p>	19 Aug. 1861.

			<p>[Alexander Kirkwood] and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Resolved that the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee regarding the appointment of Mary Ann Thompkin as Workhouse Cook and Servant to the Matron be adopted.</p> <p>An order of Justices having been obtained adjudging the chargeability to the Parish of Branxton of John Forsythe, a pauper lunatic now chargeable to the Parish of Ancroft. The requisite notice of chargeability to be sent to the former parish was now signed by three of the Guardians present.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that T B Browne, School Inspector, intended to visit and examine the Workhouse School on 22 August at 10 o'clock.</p> <p>The Clerk produced to the Guardians the Acts passed last session relating to the irremovable poor, the removal of Irish poor and the proceedings for penalties under the Vaccination Acts. The last mentioned was referred to the Workhouse Committee to consider and report back to the Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/16-23	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 Sept. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Mark Thompson; William Gibson; John Young; John Embleton; Rev. George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); J Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchants); Elizabeth Rennison (butter); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Dixon (firewood); John</p>	2 Sept. 1861.

		<p>Drummond (blacksmith); William Pirie (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum: George Turner, conveyance of Jane Good, a lunatic pauper, to the County Asylum. William Allison, conveyance of Ann Gallagher, a lunatic Union pauper, to the County Asylum.</p> <p>Common charges: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (conveyance of two Scotch paupers to Glasgow); Alex Henderson (school books); Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] (expense of annual visit to lunatics).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the second day of September next to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the amount due to them, being the sums set opposite the names of the parishes of the Union.</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Duddo, Samuel Boak.</p> <p>Medial certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Julia Young, of Church street, suffering from inflammation of the knee joint, prescribed necessaries; Robert Gibson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from swelled testicles, nothing prescribed (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] and Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>Resolved to appoint the County Police Constables within the Union to be Inspectors of Nuisances, and the Clerk was instructed to get such appointments properly completed.</p> <p>Report from Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] of his visit to the County Asylum: number of inmates in the County Asylum 21 (plus 2 admitted after his visit): Dorothy Ward; Ann Graham; Isabella Mace; Margaret Dryden; Margaret Hay; James Finhart; George Todd; John Forsythe; Ann Weir; Nicholas Bell; John Howe; Martha Forster; Mary Ann Temple; James Swinhoe; John Octon; Isabella</p>	
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			<p>Lough and Maria Hall. Two not in the County Asylum: Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum; Mary Mather in the Warwick Asylum to be transferred to the County Asylum.</p> <p>All the inmates were clean and appeared to be most kindly and carefully treated.</p> <p>The Clerk read an entry from the Visitors' Book made by T B Browne, School Inspector, regarding his inspection of the schools. He found the schools in a satisfactory state. Information obtained from the Schoolmaster states that these schools are remarkably successful in emancipating the children from pauperism.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that they had examined the calculations for calls for the next half year. Contribution orders were signed upon the Overseers of the Parishes.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/24-28	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 Sept. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns; George Smith; George McGregor; John Young; James Sanderson; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] and Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Alder (wine merchant); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the amount due to them, being the sums set opposite the names of the Parishes of this Union, as</p>	16 Sept. 1861.

			<p>the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General County Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Isabella Scott, of Berrington, in child-birth, nothing prescribed. Signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported, as requested, regarding the proceedings for penalties under the Vaccination Acts, ascertaining that the Registrars of Birth and Death were fully empowered to take such proceedings, and provision was made for repayment of the expenses incurred. The Committee recommended the Guardians wait to see the effect of the new Acts before appointing any special person to take proceedings for penalties. The recommendation of the Workhouse Committee was adopted.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for provision etc. would expire before the next meeting. The Workhouse Committee to advertise for and receive tenders.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the sums still due from the Parishes for the last quarterly calls. The Clerk was directed to order the Collectors of the Parishes in arrear to pay the sums forthwith.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/29-36	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 Sept. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming, Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); Richard Makins; Andrew Mitchell; Mark Thompson; David Cockburn; George McGregor; Colville Smith; Robert Cairns; John Burn; John Embleton; George Smith; James Sanderson; Andrew Thompson; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Thomas Bogue. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers George Turner and</p>	30 Sept. 1861.

			<p>Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Cosby (butcher); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal; merchants); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Richardson (boot maker); George Archbold (plumber); Francis Lough (carpenter); George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); William Cowe (grocer); John Brown (slater); Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchants); Thomas Darling and others (pigs food etc.); Hannah Wight (china dealer); William Pirie (grocer); John Davidson (chemist).</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: George Turner, Berwick and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Common charges: Phoenix Fire Office (insurance); John Rennison (printer); Margaret Rennison (stationer); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (Justices Clerk's fees); E Willoby ( ¼ year's postage).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); M A Thompkins (cook and servant); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>The School Committee reported that they had examined and passed accounts for school fees and the same were ordered to be paid: Ancroft, Isaac Reed; Septimus Wharton. Berwick, Robert Moor; James Kirton. Cornhill, Robert Hardy. Kyloe, Isaac Reed. Norham, James Hay; Richard Forsythe; Miss Forsythe. Norham Mains, James Hay; George Davidson; John Todd. Tweedmouth, [no first name stated] KInghorn; William Tindle; Septimus Wharton; Alexander Home; James Kirton. Union Poor, Robert Hardy; H G Tait; Isaac Reed; Alexander Home; James Kirton; [?] Kinghorn; Septimus Kinghorn; Richard Forsythe; Miss Forsythe; John Cowane.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Chief Constable of the County of Northumberland had furnished the Clerk with the names of the following police officers to be appointed Inspectors of</p>	
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			<p>Nuisances within the Union. Ordered that William Grey Marshall, Superintendent of Police, Lowick; Police Constable Robert Gray, Scremerston; John McKenzie, Norham and George Atchinson, Holy Island are hereby appointed Inspectors of Nuisances for that part of the Union which lies in the County of Northumberland.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing, and the out-door poor with bread and oatmeal. Tenders accepted and adopted.</p> <p>Mr Turner [George Turner] laid a statement before the Guardians showing the expenditure for out-relief in the District during the quarter ended 29 September 1857 to 1861 inclusive, and the value of provisions consumed by the officers. A statement of the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse book was entered in the minutes.</p> <p>The total number of days chargeable to the Union Poor Account for the half year just ended was stated.</p> <p>Ordered that the Garden Account be debited with the value of the house slop given to the pigs.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the out-relief account, as well as the in-maintenance account for the last half year.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk calculate the proportion to be paid by each Parish of the instalment of the building loan repaid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners and debit each Parish with its share.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the Common Charge account.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/37-42	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 Oct. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; John Burn; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	14 Oct. 1861.

		<p>Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Ordered that the Officers' salaries for the quarter ending Michaelmas last be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); George Turner (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert Carr Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officers); Thomas H Mitchell[Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Ordered that the salaries for the quarter ended Michaelmas last also be paid to John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John T Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); [George Deck] (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered: Lunatic Asylum account. Northumberland County Asylum. Maintenance of the following pauper lunatics :Ancroft, Ann Weir. Berwick, George Todd; John Horne; Ann Graham; Agnes Pringle; Martha Forster; Isabella Mace; Margaret Dryden; Dorothy Ward. Cornhill, Mary Ann Temple. Holy Island, Nicholas Bell. Kyoeloe, Mary Mather. Loanend, Margaret Hay. Norham, William Bartram; Maria Hall. Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe; John Octon; Isabella Lough. Union Poor, James Finhart; Jane Good; Ann Gallagher. Royal Edinburgh Asylum: Maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic chargeable to Berwick. Warwick County Asylum: Maintenance of Mary Mather, a pauper lunatic chargeable to Kyoeloe, up to 26 August. Mary Ann Smith: expenses removing her from Warwick to Northumberland Asylum on 26 August.</p>	
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			<p>Extra Medical Fees: Alexander Kirkwood, Berwick, Kyloe, Shoreswood. Robert Carr Fluker, Berwick, Longridge, Tweedmouth. Union Poor, James Wilson, Ancroft, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth, Union Poor.</p> <p>Vaccination Fees: Berwick, Robert Carr Fluker. Ancroft, Kyloe and Tweedmouth, James Wilson.</p> <p>Common charges: George Turner (1/4 year's postage etc.).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Permission given to George Baxter to try a month's probation before being apprenticed to Mr James Dunn, tailor, Duddo.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had asked the Poor Law Board to sanction the recent appointment of Inspectors of Nuisances. The Poor Law Board said their approval was not required as the officers appointed were not Poor Law Officers of the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/43-48	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 Oct. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Young; David Cockburn; George Smith; Robert Cairns; William Cleghorn; James Mitchell; Adam Darling; George McGregor; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, his clerk H. J. Williams was appointed to act as his substitute.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	28 Oct. 1861.

			<p>Amounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Cowe (grocer); Richard Simpson (grocer); Robert Rutherford (draper); James Smail (draper); Thomas Darling (butcher); G &amp; J Young (drapers); William Alder (spirit merchant); John Cosby (baker); David Logan (wine merchant); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); Tweed Brewery Company; John Blakey (grocer); William Wilson &amp; Son (ironmonger).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Ancroft, Dr Broadbent.</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner; Ancroft, Holy Island and Kyloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Ancroft and Kyloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 31 instant, to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum for local expenditure being the amounts of the sums set opposite the names of the Parishes of this Union, as the proportion of the said several Parishes towards the General Police Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Matthews, of Unthank Square, suffering from chronic asthma and debility, prescribed port-wine. Signed by Robert Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. J Harrison, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed wine. Signed by James Wilson. Harry Emery, of Grieves Stead, suffering from rheumatic ophthalmia, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a month. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the meeting the non-settled poor return for the half-year ended Michaelmas last signed by the auditor.</p>	
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			<p>Dr Kirkwood was requested to furnish the Committee of Council on Education with a medical certificate regarding the Pupil Teacher.</p> <p>Report from the Relieving Officer, Joseph Scott, regarding his visit to servants and apprentices was presented to the meeting as follows: 1. William Nichol, with Mr Smith of Ancroft, helping in the stables and kitchen. 2. Alexander Knox, six months the apprentice to Mr William Burns, tailor, Norham. 3. Mary Palmer, working for Alexander Black, a hind at Loanend.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/49-54	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 Nov. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith (Norham); Richard Makins; Robert Cairns; James Sanderson; George Young; Thomas Crewther; George Smith; Andrew Mitchell; John Burn; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>The following accounts were examined and being found correct were ordered to be paid John Cosby (baker); Thomas Darling (butcher); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); William Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: J H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] ,expenses for the removal of Elizabeth Brown, a pauper lunatic chargeable to Ancroft Parish to the County Asylum.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Twizel, Union Poor, John Paxton.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, John Paxton.</p>	11 Nov. 1861.



			<p>Registration fees: Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Thornton, Twizel, Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: Ancroft, Kylloe, Norham Mains, Alexander Davidson.</p> <p>Common charges: J H Mitchell (removing Scotch pauper); Gas Company (gas account).</p> <p>Accounts for school fees examined and passed by the School Committee and payment ordered: Ancroft, George A Turnbull. Berwick, Miss Octon; James Dumas. Horncliffe, William Wardhaugh; Matthew Mood. Kylloe, George A Turnbull. Shoreswood, James Chisholm. Tweedmouth, James Dumas. Union Poor, William Wardhaugh; James Dumas.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas of leg, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from: Dr Fluker; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had been requested by the District Auditor to make the Guardians aware of the account of Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer of the township of Norham, and to the large balance claimed to be due from the township to him. Resolved that a committee consisting of the Chairman Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith; George Smith; George Young and Adam Darling investigate this. They are empowered to require the attendance before them of Alexander Davidson and the Overseers of the township.</p> <p>James Dunn, tailor, Duddo, applied for permission to have George Baxter, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Berwick, apprenticed to him, which was agreed to by the Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/55-59	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; John Young; George Young; John Burn; George Smith; William Cleghorn; John Embleton; Robert Cairns; James</p>	25 Nov. 1861.

		<p>Nov. 1861.</p>	<p>Sanderson; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Thomas Bogue.          Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson].          Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Corporation of Berwick (rent of garden); R Ramsey &amp; others (pigs etc.); R Johnson &amp; Co. (coal merchants); Thomas Darling (butcher); John Cosby (baker); Francis Lough (undertaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Tweed Brewery Company.</p> <p>Common charges: David Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); Thomas Sample (old rope); J H Mitchell (removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Ordered that James Dunn, tailor, Duddo be paid the first half of the premium payable to him for his apprentice George Baxter, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Smith, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); James Taylor, of High Street, suffering from palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries; James Taylor, of Golden Square, suffering from ulcer of foot and palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Harry Emery, of Grieves Stead, suffering from rheumatism etc., prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a month. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Dr Fluker; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	
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Item	GBR 46/60-73	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 Dec. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Young; John Embleton; Andrew Mitchell; William Gibson; John Burn; Adam Darling; Colville Smith; James Sanderson; David Cockburn; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Young; Robert Cairns; Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; George Smith; Thomas Crewther; James Mitchell; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.  Also present: E Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dunlop (draper); Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Francis Lough (undertaker).</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Samuel Boak, Duddo.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (poor rate due to Parish of Berwick on Workhouse and Register Office); John Thompson (special District Rate for the same).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> December to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum being the amount of the sums set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union being the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General County Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Jane Derry, of Golden Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries;</p>	9 Dec. 1861.
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			<p>Relieving Officer, had made out the account for him, and that he, Mr Turner, knew that he had claimed incorrectly, he later retracted this. Mr Turner later attended a meeting at which he claimed not to have any knowledge of this and that the account had been made out by him based on Police Officer Carr's dictation. Recommended that the case be reported to the Watch Committee of the Town Council, and the amended amount of the account was ordered to be paid.</p> <p>The Clerk produced copied of the certificates awarded by the Committee of Council on Education to the Workhouse Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress.</p> <p>Application from Mr Turner [George Turner], Relieving Officer, to the Guardians regarding his appointment as Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Tweedmouth. He argued that his appointment would not interfere with his position as Relieving Officer, and he enclosed a copy of the resolution made by the Vestry of the Parish of Tweedmouth in support of his appointment. Resolved that Mr Turner's appointment be taken into consideration at the next meeting and that the Clerk is directed to produce the report made by the select committee in 1856, and all consequent reports connected with this report.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a request signed by the majority of the Parish Officers and certain inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick to make an application to the Poor Law Board for their consent to the letting of Grangeburn Mill in the manner specified in such request. Referred to the Workhouse Committee who are requested and empowered to consult with the Churchwardens and Overseers and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef, bread and out-door oatmeal were about to expire. The Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders for supply of these articles and report back. Tender made by Messrs Clay and Son for 20 sacks of oatmeal was accepted.</p> <p>Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, drew attention to the large increase in the number of vagrants in the Workhouse, and suggested that a police officer be appointed as assistant relieving officer to receive applications from the vagrants for admission to the Workhouse. A committee consisting of the Chairman, Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); William Gibson; James</p>	
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			<p>Sanderson; George Young and Rev George Hans Hamilton, was established to consider the matter and report back.</p> <p>Mr Hurst also suggested that the Workhouse Committee should investigate why girls sent out to service from the Workhouse frequently left and returned to the Workhouse. This was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/74-78	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 Dec. 1861.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Young; Robert Cairns; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); J &amp; W Robertson &amp; Co (iron-founders); John Thompson &amp; others (garden account); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop (draper); George Rutherford (cooper); Francis Lough (undertaker).</p> <p>Common charges: Joseph Redfearn (old rope).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Julia Young, of Church Street, suffering from eczema, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Jane Derry, of Golden Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Ann Lough, of Spittal, suffering from debility, prescribed wine; Thomasina Coulson, of West End, suffering from debility, partially disabled from making a living; John Cromarty, of Holy Island, suffering from consumption, wholly disabled from making a living, nothing prescribed. The above signed by James Wilson. John Muckle, of Norham, suffering from scrofula</p>	24 Dec. 1861.

			<p>and bronchitis, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns from Dr Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; and Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Union with beef from Thomas Darling and John Crosby. Tender accepted.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/79-88	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 Jan. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George McGregor; Andrew Mitchell; John Embleton; George Smith; William Moor; Adam Darling; James Sanderson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Mark Thompson; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; David Cockburn; John Burn; Andrew Thompson; George Young; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Thomas Bogue.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary A Thompkins (cook and servant); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>The value of the provisions consumed by the paupers, officers and necessaries was stated.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Clay &amp; Son (merchants); Thomas Darling (butcher); Bogue &amp; Davidson (drapers); John Crosby (baker); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); John Davidson (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Tweed Brewery Company; George Archbold (plumber); Francis</p>	6 Jan. 1862.

			<p>Lough (carpenter); William Alder (spirit merchant); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoes); George Winlaw (boot &amp; shoes); John Davidson (chemist).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co. (books and forms); Joseph Redfearn (old rope); Edward Willoby (1/4 year's postage and expenses paying loan instalment); George Turner (1/4 year's postage and expenses paying loan instalment).</p> <p>The School Committee reported that they had examined and passed the following accounts for school fees and payment was ordered to: William Tindle, Tweedmouth; Alexander Home, Union Poor.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Piercy, of Spittal, suffering from cancer, nothing prescribed; Mary Swinney, of Spittal, suffering from debility, prescribed wine. The above signed by James Wilson. Ann Rutherford, of Mattalee, her child severely burnt, wholly unable to work due to attendance to child, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Dr Kirkwood; Dr Fluker; Dr Turnbull; and Dr Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had considered the proposed terms for letting Grangeburn Mill to Mr Young Hattle and creating a thrashing mill. They reported that they could not agree to the present proposal made by the Overseers. They recommended that the land should be let to Mr Young Hattle on the following terms to which Mr Hattle had agreed, namely, to take the premises on a lease for 21 years at the annual rent of £35, and the Overseers to see to various repairs to the premises. The Committee recommended that steps should be taken immediately for carrying out these repairs, and that the sum then remaining in the hands of the Overseers should be applied in re-payment of the amount still due from the Parish of Berwick for its share towards the Workhouse building loans. It was resolved to approve of the proposal and to refer it to the Overseers for their consideration.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that an application had been made to him by the Coroner respecting the case of Sarah Patterson, who had been found dead in her bed and the fact that the amount of relief ordered by the Board had not been fully paid to</p>	
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			<p>her by Mr Turner [George Turner]. An inquest is to be held. Mr Turner was sent for and he stated that by mistake he had paid too little money to a person whose name he could not remember, but it was not Sarah Patterson. On realising the mistake he had paid the rest of the money to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer. The Clerk was ordered to watch the case on behalf of the Union. The problem of the present defective mode of paying relief to sick paupers residing in the Berwick District who could not frequent the pay-stations and had to pay other people to collect their relief for them was highlighted. It was resolved that Mr Turner should now pay the relief at the houses of those sick people who reside in his district and who cannot attend personally at the pay-station.</p> <p>The special committee appointed to consider the suggestion made by Mr Hurst respecting the large increase in the number of vagrants relieved at the Workhouse presented their report. Mr Hurst had suggested employing a police officer to be an assistant relief officer for receiving applications from vagrants. A statement was presented of the number of vagrants relieved in the Workhouse during the last five years, during which period the numbers had fluctuated from a low of 373 to a high of 864. The Master of the Workhouse said that vagrants were now admitted indiscriminately to the Workhouse without an order from the Relieving Officer. It was agreed to submit to the Board the following proposals for their consideration and approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vagrants not to be admitted into the Workhouse without an order from the Relieving Officer.</li> <li>2. The Relieving Officer not to give such orders after 8:30 p.m., and no vagrant to be admitted to the Workhouse, except in emergency cases, after 9 p.m. between 29 September and 25 March, nor after 9:30 p.m. between 25 March and 29 September.</li> <li>3. The Relieving Officer to exercise his judgement as to the truth of a vagrant's destitution, and to search them to find out if they possess any means of supporting themselves. By doing this the Relieving Officer would be acquainted with the persons of the habitual vagrants, and to these it would be his duty to refuse relief except in cases of evident and urgent necessity.</li> </ol> <p>In conclusion the Special Committee could not recommend the employment of one of the Borough police officers as assistant relieving officer. Resolved that the report be approved of and adopted, and the Master of the</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse and the Relieving Officers be required to carry out the regulations contained therein, and that placards containing information about the regulations be printed and posted around town.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the application of Mr Turner for permission to hold the additional office of Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth. Reference was made to previous reports and decisions concerning his duties and emoluments as Relieving Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths, and also those of Mr Atkinson. George Young, seconded by John Burn moved that the Clerk should apply to the Poor Law Board for their consent to dispense with the conditions specified in article 164 of the General Consolidated Order, to allow Mr Turner to hold the additional office of Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth and that if dispensation is granted the Guardians will permit Mr Turner to hold that office. An amendment moved by George Smith, seconded by the Chairman, saying that the Poor Law Board should not be contacted and that Mr Turner should not be allowed to hold the office in question was proposed..</p> <table> <tr> <td>For the motion:</td> <td>For the amendment:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Young.</td> <td>George Smith.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Burn.</td> <td>Joseph Fleming.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Darling.</td> <td>William Moor.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Sanderson.</td> <td>Andrew Thompson.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexander Smith (Letham).</td> <td>Mark Thompson.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andrew Mitchell.</td> <td>Rev George Hans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Cockburn.</td> <td>Hamilton.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Gibson.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>John Embleton and James R Nicholson declined to vote. Motion carried by a majority of 2, and the Clerk was directed to apply to the Poor Law Board accordingly.</p> <p>Application from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Tweedmouth for the Guardians' consent to excuse a number of owners of small properties residing in Spittal from the payment of Poor Rates because of poverty. Adjourned till next meeting.</p>	For the motion:	For the amendment:	George Young.	George Smith.	John Burn.	Joseph Fleming.	Adam Darling.	William Moor.	James Sanderson.	Andrew Thompson.	Alexander Smith (Letham).	Mark Thompson.	Andrew Mitchell.	Rev George Hans	David Cockburn.	Hamilton.	William Gibson.		
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			<p>The Clerk produced a letter from the District Auditor explaining the cause of the error in his certificate in the Overseers' Receipt and Payment-book for the township of Norham of the amount due from that township to the Overseers.</p> <p>Ordered that the common seal be affixed to the contracts for supplying the Workhouse with beef etc. during the current quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/89-99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 Jan. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Crewther; John Burn; John Embleton; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Mark Thompson; George Smith; William Cleghorn; George Young; Richard Makins; Rev George Hans Hamilton;  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chaiman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries to which the officers are entitled were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); George Turner (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert Carr Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officers); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas Hood Mitchell (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of Rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John Todd Smith (collector of Rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of Rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> instant to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum due, being the</p>	20 Jan.1862.

			<p>amount set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, as their contribution towards the General Police Rate at one farthing in the pound. Ordered the amount to be paid.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee for the maintenance of pauper lunatics were presented and payment ordered to: Northumberland County Asylum: Ancroft, Ann Weir; Elizabeth Brown. Berwick, George Todd; John Howe; Ann Grahame; Agnes Pringle; Matthew Forster; Isabella Mace; Margaret Dryden. Cornhill, Mary Ann Temple. Holy Island, Nicholas Bell. Kyloe, Mary Mather. Loanend, Margaret Hay. Norham, [William Bertrim]; Maria Hall. Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe, John Octon; Isabella Lough; Samuel Bell. Union Poor, James Finhart; Jane Good; Ann Gallagher. Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Hannah Jamison.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Tweedmouth, Alexander Kirkwood; Berwick, Longridge, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, Robert Carr Fluker; Ancroft, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth; James Wilson, Duddo, Twizel, Union Poor; John Paxton, Cornhill, Union Poor; Matthew James Turnbull.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert Carr Fluker; Ancroft, Holy Island, Tweedmouth, James Wilson; Horncliffe, Longridge, Norham, Thornton, Twizel, John Paxton; Cornhill, Matthew James Turnbull.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Berwick, Tweemouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: Robert Home (annual allowance for coals etc at Register Office); Dr Kirkwood (medical certificate for Committee on Education); Knight &amp; Co (stationery); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising).</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Horncliffe, James Paxton.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded fro the following, for whom relief was ordered: Susan Connor, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility from catarrh, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of mutton; Isabella Hepburn, of Hatters Lane, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Susan Connor, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility from catarrh, prescribed port wine; Hannah Bain, of Walkergate Lane,</p>	
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			by the Guardians saying that Mr Turner should be required to pay the relief at the houses of those sick paupers who reside in his district and cannot attend personally at the pay-station. Mr Turner says that he has tried to do as required but has been unable to do so. He has been unable to visit several of the paupers in the district at all during the last fortnight. To be considered at the next meeting.	
Item	GBR 46/100-107	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 Feb. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Burn; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Mitchell; George White; Robert Cairns; John Young; Andrew Thompson; George McGregor; Alexander Smith (Letham); James Mitchell; David Cockburn; George Smith; Colville Smith; James Sanderson; Richard Makins; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Gibson (farmer); Tweed Brewery Company; William Cowe (grocer); Francis Lough (undertaker).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: George Turner (expenses removing Samuel Bell from County Asylum to his residence in the parish of Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Registration fees: Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loansend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel, Joseph Scott; Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylloe, Joseph H Grahame.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylloe, Joseph H Grahame.</p>	3 Feb. 1862.

			<p>Common charges: Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (straw mattresses bought at sale).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Thomas Johnson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from syphilis, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of mutton (2 identical entries); Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from varicose ulcer, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Robert Brooke, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a fractured leg, will require relief to be continued for another month as he is yet unable to work; Ann Hepburn, of Hatters Lane, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries until the meeting of the Board; Susan Johnson, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries until the meeting of the Board. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Rosa Townley, of West End, in confinement, prescribed necessaries; Jane Steven, of West End, suffering from a cold, prescribed necessaries; Jane Clarke, of Calf Close, in confinement, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Elijah Mowat, of Tower Lane, suffering from sickness, nothing prescribed. The above signed by James Wilson. Thomas Robson, of Norham, of weak intellect unable to manage his affairs. Signed by J Paxton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood and Wilson.</p> <p>Report from Dr Kirkwood and Dr Wilson respecting the unhealthy state of East Ord was laid before the meeting. The two medical officers concluded that there is a great and immediate need of thorough drainage, and for the erection of a number of privies and water closets and ash pits for the use of the inhabitants of the village. The Clerk informed them that he had sent a copy of the petition to Mr Home, Agent to James Grieve, and had been informed that as Mr Grieve only owns a very small number of houses in the village, he does not feel himself called upon to interfere in the matter.</p> <p>Resolved that the owners of the properties in East Ord be informed about the state of the houses and urged to take action. Further considerations of the petition to be adjourned for one month.</p> <p>Letter of resignation from George Turner with immediate effect received and accepted by the Guardians. The Poor Law Board to be informed and steps taken</p>	
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			<p>to advertise for his replacement. Advertisements to be put in the Newcastle Daily Journal, Northern Daily Express and the Berwick newspapers. Deadline 22 February, meeting to be held on 24 February to appoint a new relieving officer.</p> <p>Claim by Dr Fluker brought forward for a charge of medical attendance on a pauper residing in Dr Wilson's district, due to both Dr Wilson and his Deputy being absent from their district. The Guardians think Dr Fluker's claim for remuneration fair and reasonable but do not think that they should pay as the pauper was one of those for which Dr Wilson was paid a salary to attend. Resolved to apply to the Poor Law Board for their opinion and advice.</p> <p>Several ratepayers from Tweedmouth attended the meeting and presented their case for being exempt from payment of the Poor Rate. The Guardians not being satisfied with the reason for their claim declined to assent to the application.</p> <p>Resolved that the School Committee should consider Mr Hurst's [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector's observation that many young persons sent out to service from the Workhouse often return to the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/108-114	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 Feb. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Mark Thompson; James Mitchell; William Cleghorn; Alan Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; Thomas Crewther; Robert Cairns; William Moor; John Embleton; Alexander Smith (Letham); George Young; George Smith; Thomas Bogue.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby</p>	17 Feb. 1862.



			<p>(baker); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); Hannah Wight (china dealer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: James Rae (old rope).</p> <p>A cheque with interest on a loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners was given to the Clerk for him to transmit the amount to his London Agents to be paid into the Commissioners' account.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from varicose ulcer, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Johnson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from [buboes?], prescribed necessaries; Sarah Bell, of Tweed Street, suffering from influenza; Sarah and Jane Bell, of Tweed Street, suffering from influenza, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Johnson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from buboes etc, prescribed necessaries; Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from varicose ulcer, prescribed necessaries; Susan Johnson, of Woolmarket, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Sarah and Jane Bell, of Tweed Street, suffering from influenza, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Jane Steven, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Elijah Mowat, of Tower Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef; Jane Steven, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jane Clark, of Calf Close, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Roughhead (no first name stated), of Spittal, suffering from sickness, prescribed wine; Jane Clark, of Calf Close, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Elijah Mowat, of Tower Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef. The above signed by James Wilson. George Young, of Norham, suffering from sciatica, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Weddell accompanied by a copy of resolution adopted by the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick in regard to the proposed re-erection of</p>	
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			<p>Grangeburn Mill, and also a copy of a petition presented to the Overseers about this matter. Deferred to the next meeting for consideration.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had taken into consideration the propriety of re-appointing Mary Ann Thompkins as cook and servant to Matron and ascertained that the services of such an officer were still required. Resolved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved of and adopted.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the basis of a County Rate received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland. He also presented to the Guardians some returns required by the Poor Law Inspector respecting the Workhouse School etc. Referred to the School Committee.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board respecting the claim by Dr Fluker discussed at the last meeting. The Poor Law Board state that the Guardians are liable for Dr Fluker's claim for his services.</p> <p>Letter received from George Dick, Collector of Rates for the parish of Tweedmouth, asking for an increase to his salary due to increased work caused by the recent application of the Small Tenement Rating Act, and the great increase of the rateable value of the Parish. His claim is backed by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish. To be considered at the next meeting. Mr Dick is required to furnish the Guardians with a certified copy of the resolution alluded to by him.</p> <p>The terms for appointment of medical officers for the District of East and West Norham[shire] for the ensuing year to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk presented calculations for the contribution orders for the ensuing half year to be considered at the next meeting, together with the consideration of the applications for the post of relieving officer for the Berwick District.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/115-117	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 Feb. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Andrew Thompson; William Gibson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Mark Thompson; Richard Makins; George Smith; John Young; Robert Cairns; John Burn; Rev George H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Thomas</p>	24 Feb. 1862.

			<p>Bogue. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk drew the attention of the Guardians to the Act passed last session of Parliament altering the mode of charging the cost of lunatics, and of computing the contributions from the parishes to the Common Fund.</p> <p>Application for the post of relieving officer of the Berwick District were presented from Walter Douglas, pattern-maker, Tweedmouth, aged 31; Michael Stevenson, schoolmaster, Newcastle, aged 41; Adam Boyd, post office clerk, Tweedmouth, aged 24; Robert Steven, grocer, West Hartlepool, aged 33; John Short, police officer, Berwick, aged 34; [Thoubron Heron], inn-keeper, Spittal, aged 35; William Cranston, station master, Widdrington, aged 50; George Gregg, carpenter, Berwick, aged 50; William Manners, collector of taxes, Berwick, aged 53; Thomas Cairns, clerk, Tweedmouth, aged 32; Henry E Nicholson, plumber, Berwick, aged 32; William Patterson, plasterer, Berwick, aged 31; Robert Foster, clerk, Sunderland. Candidates selected for interviews were Messrs Adam Boyd; John Short; William Cranston; William Manners and Thomas Cairns. They were requested to appear at the Board meeting on Monday next at 3 o'clock. Resolved that the appointment be made on the condition of six weeks' notice of resignation instead of one month as was previously required.</p> <p>Letter received from Mr Turner [George Turner] saying he is willing to act as relieving officer next week to show the person appointed the duties required on condition that he is paid one week's salary. Mr Turner's offer accepted. The new appointment will be made subject to this deduction of salary if the Poor Law Board will not sanction the extra week's pay to Mr Turner.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/118-126	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 March 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Embleton; James Hogg; Colville Smith; John Burn; Ebenezer Black; James R Black; Richard Makins; John Young; Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; James Mitchell; George Smith; Alexander Smith (Norham); David Cockburn; Robert Cairns; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; William Gibson; George Young; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Thompson; William Moor; James Sanderson; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke].</p>	3 March 1862.

			<p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Hector Fairburn (mason); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); John Elliott (chemist).</p> <p>Common charges: George Turner (postage etc.)</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before March 1 the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum due, being the amount set opposite to the names of the parishes of this Union as the proportion of the said several parishes.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Johnson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from buboes, prescribed necessaries; Sarah and Jane Bell, of Tweed Street, suffering from influenza, prescribed necessaries; Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Ellen Wilson, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane Steven, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; and Wilson.</p>	
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			<p>properties by the Guardians was produced. It appeared that some of the owners were willing to take steps to remedy the evils complained about and so definite arrangements were to be made. Resolved that the matter be referred to a committee consisting of the Guardians for the parish of Tweedmouth; to communicate further with the owners and others and endeavour to complete the necessary preliminary arrangements for carrying out the improvements.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk of the Peace withdrawing for the present the proposed basis of a new County Rate.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the employment of May Ann Thompkins.</p> <p>Appointment of a relieving officer for the Berwick District: the applications and testimonials of Messrs Adam Boyd; John Short; William Cranston; William Manners and Thomas Cairns were read and examined. Ebenezer Black proposed and George Young seconded that John Short be appointed. Thomas Crewther proposed and Richard Makins seconded that Thomas Cairns be appointed. Rev George Hans Hamilton proposed that William Manners be appointed, but no one seconded this proposal.</p> <p>Votes were taken: for John Short: John Embleton; Ebenezer Black; George Young; Dr Clarke; James R Black.</p> <p>For Thomas Cairns: the Chairman; George Smith; James RT Nicholson; Alexander Smith (Norham); James Hogg; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith (Letham); James Sanderson; William Gibson; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; Rev G H Hamilton; David Cockburn; Robert Cairns; Colville Smith; John Burn; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; William Moor; James Mitchell.</p> <p>Majority for Mr Cairns was 16, and so he was appointed to the post. Mr Cairns named Andrew Wood of Morris Hall and James Wood, of Norham, both farmers, as his sureties to join him in a bond for £200.</p>	
Item	GBR 46/127-133	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 March 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; John Embleton; George McGregor; George White; Ebenezer Black; Colville Smith; Alexander Smith (Letham); Mark Thompson; William Cleghorn; James Robert Nicholson; Robert Cairns; George</p>	17 March 1862.

		<p>Smith; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Bogue and Davidson (drapers); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Patterson &amp; Co. (firewood); Tweed Brewery Company; John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker, medical attention to James Matthews, a pauper residing in Tweedmouth District and chargeable to Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Ordered that George Turner be paid for his services as Relieving Officer for nine weeks and for his assistance to Mr Cairns during the tenth week of the present quarter.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from ulcers. Prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed 1 lb. of mutton; Mary Teague, of High Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries; Susan Knox, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lb of mutton; Mary Teague, of High Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries, after that no more relief will be requested; Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from varicose ulcers, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane; suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed 1 lb. of mutton. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Robert Forsyth, of Tweedmouth, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries, will require relief for a short time longer; James Steven, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed</p>	
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			<p>necessaries; A Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef; Robert Forsyth' of Tweedmouth, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Adam Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef; Mary Morrison, of Spittal, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson.</p> <p>Appointment of medical officers for the Districts of East and West Norhamshire. Appointed were John Paxton for the East Division and Matthew James Turnbull for the West Division. The Clerk was directed to inform the Poor Law Board that the Guardians cannot procure the services of medical gentlemen qualified to the prescribed rules as there are none duly qualified residing in these two districts, therefore the appointments shall only continue till 25 March 1863.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented a report respecting the classification of young females in the Workhouse. The Committee (Joseph Fleming; John Young and Rev George Hans Hamilton) especially appointed by the Guardians to devise some means of preventing moral contamination among the female inmates had met. They had resolved:</p> <p>First: - that the virtuous young women (who seldom exceed six in number), be associated with the old women when not employed, instead of being with prostitutes both during the day and night as heretofore.</p> <p>Second:-that the discipline and good order of the Workhouse is seriously and constantly interfered with by prostitutes going out and coming back to the Workhouse, and often taking out with them the better disposed young women.</p> <p>Third:- that it is most desirable that women of this class should be placed in separate rooms for the first fourteen days after they return to the Workhouse, and that they be obliged to tease a certain quantity of oakum as a condition for them obtaining their full ration.</p> <p>Fourth: - that these resolutions be submitted to the Guardians with a request that they will try to obtain the sanction of the Poor Law Board, and that the Master of the Workhouse carry out the first resolution only until the opinion of the Poor Law Board is obtained.</p> <p>On the motion of George Smith it was unanimously agreed to approve and adopt</p>	
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		<p>the report, and the Clerk was directed to forward the report to the Poor Law Board for their consideration and request their sanction of the proposed arrangements.</p> <p>Consideration of the Parochial Assessment Bill. George Smith moved the following amendment "That where any hereditaments are let on leases for periods not less than seven years or exceeding 21 years, the actual rent received by such leases shall be the rateable value upon which such hereditaments shall be rated to the relief of the poor." Proposal unanimously approved of by the Guardians. Mr Smith [George Smith] proposed that clauses should be inserted in the Bill requiring landlords to pay one half of the Poor Rate, and to provide for means and substance being rated to the poor as in Scotland. The proposal was neither seconded nor agreed to. The Rev Clarke was directed to inform the Poor Law Board of their decision.</p> <p>George Smith gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Guardians petition Parliament to pass some enactment requiring owners of all hereditaments to pay one half of the Poor Rate thereon and also Poor Rate being paid on means and substance.</p> <p>Motion from E Black [Ebenezer Black], seconded by R Cairns for a vote of thanks to be given to George Turner for his services as Relieving Officer during the past six years. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr Turner thereof.</p> <p>A form signed by the Parish Officers and certain inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick requesting the Guardians to apply to the Poor Law Board for their consent to the erection and letting of Grangeburn Mill upon the terms submitted to the Guardians and approved of at the last meeting. Application to be sent to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Letter from George Turner stating the number of sick and aged paupers he had, as Relieving Officer, visited and paid at their own homes. Letter from the Poor Law Board approving the appointment of Thomas Cairns as Relieving Officer, and of the proposed payment to Mr Turner. Letter from Mr Hadley regarding Tweedmouth valuation, and a letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the increase in salary of the Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth.</p>	
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Item	GBR 46/134-144	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 March 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; Richard Makins; George McGregor; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); Andrew Mitchell; George Young; John Young; William Cleghorn; George Smith; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Andrew Thompson; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants; Robert Ramsay and others (garden accounts); Francis Lough (carpenter); William Cowe (grocer); Thomas H Patterson; John Drummond (blacksmith); Robert Gibson (farmer); George Archbold (plumber); John Richardson (shoemaker); Tweed Brewery Company; George Archbold (farmer); George Winlaw (shoemaker); John Davidson (grocer); G &amp; J Young (drapers); James Middlemiss (carter); William Wilson &amp; Son (ironmongers).</p> <p>Maintenance of pauper lunatics at the Northumberland County Asylum: Ancroft: Ann Weir; Elizabeth Brown. Berwick: George Todd, John Howe; Ann Grahame; Agnes Pringle; Martha Forster; Isabella Mace; Margaret Dryden. Cornhill: Mary Ann Temple. Holy Island: Nicholas Bell. Kylee: Mary Mather. Loanend: Margaret Hay. Norham: William [[Bartram?]; Maria Hall. Tweedmouth: James Swinhoe; Isabella Lough; Samuel Bell; John Octon. Union Poor: James Finharty; James</p>	31 March 1862.

		<p>Good; Ann Gallagher.</p> <p>Common charges: Gas Company (gas accounts); James Rennison (printing); Margaret Rennison (stationery); Edward Willoby (postage); Edward Willoby (London agents charges paying over loan instalment); Edward Willoby (Justices Clerk's fees); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage etc); Thomas Cairns (expenses removing 2 Scotch paupers); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay-station).</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse, for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Salaries were ordered to be paid to : William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron of the Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Ann Thompkins (cook and servant); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Ancroft: Septimus Wharton; G A Turnbull; Isaac Reed. Berwick: Septimus Wharton; William Jackson. Cornhill: Robert Hardy. Felkington: H G Tait; James Chisholm. Holy Island: Robert Stamp. Horncliffe: William Wardhaugh. Kyloe: Isaac Reed; G A Turnbull; John Corrane. Norham: Richard Forsyth; Norham Schoolmistress. Norham Mains: James Hay. Shoreswood: George Davidson; John Todd. Tweedmouth: James Dumas; William Tindle; Robert Darling; Mr Kinghorn; William Jackson. Union Poor: Isaac Reed; James Dumas; Robert Hardy; William Hindhaugh; Robert Darling; Septimus Wharton; Mr Kinghorn; William Jackson; Richard Forsyth; John Corrans; Norham Schoolmistress.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from dyspepsia prescribed 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); William Crosby, of Ravensdowne, suffering from phthisis, prescribed port wine (2 identical entries); John Brooks, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from pians; prescribed necessaries; Mary Cockburn, of Castlegate, suffering from lumbago, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Kirkwood, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The</p>	
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			<p>above signed by Robert C Fluker. Adam Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Mary Morrison, of Spittal, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Peter Paxton, of Tweedmouth, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson. Mary Thompson, vagrant, sick child suffering from feverish catarrh, nothing prescribed; George Young, of Norham, suffering from sciatica (nothing prescribed). The above signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull; and Wilson.</p> <p>Statement of the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books was ordered to be entered in the minutes.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing account.</p> <p>Ordered that the garden account be debited with the value of the house slops given to the pigs during the last half year.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the out-relief account, also ordered that the Clerk cost up the in-maintenance account for the last half year.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk calculate the proportion to be paid by each parish of the instalments of the building loan repaid to the Exchange Loan Commissioners and each parish be debited with its share.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the Common Charge account by crediting it with the share of each parish calculated according to the averages of the Union Poor Account; County Rate; Police Rate, Registration Rate; Vaccination Rate, and the several other accounts in the ledger, and transfer to the debit of each parish the respective sums chargeable thereto.</p> <p>George Smith withdrew his motion respecting the payment of Poor Rate.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board consenting to the employment of Messrs Paxton [John Paxton] and Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] to act as Medical Officers of the East and West Northamptonshire Districts until 25 March 1863 upon the</p>	
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			<p>terms fixed by the Guardians. John Paxton and Matthew James Turnbull named each other as deputies.</p> <p>Report from the School Committee. It has examined the attendance books of all the out-door pauper children and has ordered payment of school wages for a half year's schooling for 70 children, and for a quarter of a year for 15 children. The Committee has adhered to the rules that no payment be made for any week the child has not been at school for 4 days. The Report was signed by Rev George Hans Hamilton, Chairman.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing, and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc. A list was worked out of the tenders that the Guardians recommended to be accepted.</p> <p>Circular laid before the Guardians from the Poor Law Board respecting the new Irremovable Poor Act</p>	
Item	GBR 46/145-153	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 April 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; George Young; James Hogg; George Smith; Andrew Thompson; John Young; Richard Makins; David Cockburn; John Embleton; Alexander Smith (Letham); Colville Smith; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; and Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); Thomas Cairns (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert Carr Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson</p>	14 April 1862.

			<p>(medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas Hood Mitchell (master of the Workhouse); John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John Todd Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Payment ordered to E Willoby for his trouble and expenses in conducting the election of Guardians for this Union in accordance with the Election Expenses General Order.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop (draper); Robert Rutherford (draper); James Smail (draper); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); George Archbold (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); Tweed Brewery Company; William Alder (spirit merchant); James Gregg (carpenter); David Midlemis (carter).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Union Poor, Alexander Kirkwood. Berwick, Longridge, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, Robert C Fluker. Ancroft, Berwick, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, James Wilson. Duddo, Twizel, Union Poor, John Paxton. Cornhill, Union Poor, M J Turnbull.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Tweedmouth, James Wilson.</p> <p>Nuisance Removal account: Fee on visiting and inspecting the village of Ord and reporting on its sanitary conditions ordered to be paid to Alexander Kirkwood and James Wilson.</p> <p>School Fees account: Berwick, Robert Moore. Union Poor, William Wren.</p> <p>Common charges: William Atkinson (old rope); Jane Mitchell (removing pauper); Newcastle Daily Journal (advertising account).</p>	
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Item	GBR46/154-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	28 April 1862.

	160	Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 April 1862.	<p>Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; David Cockburn; Alexander Smith (Letham); Andrew Mitchell; Colville Smith; George Smith; Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Burn; Ebenezer Black; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke].  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>Election of Guardians. Elected were: Ancroft: Thomas Crewther, Ancroft Lime Works, mineralist; George McGregor, Windmill Hill; farmer. Berwick: Joseph Fleming, Castlegate, currier; John Young, Marygate, grocer; Andrew Thompson, Marygate, ironmonger; Robert Cairns, Marygate, hosier; William Gibson, Church Street, post-master; James Sanderson, Church Street, grocer; Andrew Mitchell, Letham Shank, farmer; David Cockburn, New West Farm, farmer. Cornhill: William Logan, Cornhill Mill, farmer and miller. Duddo: George White, Duddo, farmer. Felkington: James Richardson Black, Grindon, farmer. Grindon: Ebenezer Black, Grindon, farmer. Holy Island: John Embleton, Broome House, farmer and auctioneer. Horncliffe: Mark Thompson, Horncliffe, farmer and seedsman. Kyløe: John Charles McDonald, Berrington, farmer. Loansend: George Smith, Ancroft, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: Alexander Smith, Galagate House, Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: Adam Darling, Palace Green, Berwick, merchant. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: Richard Makins, Murton, farmer; John Burn, Ord, farmer; Colville Smith, Berwick, clothier; George Young, Bridge Street, Berwick, fishmonger; Robert Ramsay junior, Tweedmouth, farmer. Twizel: James Mitchell, Tindal House, farmer.</p> <p>George Smith moved and Alexander Smith (Letham) seconded that Joseph Fleming be chairman for the ensuing year. He was unanimously elected. Elected as vice-chairmen were George Smith and Andrew Thompson. George Smith to have the preference.</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee for the ensuing year: Joseph Fleming; Andrew Thompson; William Gibson; Alexander Smith junior; Colville Smith; Robert Ramsay junior; John Young; Robert Cairns; James Sanderson; Adam Darling; George Young.</p>	
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			<p>School Committee for the ensuing year: Joseph Fleming; John young; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith junior; George Smith; Robert Ramsay junior; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].</p> <p>Committee appointed to superintend the admission of pauper lunatics to the Asylum and to recover, as far as possible, the cost of their maintenance: Joseph Fleming; John Young; Andrew Thompson; Rev G H Hamilton.</p> <p>Committee appointed for the purpose of enquiring from time to time, as may be requested, into the cases of those paupers whose chargeability is affected by the new Irremovable Poor Act (24 &amp; 25 Vic. Cap. 55): Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith junior; John Charles McDonald; George Smith; Alexander Darling; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; George Young.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from varicose ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Crosby, of Ravensdowne, suffering from phthisis, prescribed port wine (2 identical entries); Catherine Booth, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; George Carr, of High Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; John [Sycamon], of Chapel Street, Waile's Lodging House, suffering from phthisis, prescribed port wine; Francis Ryley, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; William Young, of Hatters Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. A Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Hy Littlejohn, of Spittal, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Thomas Hills, of Spittal, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Hills, of Spittal, suffering from an abscess, prescribed necessaries; Murray Lilly, of East Ord, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; M</p>	
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			<p>Smith, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed 2 lbs of beef; Peter Paxton, of Lees Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Letter was received from the Poor Law Board with observations on the report of the Workhouse Committee respecting the classification of young females in the Workhouse, and the treatment of those who are of dissolute habits. Consideration of the matter referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The quantity of milk prescribed by the Workhouse dietary cannot always be obtained. Resolved that the Master of the Workhouse be allowed to use treacle as a temporary substitute.</p> <p>Ebenezer Black gave notice that at the next meeting he will ask the Guardians' opinion on the expediency of applying to the Poor Law Board to divide the Berwick Union into 3 unions to consist of the District of Berwick, Norhamshire and Islandshire.</p>	
Item	GBR46/161-170	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 May 1862.	<p>Present at the Meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; William Logan; Adam Darling; George Young; Alexander Smith (Letham); George White; Alexander Smith (Norham); George McGregor; John Charles MacDonald; Mark Thompson; John Young; Richard Makins; Ebenezer Black; Robert Cairns, Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	12 May 1862.

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); George Gregg (undertaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Tweed Brewery Company; Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); William Cowe (grocer); George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker).</p> <p>Registration fees: Cornhill, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel, Joseph Scott; Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Grahame.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner. Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Grahame.</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses removing Agnes Develin to Ireland); Thomas H Mitchell (expenses removing Jane Brown and child to Scotland); George Turner (advertising account); Shaw and Jones (books).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Lough, of College Place, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Crosby, of Ravensdowne, suffering from phthisis, prescribed port wine (2 identical entries); Catherine Booth, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism (2 identical entries); Elizabeth Barker, of Weatherly Square, suffering from catarrh, prescribed bread, tea and sugar. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Alice Mason, of Unthank, suffering from sickness, nothing prescribed; Mary Ann Rule, of West End, suffering from general bad health, nothing prescribed; A Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Hy Littlejohn, of Spittal, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef; Hy Littlejohn, of Spittal, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed beef; Catherine Wilkes Thompson, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lbs of beef; Michael Smith, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John</p>	
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			<p>Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee respecting the classification and treatment of young females in the Workhouse. Having made an inspection of the Workhouse they recommended the following to the Guardians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Class 5 (able-bodied women and girls above the age of 15 years) be divided into Class 5A, consisting of virtuous young women of 15 years and upwards, and Class 5B consisting of prostitutes and women of dissolute character.</li><li>2. Class 5A be placed in the Wards known at present as the able-bodied women's Ward.</li><li>3. Class 5B be placed in the Wards known as male and female insane Wards, but not used for such purpose for some time past, and that they be required to tease not less than 4 pounds of oakum each day for the first 14 days after their admission.</li></ol> <p>The report was adopted and the Clerk directed it to be forwarded to the Poor Law Board and request their approval of it.</p> <p>Letter from James Weddell on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick respecting the proposed re-erection of Grangeburn Mill. He states that the Churchwardens and Overseers are prepared to carry out the suggestions of the Poor Law Board. The Clerk was directed to send a copy of Mr Weddell's letter to the Poor Law Board for their sanction.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had inspected a receipt from Dr Fluker for services performed by him in Dr Wilson's district during the absence of Dr Wilson and his Deputy Dr Maclagan. The Committee stated that it was desirable that Dr Wilson's deputy should reside in the Tweedmouth District and they therefore requested Dr Wilson to nominate Dr Brown of Tweedmouth as his deputy.</p> <p>The Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the cases of those paupers whose chargeability is affected by the operation of the new Irremoveable Poor Act , reported that they had made enquiries into several cases brought before them, some of which they had submitted to the Poor Law Board, but had not yet received any reply. Their report to be presented at the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>Ebenezer Black's motion to divide the Union into 3 unions was postponed.</p> <p>Letter and report from the District Auditor, Robert Usher, regarding the books of Alexander Davidson, Collector for Ancroft, Kyloe and Norham, for the half year ended 25 March 1862, which had been found to be in a most incomplete state. The books concerned were his Collecting and Deposit Book; Monthly Statement Book and the Overseers' Receipt and Payment Book belonging to Ancroft; his Collecting and Deposit Book belonging to Kyloe and the Rate Receipt Check [cheque?] Book; Collecting and Deposit Book; monthly Statement Book and Overseers' Receipt and Payment Book belonging to Norham. Extract from the report: Mr Davidson was late for the audit meeting and kept the Overseers waiting. When he did turn up he was intoxicated and unable to give an explanation of his accounts, and it was therefore decided to look into the matter further to establish whether he is improperly retaining any money in his hands. The Clerk stated that the Overseers of Ancroft had met with Mr Davidson and had examined the books to the end of April in the manner suggested by Mr Usher and being satisfied with their examination they had handed the books back to Mr Davidson.</p> <p>Resolved that Alexander Davidson should be immediately suspended from the performance of the duties of the Office of Collector and Assistant Overseer for the Parishes of Ancroft, Kyloe and Norham Mains, and that the Overseers of Norham should be recommended to pursue the same course in regard to his Office of Assistant Overseer for that parish, and that the Clerk be directed to send to the Overseers of the 4 parishes a copy of Mr Usher's report and inform them of Mr Davidson's suspension and have the respective books handed over to them, and also that in the case of Kyloe, Norham and Norham Mains steps be taken to ascertain the present position of Mr Davidson and that the Guardians be informed of the result. The Clerk was also directed to report to the Poor Law Board the suspension of Mr Davidson and send them a copy of Mr Davidson's suspension.</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the meeting the Non-settled Poor Returns for the half year just ended signed by the Auditor, and also a letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning for a period of 2 months the occasional substitute of treacle for milk in the Workhouse dietary.</p>	
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Item	GBR46/171-179	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 May 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; William Gibson; Alexander Smith (Norham); George Young; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Smith (Letham); George McGregor; John Young; Robert Cairns; George Smith; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; James R Nicholson[James Robert Nicholson]; Andrew Mitchell; James Mitchell; John Burn; Adam Darling; James Sanderson; Andrew Thompson; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Corporation of Berwick (rent of garden); R Brown and others (seeds etc.); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Tweed Brewery Company; George Gregg (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (school books); David Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing of Scotch pauper); Thomas Cairns (removing of Scotch pauper); Margaret Elliott (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, and respectively charged and assessed thereon, as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General County Rate.</p>	26 May 1862.
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			<p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General Police Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Robertson, of Hide hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from pains in knees and feet, prescribed relief until Monday and told to appear before the Board at their next meeting; Catherine Booth, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries; Charles Morton, of Western Lane, suffering from inflammation of knee joint, prescribed necessaries; William Crosby, of Ravensdowne, suffering from phthisis, prescribed port wine (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker. A Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef; Jane Lyall, of High Gate, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of beef (2 identical entries); Ralph Addison, of West End, suffering from sickness, nothing prescribed;. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Wilson.</p> <p>Report from the Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the cases of those paupers whose chargeability is affected by the operation of the new Irremovable Poor Act. The Clerk had received a letter from the Poor Law Board giving their opinion on the cases referred to them and had proposed the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That in the case of any pauper now receiving relief from the parish of settlement but resident in some other parish of the union, and who has previous to the present chargeability resided within the union for 3 years without relief, and never since left the union, he or she is now irremovable and chargeable accordingly to the Common Fund.</li> <li>2. That a resident in the parish of settlement may be included in computing the 3 years' residence without relief in the union.</li> </ol> <p>The Poor Law Board's opinion was likewise requested in a case where " the 3 years' Residence was not next before the present chargeability ", but they declined to express an opinion except if a specific case was submitted to them.</p>	
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			<p>The Committee resolved on recommending to the Guardians to transfer to the Union Poor the chargeability of all paupers whose cases are in accordance with the principles mentioned above, and that in the cases of those paupers whose 3 years' residence without relief was not next before their chargeability, but who had in the interim resided out of the union, no change be made but that they be allowed to remain chargeable to the parish of settlement. William Gibson moved, seconded by Thomas Crewther, that the Committee's report be approved of and adopted by the Guardians. Ebenezer Black moved, as an amendment, that the report be not approved of or adopted, no one seconded the amendment and the motion was therefore carried and adopted accordingly.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee respecting the Deputy Medical Officer for the district of Tweedmouth and Islandshire. It was decided to request the opinion of the Poor Law Board that if a duly qualified medical gentleman resided in Dr Wilson's district, the Guardians would have power to require Dr Wilson to appoint that gentleman instead of his present Deputy who lives in Berwick, outside the district.</p> <p>Report from a joint meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee and the School Committee regarding the expenses of maintaining the Workhouse School. Present were: Joseph Fleming (Chairman of the Workhouse and Finance Committee); the Rev G H Hamilton (Chairman of the School Committee); and Messrs John Young and Robert Cairns. It was resolved with a view to greater economy in the management of the School, to submit the following proposals to the Guardians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the School may be run without a pupil teacher.</li> <li>2. Instead of a pupil teacher a present pupil, Jane Dalgleish, could be employed as a monitor at a small weekly sum.</li> <li>3. That a proposal be accepted to transfer the present pupil teacher's indentures to the Trustees of the Berwick National School if the consent of the Committee of Council on Education can be obtained.</li> </ol> <p>Proposals resolved to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a letter from the Poor Law Board, enclosing a letter sent to Alexander Davidson, Collector of Rates, embodying the Auditor's report of the state of his books and other matters brought up by the Auditor in his</p>	
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			<p>communication with the Guardians and requesting an explanation from Mr Davidson. The Clerk stated that an examination had been made of the books of the several parishes for whom Mr Davidson acts as Collector and Assistant Overseer, and produced summaries of the several accounts by which it appeared that as far as can be ascertained from the books all monies received by him have been duly accounted for.</p> <p>Communication from Dr Fluker complaining of the conduct of Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, for refusing to give an order on Dr Fluker to attend a woman named Bullock in a case of midwifery, and to refuse to adopt the case as a parish case. He (Thomas Cairns) had visited the woman and found Dr Cahill in attendance upon her, and having ascertained that the woman's husband's earnings were from 16s to 18s per week had therefore refused to give an order for the attendance of Dr Fluker. The Guardians resolved that Thomas Cairns had acted in accordance with the duties of his office in this case. A copy of the minute to be sent to Dr Cahill.</p>	
Item	GBR46/180-186	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 June 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Embleton; Mark Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); George McGregor; Richard Makins; George White; Andrew Thompson; William Cleghorn; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Ramsay junior; George Smith; James Sanderson; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Robert Cairns; Rev George H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Gibson (farmer); George Gregg (undertaker); William Cowe (grocer).</p>	9 June 1862.

			<p>Collectors' Poundage: Ancroft, Kylee, Alexander Davidson.</p> <p>Common charges: John Douglas (old rope); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses removing Scotch paupers); Northern Daily Express (advertising account).</p> <p>Instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Clerk for him to transmit the amount to his London agents.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Marshall, of Golden Green, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Catherine Booth, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries; James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Catherine M Grindlay's child, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed ¼ lb of arrowroot and port wine (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Motion from Ebenezer Black respecting the division of the Union was, on the motion of the Chairman, and in consequence of Mr Black being unable to attend the meeting, adjourned till the next meeting.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the report respecting the expense of maintaining the Workhouse School and the recommended transfer of the pupil teacher to the Girls' National School and the employment of a monitor as her replacement. The report was unanimously approved of and adopted. The Clerk was directed to send a copy of the report to the Committee of Council on Education and to The Poor Law Board asking for their sanction of the proposed transfer.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the division of the classification of young females in the Workhouse. The Poor Law Board sanction the proposal but ask to be supplied with a report in 3 months as to whether any inconvenience has</p>	
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			<p>arisen from the arrangements.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the subject of the Deputy Medical Officer for Tweedmouth and Islandshire District referred to them by the Guardians. They state that before expressing an opinion on the point raised they think it desirable to obtain the observations of the Medical Officer on the subject</p> <p>The annual examination of the paupers residing in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Districts to be held as follows: Berwick District, Tuesday 17 inst. at the Board Room at 9 o'clock. Tweedmouth District, Wednesday at Tweedmouth Vestry at 10 o'clock and at Spittal Vestry at 2 o'clock.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef, bread and oatmeal would expire before the next meeting. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders and present them at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed, on the motion of George Smith, to write to the Poor Law Board requesting to have their directions in the matter of the suspension of Alexander Davidson, Collector of Rates.</p>	
Item	GBR46/187-195	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 June 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; Ebenezer Black; George Smith; James Sanderson; William Logan; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; John Young; Adam Darling; George Young; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); Robert</p>	23 June 1862.

			<p>Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Tweed Brewery Company; William Alder (spirit merchant); George Gregg (undertaker); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Peter Cromby (fisherman); David Borthwick (fisherman).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing Scotch pauper); Gas Company (gas account).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Mills; of Walkergate Lane' in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Catherine M Grindlay's child, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed arrowroot and port wine; James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Margaret Marshall, of Golden Square, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Elizabeth Bannister, of Church Street - Medical Officer comment 'this person is not in a very good health at present, so that I would advise the relief to be continued for six months, and she could again appear at the expiration of that period'. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. George Hay, of Spittal, suffering from asthma, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Simon Johnson, of Spittal, suffering from fracture of thigh (2 identical entries); Millicent McDonald, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a report respecting the District meetings for Berwick District. 298 paupers, including children, appeared before Messrs Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns and James Sanderson, an increase of 12 over last year. At Tweedmouth Vestry 127 paupers, including children, appeared before Messrs Robert Cairns and R Ramsay junior, an increase of 6 over last year. At Spittal Vestry 68 paupers, including children, appeared before Joseph Fleming, a decrease of 3 compared with last year. In all 493 appeared from the whole District against 478 last year. In 5 cases an increase in relief was recommended, in 3 cases a decrease and in 17 other cases new medical certificates were required. The relief given was found satisfactory as regards both the rate-payers and the paupers.</p>	
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			<p>The children appeared generally clean and tidy and their almost unexceptional attendance at school was very gratifying. Number of paupers (heads of families) who appeared before the Vestry Committee of the Berwick Guardians at the annual visitation of the Berwick District held on 17 and 18 June 1862: numbers as per Relieving Officer's out-door relief list:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Berwick Parish</td> <td>176</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tweedmouth Parish</td> <td>123</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union Poor</td> <td>135</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-settled Poor</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>435</td> </tr> </table> <p>Of this there appeared before the Committee 319. Residing in other parts of the Union 19, and residing outside the Union 27. Not able to appear on account of sickness and infirmity were 63. Able to appear but did not show up were 7.</p> <p>Annual examination of paupers residing in the Norham and Islandshire District to be held as follows: Islandshire, Monday 30 June at Half Way House at 11 o'clock and at Cat Inn at 2 o'clock. Norhamshire, Tuesday 1 July at Norham at 10 o'clock and at Cornhill at 3 o'clock.</p> <p>Report from the School Committee regarding their half-yearly examination of the Workhouse School children. 90 children (45 boys and 45 girls) was presented. The subject of examination included Holy Scripture, reading, writing, dictation, arithmetic, grammar, geography, needle-work and knitting. The Committee wanted to continue the custom of giving prizes to the best pupils, but the fund for doing so had been exhausted, and would have to be renewed at the next meeting of the Guardians. The overall impression was one of satisfaction with the school and the way it was run.</p> <p>A sum was subscribed for the continuation of giving prizes to the best pupils in the Workhouse School.</p> <p>Ebenezer Black stated that he would not proceed with his motion respecting the division of this Union into three.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing a copy of a communication received from Dr Wilson referring to the nomination of Dr Maclagan to act as his substitute.</p>	Berwick Parish	176	Tweedmouth Parish	123	Union Poor	135	Non-settled Poor	1	Total	435	
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			<p>Also a letter enclosing a copy of a communication sent to George Turner, Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth, requesting him to enter into a bond with the Guardians, and to name 2 sureties.</p> <p>Order received from the Poor Law Board authorizing the Overseers of Berwick to call a Vestry meeting to sanction the proposed letting of Grangeburn Mill.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Union with beef etc. for the ensuing quarter, and recommended to Guardians to accept the following: Thomas Darling, rounds and hanks of beef; houghs; legs of mutton. John Crosby, in-door fine bread, in-door coarse bread, out-door coarse bread, out-door oatmeal. John Clay &amp; Son, 20 sacks of oatmeal. Recommendation adopted and tenders accepted.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse reported that the stock of potatoes produced from the Workhouse garden was nearly exhausted. It was resolved that the Master be given permission to substitute pea-soup for potato-soup until the potatoes were ready in the Workhouse garden.</p>	
Item	GBR46/196-204	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 July 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns; James Sanderson; Colville Smith; John Burn. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Relief given by the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott for out-relief to Union Poor and non-settled poor was stated.</p> <p>Financial accounts between the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to the following: William Nesbit (schoolmaster);</p>	7 July 1862.

			<p>Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); M A Thompkins (cook and servant); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>Value of provisions and necessaries consumed by the paupers and officers was stated.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Crosby (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Robert Gibson (farmer); Thomas Darling (butcher); William Cowe (grocer); John Winter (meal-seller); Tweed Brewery Company; George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); James Jamison (fisherman).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum, maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic. Northumberland County Asylum, maintenance of 21 pauper lunatics.</p> <p>Common charges: Parish of Berwick (poor rate); Local Board of Health (general District rate); Edward Willoby (postage); Edward Willoby (London agent's charges in paying over loan instalment); Thomas Cairns (expenses removing Scotch paupers); Thomas Cairns (postage etc.)</p> <p>School fees account: Norham, Thomas Craig; Tweedmouth, William Tindle, William Jackson; Union Poor, William Jackson, William Wren.</p> <p>Medical certificates were produced for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Turner, of Church Street, suffering from a scalded hand, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism, 'this man would be "fitted" by having permission to go to the country', prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Catherine McGrindlay's child, suffering from sickness, prescribed port wine and arrowroot; Mrs Riley, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Mills, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Grieve, of Tweed Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hudson, of the Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Daniel Nelson, of Spittal, suffering from sickness, nothing prescribed. Signed by</p>	
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			<p>James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a report regarding the District meeting in the Norham and Islandshire District at Half Way House, 30 June, 1862. Present were: Messrs George Smith; George McGregor; J C McDonald and John Embleton. 21 paupers appeared, including children, representing 12 separate cases, and at the Cat Inn the same day were present : Messrs George Smith; George McGregor; J C McDonald; John Embleton; George Young and Adam Darling. 59 paupers appeared, including children, representing 38 separate cases. At Norham 1 July 1862 were present: Messrs Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith; George Smith; James Sanderson; John Young and Mark Thompson. 97 paupers appeared, including children' representing 64 separate cases. At Cornhill the same day. Present were: Messrs Joseph Fleming; George Smith; James Sanderson; Mark Thompson and William Logan. 19 paupers appeared, including children, representing 16 separate cases. Total number of paupers appearing: 196, representing 130 separate cases. Total separate cases on Mr Scott's book 228. Appeared at these meetings, 130. Appeared at previous meeting in Berwick, 4. Residing outside the Union, 53. Not able to appear on account of sickness or infirmity, 44. Able to appear but did not, 2. 5 paupers belonging to Mr Cairns who did not appear, giving a total of 228 cases. Report signed by Joseph Fleming, Chairman of the Norhamshire meeting and George Smith, Chairman of the Islandshire meeting.</p> <p>Also laid before the Guardians a comparative statement of the paupers relieved on the first day of July 1861 and July 1862.</p> <p>Ordered that the Common Seal be affixed to the contracts for supplying the Workhouse with provisions for the current quarter.</p> <p>Report by the Police Inspector of Nuisances to the Guardians for the District of Norham and Islandshire. 3 cases were reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A nuisances caused by James Young Mason keeping a filthy pig in an old building next to the house of James Sanderson. The pig ought to be</li> </ol>	
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			<p>removed immediately.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A nuisance caused by Alexander Smith allowing a drain belonging to him to remain choked up and during wet weather water comes into James Reid's house causing his things to rot.</li> <li>3. A nuisance caused in a lane at the high end of Norham from filth and rubbish having been left there. The lane leads from the street to the church and causes bad smells to rise from the ditch in wet weather. A proper drain should be put down.</li> </ol> <p>Report signed by William Grey Marshall, Superintendent of Police, Lowick.</p> <p>Ordered that the Inspector give notice to the parties involved in the first 2 cases, requiring immediate removal of the nuisances. In the third case the Clerk ordered to write the Surveyor of Highways for the township of Norham and request him to remedy the nuisance complained of.</p>	
Item	GBR46/205-214	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 July 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Charles MacDonald; James Mitchell; Alexander Smith.  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] his clerk H Williams was appointed to act as his substitute.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); Thomas Cairns (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical Officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of</p>	21 July 1862.

			<p>the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John T Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered for Registration fees: Joseph Scott, Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel. Joseph H Grahame, Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Joseph H Grahame, Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker, Berwick, Cornhill, Longridge, Union Poor. James Wilson, Ancroft, Kyloe, Tweedmouth, Union Poor. John Paxton, Duddo, Tweedmouth, Twizel, Union Poor. Matthew James Turnbull, Twizel.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker, Berwick. James Wilson, Ancroft, Kyloe, Tweedmouth. Matthew James Turnbull, Cornhill.</p> <p>Common charges: E Willoby (expenses at District meetings); Shaw &amp; Sons (books).</p> <p>Collector's poundage: Samuel Boak, Duddo.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Cecily Murphy, of Golden Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; James Moy's wife, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; John Connell, of Chapel Street, suffering from dropsy, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Riley, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hudson, of the Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Catherine [Macginley's?] child, of Church Street, suffering from debility from bronchitis, prescribed port wine and arrowroot; James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Mary Crock, of Narrow Lane, suffering from bilious, prescribed bread and oatmeal; Cicily Robinson, of Lower Greens, suffering from</p>	
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			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the temporary alteration of the diet of the Workhouse inmates by the substitution of pea soup for potato soup. They want to be informed when the ordinary diet is resumed.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial ledgers posted up to the end of Midsummer quarter, and also a statement of the several balances which were ordered to be inserted in the minutes.</p>	
Item	GBR46,215-219	Minutes of the Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 Aug. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Young; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Thomas Crewther; James Sanderson; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; William Cleghorn; David Cockburn; James Mitchell.  Medical Officers: James Wilson.  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] the meeting appointed his clerk H J Williams to act as his substitute.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Office had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Clay &amp; Son (merchants); Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coals); Robert Gibson (farmer); James Renton &amp; others (garden accounts); William Cowe (grocer); George Gregg (undertaker); Tweed Brewery Company; William Thompson (plasterer); William Alder (spirit merchant; Rev J D Charlton.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: C Knight &amp; Co (books and forms).</p>	4 Aug. 1862.

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Crammond, of Golden Square, suffering from bilious attack, prescribed bread and arrowroot. Signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. James Robertson, of Hide hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). Signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. James McDonald, of West End, convalescence from fever, prescribed 1 lb. of beef. Signed by James Wilson. Mary Ann Oliver's children, of Greenlawalls, suffering from measles, require attendance etc. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board accompanying an order which had been issued authorising the Guardians to proceed with the letting of Grangeburn Mill.</p>	
Item	GBR46/220-227	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 Aug. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; James Sanderson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Richard Makins; John Charles McDonald; Andrew Mitchell; James Mitchell; George McGregor; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Tweed Brewery Company; William Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following , for whom relief was ordered:</p>	18 Aug. 1862.

			<p>Catherine Cook, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from ulcer, requires relief to be continued for another month; Elizabeth Taylor, of Chapel Street, in child-birth prescribed necessaries; Ellen Head, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Crammond, of Golden Square, suffering from bilious fever, prescribed necessaries; James Robertson, of Hide Hill, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Mary Ann Craik, of Knowe Head, in child-birth, nothing prescribed; Jane McDonald, of West End, convalescent from fever, prescribed beef and wine. The above signed by James Wilson. John Muckle, of Norham, suffering from tuberculosis, nothing prescribed; Martin Kelly, of Horncliffe, suffering from hepatitis, prescribed do. [wholly?] for the last 3 or 4 weeks. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Report from Mr Marshall, Police Inspector of Nuisances for Norhamshire and Islandshire District. His report deals with the village of Norham and the hinds' houses at Norham Mains. He reports that all the houses inspected in the village are very damp. He specifically mentions the houses of Hannah Wale; William Redpath; James Davidson, farmer; whose houses are all very damp and unfit for human habitation. Nicholas Swan and Robert Swan, both shoemakers, both keep pigs too close to the houses and in a very filthy state. James Davidson, farmer, also keeps pigs within 12 feet of the dwelling house of Elizabeth Bolton. He also noticed stagnant pools of water in the street coming through the drains leading from the premises of David Cowe, baker, and Robert Sanderson, publican. He points out the necessity of having a leading drain or common sewer up through the village. He also noticed a blocked drain in the yard of the public house kept by Leonard Dodds, and 2 of the members of the family of Mr Dodds' are suffering from fever. He points out that the fever is very bad at the hinds' houses in Norham Mains. 8 different families live in 8 houses of one room each, and some of the families consist of 9 or 10 people. The houses are all below the level of the surface and in wet weather water comes in. He mentions that he himself and Dr Paxton will be present at the next meeting of the Guardians.</p> <p>On the motion of Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton], seconded by James R</p>	
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			<p>Nicholson, a committee was set up consisting of: Alexander Smith (Norham); William Cleghorn, (Norham Mains); James R Nicholson (Thornton); James Mitchell (Twizel); George Smith (Ancroft); Joseph Fleming; James Sanderson and Rev G H Hamilton (Berwick). They are appointed in accordance with the 5<sup>th</sup> Section of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Vic. Chapter 77 to act and have the full power of executing the Nuisances Removal Act for England, 1855 for the part of the Union comprising Norham and Norham Mains. They were also empowered to draw on local officers.</p> <p>Entry from the Visitors' Book by James Wilkes, Commissioner in Lunacy, regarding 3 women and 4 men of weak mind residing in the Union Workhouse. They are mixing with ordinary inmates and not in the Lunatic Wards. They all seemed quiet and harmless. All the men now sleep in separate beds and the bedrooms were clean and in good order. The men's day room, which is also used for picking oakum, is poorly furnished and a separate room should be set aside for picking oakum. He also recommends that the women should occasionally be allowed to walk beyond the Workhouse premises if properly escorted. With the exception of one male all the patients go to church or chapel in the town on Sundays. The suggestions to be referred to the Workhouse Committee for their consideration.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that J B Browne, School Inspector, had given notice of his intention to visit and examine the Workhouse School on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant.</p>	
Item	GBR46/228-235	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 Sept. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Mark Thompson; David Cockburn; James Sanderson; Alexander Smith; Andrew Mitchell; George White.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	1 Sept. 1862.

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); John Crosby (baker); G &amp; J Young (clothiers); Adam Bell &amp; others (garden account); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Executor of G Taylor (wood merchant).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Union Poor, Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians in pursuance of the Act 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Vic. Chap. 69 to pay on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, as the proportion of the said several parishes, towards the General Police Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Hopkins, of Castlegate, suffering from chronic asthma, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Brown, of Church Street, suffering from cough and debility, very ill, prescribed necessaries; Jacob Wilson, of (not stated), suffering from rheumatic pains, prescribed necessaries until Monday; Margaret Drummonds, of Golden Square, suffering from bilious fever (convalescent), prescribed necessaries; Ellen Head, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Elizabeth Taylor, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mrs Teague, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Mary Jane Craik, of Knowe Head, in child-birth, prescribed beef and necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane McDonald, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef (5 identical entries); W Robertson, of Spittal, suffering from dislocation of knee, prescribed beef. The above signed by James Wilson. Jane Rutherford, of Mattalees, suffering from partial paralysis and debility from insufficient nourishment, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Wilson.</p> <p>Report of the examination of the Workhouse School by the Government Inspector, T B Browne, was read to the Guardians. Mr Browne stated that the children were</p>	
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			<p>making generally creditable progress. The School has been well conducted and has been very successful in emancipating the children from pauperism. He added that as there is now no pupil teacher he would find the appointment of a monitor useful. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance and School Committees jointly to make the appropriate arrangements and report back to the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed to inform the Poor Law Board that the arrangement sanctioned by them regarding the further classification of the adult female inmates of the Workhouse has now been in operation for 3 months without any inconvenience being caused and has answered the purposes intended.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a circular form the Poor Law Board regarding the Act of 25 &amp; 26 Vic. Chap. 43, 103 and 113 passed in Parliament. It was resolved that the Clerk be requested to explain to the Guardians at the next meeting the operation of the new Assessment Committee Act 25 &amp; 26 Vic. Chap. 103 and that the Guardians proceed to the appointment of the Assessment Committee requested by the Act.</p> <p>Ordered that Dr Kirkwood be requested to visit the County Lunatic Asylum and report the state of the lunatics belonging to this Union.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that they had examined the calculations for calls for the next half year.</p>	
Item	GBR46/236-243	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 Sept. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; Mark Thompson; George Smith; John Embleton; Robert Cairns; James Sanderson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood];  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and</p>	15 Sept. 1862.

		<p>Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by th Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); Tweed Brewery Company; William Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Horncliffe, James Paxton.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians in pursuance of the Act 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Vic. Chap. 33, to pay on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum set opposite the names of the parishes of the Union, as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General County Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Kinghorn, of Greens, suffering from consumption, this person will require permanent relief; Margaret Brown, of Church Street, suffering from (not stated), prescribed necessaries: Elizabeth Taylor, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ellen Head, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Jane McDonald, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef and wine; Jane McDonald, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef; Betsey Hope, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane McDonald, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Jane Currie, of Tweedmouth, suffering from sickness, prescribed wine. The above signed by James Wilson. Jane Tait, of Norham, in child-birth, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical return received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Eilson.</p> <p>The Clerk explained to the Guardians the operation of the new Assessment Committee Act, and the Guardians proceeded to appoint the committee required by the Act. Elected were: Joseph Fleming, Chairman; George Smith; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); Andrew Thompson; John C</p>	
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			<p>McDonald; Adam Darling; John Embleton plus the following ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Thomas Bogue; Robert Crossman. The Committee to hold its first meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> instant at 11 o'clock.</p> <p>Report from Dr Kirkwood of his visit to the County Asylum on which he was accompanied by Joseph Fleming and the Rev Hamilton. There are at present 19 inmates from the Berwick Union in the Asylum who are not fit to be discharged or removed to the Workhouse, they are : William Bartrim; James Swinhoe; John Howe; John Octon; James Fenharty; George Todd; Mary Ann Temple; Martha Forster; Agnes Pringle; Ann Graham; Isabella Lough; Mary Hall; Ann Weir and Mary Mather.</p> <p>In the following cases a marked improvement has taken place: Margaret Dryden; Margaret Hay; Jane Good; Ann Gallagher. Margaret Dryden and Margaret Hay may be said to be cured and only need a short detention to confirm and establish their recovery.</p> <p>Hannah Jamieson in the Edinburgh Asylum still needs to be confined due to her violent fits of excitement.</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood expressed his satisfaction with the cleanliness of the County Asylum as well as with the treatment of the lunatics by the Physician and Matron.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <table> <tr> <td>In Asylum August 1861</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admitted since</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dead</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cured</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Removed</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining</td> <td>19</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Clerk reported that contracts for provisions would expire before the next meeting. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise and receive tenders. [For further information on the Union Assessment Act, 1862 see Berwick Advertiser, 6 September, 1862, p. 2].</p>	In Asylum August 1861	19	Admitted since	5	Total	24	Dead	3	Cured	1	Removed	1	Remaining	19	
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Item	GBR46/244-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	29 Sept. 1862.														

	252	Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 Sept. 1862.	<p>Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Embleton; George McGregor; Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Cairns; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); Robert Sidey (plumber); William Cowe (grocer); G &amp; J Young (drapers); James Jeffry (blacksmith); William Alder (spirit merchant); Tweed Brewery Company; Allan Brothers (wood merchants); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Thomas Cairns, expenses removing Ann Gallagher from County Asylum.</p> <p>Common charges: George Macaskie (printer); Elizabeth Wear (stationer); Edmund Willoby (1/4 year's postage); Edward Willoby (justices clerk's fees); Thomas Cairns (1/4 year's postage); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Michaelmas were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Ann Thompkins (cook and servant); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>The School Committee reported that they had examined and passed the following accounts for school fees and payment was ordered. Ancroft: G A Turnbull; Isaac Reed. Berwick: William Jackson. Cornhill: Robert Hardy. Felkington: H G Tait. Horncliffe: William Wardhaugh. Kylee: Isaac Reed; G A Turnbull. Norham: Richard Forsyth. Shoreswood: George Davidson; John Tod. Tweedmouth: Ralph Reed; James Dumas; William Trindle; William Jackson. Union Poor: William Wardhaugh; Robert Hardy; James Dumas; Isaac Reed; Isaac Kinghorn; William Wren; Richard Forsyth; William Jackson; Ralph Reed.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Betsy Hope, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Betsy Hope, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Jane Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Report from a joint meeting of the Workhouse and School Committees held to consider employing Jane Dalglish, aged 13, as a monitor in the Workhouse School. They recommended that Jane Dalglish be appointed an assistant officer in the Workhouse School. Report adopted and the sanction of the Poor Law Board to be requested.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had, as directed, ascertained that Hannah Jamison, confined in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, is at present labouring under one of her periodical attacks of maniacal excitement, but her bodily health is good.</p> <p>Tenders received by the Workhouse Committee for supplying provisions, clothing &amp; more were approved by the Guardians, as were the following additional tenders: John Crosby (in-door fine bread); John Crosby (in-door coarse bread); John Crosby (No. 2 barley); Tweed Brewery Co (ale).</p> <p>Value of provisions consumed by the paupers and the value of necessaries for the past quarter was stated, as was the same for the officers.</p>	
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			<p>Statement of the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books ordered to be entered into the minutes.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing account.</p> <p>The total number of days chargeable to the Union Poor account is 3033 for the half year just ended, this number includes a charge for vagrants of 1020 days. Resolved that as vagrants in many cases only receive one meal and no clothing, the number of days charged for them be reduced by <math>\frac{3}{4}</math>, leaving for them 255 days and that the number of days charged to Union Poor be reduced accordingly.</p> <p>Ordered that the garden account be debited with the value of the house slops given to the pigs.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the out-relief account, also ordered that the Clerk cost up the in-maintenance account for the last half year.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk calculate the proportion to be paid by each parish of the instalment of the building loan re-paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners and debit each parish with its share.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the Common Charges account, the Union Poor account, County Rate, Police Rate, Registration, Vaccination and several other accounts in the ledger.</p>	
Item	GBR46/253-258	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 Oct. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); George McGregor; Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; Thomas Crewther; Adam Darling.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	13 Oct. 1862.

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); Thomas Cairns (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries also to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John T Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum: ½ year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison. Northumberland County Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of 18 pauper lunatics. Maintenance of 3 others for part of the quarter. Funeral expenses for 2 of these.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Union Poor, Longridge, Robert C Fluker. Kylee, Tweedmouth, UnionPoor, James Wilson.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylee, Tweedmouth, James Wilson.</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books and forms); Phoenix Fire Office (insurance premium); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station); Thomas H Mitchell (expenses removing of Scotch paupers).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Jones, no residence given, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Slight's family, of Castlegate, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton (2 identical entries); Edward Howard, of Walkergate Lane, "this person must be sent into the House"; William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. E Hope, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jane McDonald, of West End, convalescent from fever, prescribed beef and wine (4 entries); E Hope, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p>	
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Item	GBR46/259-265	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 Oct. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Smith; Alexander Smith (Norham); John Young; George McGregor; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; James Sanderson; Colville Smith; Robert Cairns; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Cowe (grocer); John Blakey (grocer); James Dunlop (draper); Thomas Darling (butcher); David Macbeath (wine merchant); Robert Rutherford (draper); Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (wine merchants); John Crosby (baker); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); George Fraser (carpenter); Tweed Brewery Company; William Currie (hosier); Thomas Cockburn (farmer).</p>	27 Oct. 1862.



		<p>Extra medical fees: Twizel, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Registration fees: Cornhill, Duddo, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Twizel, Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Common charges: Dr Kirkwood (expenses visiting lunatics); Gas Company (gas account); George Lauder (bookbinding).</p> <p>The School Committee had examined and passed accounts for school fees and the same was ordered to be paid to: Ancroft, Septimus Wharton. Berwick, Robert Moor; Septimus Wharton. Holy Island, Joseph Cowans. Norham, National schoolmistress. Union Poor, Septimus Wharton; John Cowans.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 31 instant to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum for local expenditure being the amounts set against each parish of this Union as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General Police Rate. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Campbell, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker. Elizabeth Hope, of West End, suffering from sickness and debility, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Jane McDonald, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed beef; Michael Smith, of Scremerston, suffering from asthma and dropsy, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson. David Brown, of Norham, suffering from stone-cutter's asthma, removed to the Workhouse. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that since last meeting Dr Paxton had submitted the weekly medical returns up to the present time, and also sent a letter in which he states that the reason for not having vaccinated any during the last quarter was due to the prevalence of scarlet fever in Norham and measles in other parts of his district.</p>	
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			<p>Resolved that before ordering payment to Dr Paxton the Clerk should remind him that he has not given any reason for not vaccinating any children during the Lady-day and Mid- summer quarters. Further resolved, on the motion of Alexander Smith, that Mr Scott , as Registrar for East Norhamshire District, be requested to produce a return of the number of children now residing in that district and who require to be vaccinated.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of Jane Dalglish as an assistant in the Workhouse School.</p>	
Item	GBR46/266-272	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 Nov. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Richard Makins; William Cleghorn; James Mitchell; Thomas Crewther; Robert Cairns; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: [not stated].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); James Brown (farmer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Nuisance removal account: Alexander Davidson (expenses and trouble superintending lime washing at Norham).</p> <p>Collector's poundage: Ancroft, Kylloe, Norham Mains, Alexander Davidson.</p>	10 Nov. 1862.

			<p>Accounts for school fees ordered to be paid: Tweedmouth, Union Poor, Robert Darling; Union Poor, Adam Bell.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Patterson, of Greens, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 ½ lbs of mutton; John Campbell, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Mary Burns, of Woolmarket, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ann Curry, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries);. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. David Brown, of Norham, suffering from phthisis, bed-ridden, incurable. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton; Wilson.</p> <p>Note from Joseph Scott, Registrar, stating the number of children not vaccinated in the East Northhamshire Medical District from 1 January 1862 to 1 July 1862 as 40.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Paxton stating that he had vaccinated successful cases in the Lady-day quarter, but had then lost his supply of virus. He obtained fresh virus in Midsummer quarter and successfully vaccinated 2 cases, and then again lost the virus. He obtained a fresh supply of virus and vaccinated 1 child after which scarlet fever broke out in the family and quickly spread in the village, and he consequently stopped vaccinating. His reason for not having reported these cases was that there were so few and he wanted to wait till he had more cases to report.</p> <p>Payment ordered to Dr Paxton, but it was pointed out that in future he will have to report quarterly whether he has carried out any vaccinations or not otherwise he will not be paid his salary.</p> <p>Common charges: John Paxton (1/4 salary due 29 September).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Duddo, Twizel, Union Poor, John Paxton.</p> <p>Letter from John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, asking, on behalf of the</p>	
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			<p>Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Berwick, to have the drain which leads the water from the well in No 67 New Close Meadow to the burn which runs to Grangeburn Mill repaired. The auditor wants the Guardians approval before passing the account. Application approved.</p> <p>Tender from Margaret Blakey to supply the Workhouse with 20 bolls of red potatoes accepted.</p>	
Item	GBR46/273-278	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 Nov. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; James Mitchell; Richard Makins; William Cleghorn; Jame R Nicholson [James Richard Nicholson]; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wislon].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to :Corporation of Berwick and John Thompson &amp; others (rent rates etc. of garden); Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Daniel Piercy (farmer); Tweed Brewery Company; Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchant); James Brown (farmer); William Cowe (grocer);</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Nuisance removal account: John Paxton (attending Inspector of Nuisances and Sanitary Committee looking into the sanitary state of Norham – 3 days).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson for parish of Berwick and Local Board of</p>	24 Nov. 1862.

			<p>Health (poor rate, special district rate); David Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Lunatic asylum account: Thomas Cairns (removing Margaret Hay from asylum on a month's trial).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Ann Curry, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from abscesses, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas , prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Ann Burns, of Woolmarket, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Alexander Curry, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from lumbago, prescribed necessaries; John McMair, of Hatters Lane, suffering from fractured leg, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Burns, of Church Street, suffering from sickness and destitution, advised to go into the Workhouse; Mary Ann Meak, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; William Burns, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Rebecca Clive, of Chapel Street, premature birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Robert Morris, of Holy Island, suffering from dropsy, prescribed porter and gin; Edward Wilson, of Holy Island, suffering from phthisis, nothing prescribed; Jane Tait, of Fenwick, suffering from sickness, nothing prescribed; William McAdam, of Spittal, suffering from carbuncle, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson. David Brown, of Norham, suffering from stone-cutters asthma, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that they had received an application from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Berwick to have a competent person employed to value certain classes of property viz. breweries, hotels and inns, public houses and manufacturers in the Parish for the purpose of a new Valuation List. Direction for this to be issued at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR46/ 279-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	8 Dec. 1862.

	285	Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 Dec. 1862.	<p>Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; George Smith; Mark Thompson; David Cockburn; James Sanderson; George Young; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Embleton; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; George McGregor; Rev George Hans Hamilton.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Margaret Blakey (farmer); Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); James Brown (farmer); John Blakey (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum accounts: Robert C Fluker (2 certificates of lunacy as per account).</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: Margaret E Elliott (cleaning pay station at Tweedmouth); William Black (conveying absconded idiot from Holy Island to the Workhouse).</p> <p>A cheque was given to the Clerk for the amount of instalment and interest due on the loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners to transmit to his London Agent to be paid to the Commissioners.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 10 day of December to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union towards the General</p>	
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		<p>County Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Cicely Robertson, of High Greens, suffering from spinal injury, prescribed necessaries; James Leighton, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Mary Ann Burns, of Woolmarket, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ann Curry, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries (3 identical entries); Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries; Widow Fox, of Wallace Green, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Isabella Kirk, of Well Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; William McAdam, of Spittal, suffering from carbuncle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by James Wilson. David Brown, of Norham, suffering from stone-cutters asthma, wholly unfit to be moved. Signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the proposal of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Berwick for having a new valuation made of the breweries, hotels, inns, public houses and manufacturers in that Parish. Resolved to authorise and direct the employment of Mr John Gray, mason, Tweed Street for this purpose.</p> <p>Copies of valuation lists for the townships of Duddo; Loanend and Longridge were laid before the Guardians.</p> <p>Copies of certificates granted to the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Workhouse School fixing the allowances to them out of the Government grant for the current year.</p> <p>Mr J T Smith, Assistant Overseer of Holy Island, was present at the meeting and put forward a complaint that Charles McDonald, at present an inmate in the Workhouse, had been wrongly charged to his parish. The Guardians agreed that a</p>	
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			<p>mistake had been made, and that the cost of his stay in the Workhouse should be transferred from Holy Island Parish to the Common Fund, as the relief given to Mr McDonald had been given to him as a wanderer and wayfarer temporarily disabled.</p> <p>Resolved that on 25 December, Christmas Day, the inmates of the Workhouse should be allowed to have beef, plum pudding and beer and tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef, bread and out-door oatmeal would expire on 20 instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders and report back.</p>	
Item	GBR46/286-290	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 Dec. 1862.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Embleton; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; Thomas Crewther; Alexander Smith (Letham); George Smith; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Also present were: Mr E Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Sidey (plumber); Robert Gibson (farmer); Tweed Brewery Company; William Cowe (grocer); James Brown (farmer); John Davidson (chemist).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Cicely Robertson, of Greenses, suffering from injury from a fall, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Ann Cairns, of Chapel</p>	22 Dec. 1862.



			<p>Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mrs Fox, of Wallace Green, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Fox, of Wallace Green, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of mutton. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Jane Black, of West End, suffering from general bad health, nothing prescribed; William McAdam, of Spittal, suffering from carbuncle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). Signed by James Wilson. Thomas Todd, of Twizel Stead, suffering from softening of brain, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of mutton weekly for a month (NB died March 1863); John Muckle, of Norham, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton for a fortnight. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Wilson.</p> <p>The Guardians noted that Dr Paxton had again neglected to send in medical returns for his district, and therefore decided to inform him that they were considering not renewing his contract as a medical officer.</p> <p>Copies of valuation lists for Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood and Twizel were presented to the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Union with beef for the ensuing quarter and recommended the Guardians to accept the following: James Smith, rounds and flanks of beef, houghs of beef, legs of mutton. John Crosby, in-door fine bread, in-door second bread, out-door second bread, out-door oatmeal. John Winter, 20 sacks of oatmeal. Recommendation adopted and tenders accepted.</p> <p>Ordered that the Relieving Officers prepare a list of paupers chargeable on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1863, and present it to the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk read a circular received from the Poor Law Board respecting the new Lunacy Act, and the directions for complying with it.</p>	
Item	GBR46/291-297	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George McGregor; David Cockburn; James R	5 Jan. 1863.

		<p>meeting held on 5 Jan. 1863.</p>	<p>Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; James Sanderson; John Young; Alexander Smith (Letham); Richard Makins; Robert Cairns; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); James Smith (butcher); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); John Robinson &amp; others (garden accounts; Tweed Brewery Company; Michael Richardson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchant); James Brown (farmer); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); Ralph Thompson (wheelwright); William Thompson (plasterer).</p> <p>Common charges: Alexander Davidson (removing Scotch paupers); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing Irish paupers); James Rea (old rope); Edward Willoby (1/4 year's postage &amp; expenses paying over loan instalment); Thomas Cairns (1/4 year's postage etc.).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Christmas last were ordered to be paid to the following: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Dalgleish (school monitor); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Ann Thompkins (cook and servant); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Tindle, Tweedmouth; William Wren, Union Poor; William Jackson, Union Poor.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:</p>	
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Item	GBR46/298-307	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardian meeting held on 19 Jan. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; James Mitchell; George Young; Andrew Thompson; William Gibson; George White; Alexander Smith (Letham); James Sanderson; Robert Cairns.</p>	19 Jan. 1863.

			<p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries to which the officers are entitled were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); Thomas Cairns (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell (master of the Workhouse)].</p> <p>Salaries also to be paid to John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John T Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (meal-seller); James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Cowe (grocer); Thomas Black &amp; Son (spade manufacturer); James Brown (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum accounts: Royal Edinburgh Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic. Northumberland County Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of 17 pauper lunatics, and Margaret Hay to 1 November.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Ancroft, Alexander Kirkwood. Berwick, Robert C Fluker. Union Poor, Robert C Fluker. Kylee, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, James Wilson. Duddo, Twizel, Union Poor, John Paxton.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker. Ancroft, Kylee, Tweedmouth, James Wilson. Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Shoreswood,</p>	
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		<p>John Paxton.</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books and forms); Thomas H Mitchell (removing Scotch pauper, and going for idiot pauper absconded from Workhouse); Alexander Henderson (sealing wax for Register Office); James Johnson (old rope).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Alison Gibson, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed ½ pint of port-wine; Mrs Fox, of Wallace Green, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from abscesses, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); George Carr, of High Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Kinghorn, of Greens, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 3 lbs. of beef; Sarah Campbell, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Jane Richardson, of Spittal, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William McAdam, of Spittal, suffering from carbuncle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by James Wilson. John Muckle, of Norham, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; Barbara Bolton, of Norham, suffering from chlorosis and debility, nothing prescribed. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Valuation lists for Cornhill, Grindon, and Tweedmouth presented.</p> <p>The Clerk presented to the Guardians the quarterly report of the state of the lunatics belonging to this Union at present confined in the Northumberland County Asylum. It appeared that Jane Good, one of the lunatics, was in such an improved state that she could be removed to the Workhouse. Measures to be taken to carry this out.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had examined and passed accounts in relation to the letting of Grangeburn Mill, and the construction of a</p>	
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			<p>drain previously ordered by the Guardians. The Committee recommended payment out of the accumulated fund in the Overseers' hands to: James C Weddell (solicitor); David Middlemiss (carter); Thomas Logan (tile manufacturer); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (tile manufacturer). Recommendation adopted.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the Barber of the Workhouse, James Trainer, had died. They recommended that George Suthren, who had been acting as barber during Mr Trainer's illness, should be appointed as Barber of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Applications for the post of Barber of the Workhouse received from Robert Fair; George Suthren and James Gregson. Moved by Robert Cairns, seconded by Andrew Thompson, that George Suthren should be appointed. Amendment moved by William Gibson, seconded by James Sanderson, that Robert Fair should be appointed. A vote took place:</p> <table> <tr> <td>For Mr Cairns' motion:</td> <td>For Mr Gibson's motion:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Cairns</td> <td>William Gibson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andrew Thompson</td> <td>James Sanderson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Fleming</td> <td>George Young</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>James Mitchell</td> </tr> </table> <p>Robert Fair was declared chosen as Barber of the Workhouse.</p> <p>A list of the valuation made by the late John Gray, mason, of certain properties in the parish of Berwick, was presented with his charges for the same. The Clerk also produced a letter received by him from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the parish of Berwick. In the letter they express their disapproval of the valuation done by Mr Gray. They suggest that a practical person, an entire stranger, be appointed to do the valuation of the Parish. They recommend Thomas H Hedley, of Sunderland, as a competent person for that person. Letter signed by T Thompson junior; John Gladstone; Thomas G Turner and David Logan (churchwardens) and Adam Paxton; David Creak; John Ord; George Atkinson (overseers of the poor). Their recommendation to be taken into consideration at the next meeting. Also resolved that the Clerk lay before the Poor Law Board all the circumstances connected with the employment of Mr Gray. Also resolved that Mr Hedley be asked if he is willing to take on the job and at what price. The whole matter also to be submitted to the Assessment Committee prior</p>	For Mr Cairns' motion:	For Mr Gibson's motion:	Robert Cairns	William Gibson	Andrew Thompson	James Sanderson	Joseph Fleming	George Young		James Mitchell	
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			<p>to the next meeting of the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial ledgers and a statement of the several balances therefrom which, as it proved the correctness of the several accounts, was ordered to be inserted in the minutes.</p>	
Item	GBR46/308-312	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 Feb. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; John Embleton; Richard Makins; David Cockburn; John Young; James Sanderson; Andrew Thompson; Mark Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); William Moor; George Smith; Thomas Crewther; Robert Cairns; Colville Smith; George McGregor; James Mitchell; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of The Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before 20 ultimo to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General Police Rate. Payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Curry, of Sailors' Barracks, suffering from injury to arm, prescribed necessaries; John Reed, of Tweed Street, suffering from rheumatic fever etc., unable to work, nothing prescribed; George Carr, of High Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of beef; George Bain, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jessie Deans, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; James Thompson, of Coxon's Lane, suffering from injury to leg, prescribed necessaries; William Jones, of Wallace Green, suffering from abscesses, prescribed necessaries; George Carr, of High Street,</p>	2 Feb. 1863.

			<p>suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; George Bain, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Guardians considered the application from the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick to appoint a practical person to value all the land and hereditaments in the parish of Berwick and their recommendation to appoint Mr Hedley, of Sunderland, for this purpose. The Clerk reported that he had informed the Poor Law Board of all the circumstances connected with the employment of Mr Gray, and the present application, but had not yet received a reply. He had received a letter from Mr Hedley offering to value the Parish of Berwick and prepare the assessment lists for the sum of £115. A memorial signed by 131 ratepayers rejected this offer. The Assessment Committee then decided that the Churchwardens and Overseers make out the assessment lists to the best of their ability, assisted by the Assessment Committee. The recommendation of the Assessment Committee was accepted on a motion from Colville Smith, seconded by James Sanderson. The Clerk was ordered to inform the Churchwardens and Overseers of this decision.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of Robert Fair as Barber of the Workhouse, and also sanctioning a temporary alteration in the Workhouse dietary.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Thomas Crewther, that the Guardians should consider, at the next meeting, whether a dinner should be given to the inmates of the Workhouse on the occasion of the marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.</p>	
Item	GBR46/313-319	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 Feb. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George McGregor; Robert Cairns; Andrew Thompson; Thomas Crewther; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham).</p>	16 Feb. 1863.



		<p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Crosby (baker); James Smith (butcher); Berwick Hill Coal Company; William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Thomas Bulmer (carter); Johnson &amp; Co. (brewers); James Brown (farmer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner. Cornhill, Duddo, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel, Joseph Scott. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyoel, J H Graham.</p> <p>Common charges: Robert Home (annual allowance for coal and gas at Register Office); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing Scotch pauper); Berwick Advertiser (advertising account); George Turner (advertising account); George Suthren (3 weeks' attendance as Barber at the Workhouse).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Jane Mitchell (expenses conveying Ann Robertson to County Asylum).</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Duddo, Samuel Boak.</p> <p>A cheque for the amount of the instalment and interest due on the loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners was granted to the Clerk for him to pay to his London Agent.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a certificate from the Commissioners for administrating the laws for relief of the poor in Ireland, certifying that a sum of £3 10s 7d had been incurred by the Guardians of the North Dublin Union in and about the maintenance and conveyance to Strokestown Union of Jane Nary, recently removed from this</p>	
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			<p>Union. The sum ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Bains, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Jessi Deans, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Sutherland, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries and coals; Jane Docharty, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Peter Butler, of Walkergate Lane, convalescent, prescribed necessaries; James Thompson, of Coxon's Lane, suffering from sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); George Carr, of High Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of beef; George Carr, of High Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Mary A Cockburn, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane Hindmarsh, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Thomas Buglass, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. Signed by James Wilson. Barbara Bolton, of Norham, suffering from aemia chleorsis. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Isabella Davidson, of Felling [Gateshead], suffering from [adenoma] of leg, prescribed necessaries. Signed by W J Smith</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the propriety of giving a dinner to the inmates of the Workhouse on the occasion of the marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Resolved that the inmates be allowed to have beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff to be paid for by contributions from the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that due to the death of the contractor of coffins they had obtained tenders from persons willing to supply the coffins. They recommended the Guardians to accept the tender received from Thomas Strother. Tender accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Report received from Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer regarding his visit to George Baxter, aged 14, an apprentice tailor with James Dunn, of Edgewell Cotttage,</p>	
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			<p>Duddo, and to Alexander Knox, an apprentice tailor with William Burn, of Norham. He reported that both apprentices were in good health, neatly and comfortably dressed, and making very satisfactory progress.</p> <p>Resolved that at the next meeting terms of the appointment of medical officers for the Districts of East and West Northhamshire in this Union be decided upon.</p>	
Item	GBR46/320-326	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 March 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); John C Macdonald [John Charles McDonald]; George Young; George Smith; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); T Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchant); James Brown (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: Gas Company (gas accounts).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sum being the amount set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General County Rate. The amounts ordered to be paid.</p>	2 March 1863.

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary A Cockburn, of Castlegate, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sutherland, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Peter Butler, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from fever, convalescent, can resume employment in a week, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker; Ann Johnson, of Tweedmouth, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; J Whiteford, of Spittal, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; B Milburn, of Spittal, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Buglass, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Allan, of Berrington, suffering from [amonhea], prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of beef. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Terms on which medical appointments for the Districts of East and West Norhamshire are to be made were agreed. The District of East Norhamshire to consist of the townships of Duddo, Felkingon, Grindon, Hornccliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton and Twizel, all in the Parish of Norham. Population 2,931. The District of West Norhamshire to consist of the Parish of Cornhill. Population 853. Salaries to be exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board. Election to take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>A copy of the valuation list for the parish of Berwick was presented.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Rev G H Hamilton, that on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales the out-door poor relief be increased by 6d in the case of there being only one head of the family, and 1s where there are 2 heads. The Relieving Officers were empowered to carry this out.</p>	
Item	GBR46/327-331	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George White; George Young; John Young; Richard Makins; Andrew Thompson; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].	16 March 1863.

		<p>March 1863.</p>	<p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); J Black &amp; Sons (garden accounts); William Cowe (grocer); Thomas Strother (undertaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); James Brown (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Ancroft, Kyloe, J H Graham.</p> <p>Common charges: Shaw &amp; Jones (law publishers).</p> <p>Collector's Poundage: Horncliffe, James Paxton.</p> <p>The sum of £10 ordered to be paid to the executor of the late John Gray, mason, being the charges for valuating certain properties in the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Calder's wife, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sutherland, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Andrew Foulaghan, of Chapel Street, suffering from injuries from a fall, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hindmarsh, of Chapel Street, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries (2 entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Barbara Jackson, of Spittal, suffering from consumption, prescribed necessaries; Jane Whiteford, of Spittal, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ann Johnson, of Church Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Ann Johnson, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull; Wilson</p> <p>John Paxton was elected Medical Officer for the East Norhamshire District, and Matthew James Turnbull for the West Norhamshire District.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed to inform the Poor Law Board that the Guardians cannot appoint a medical officer according to the prescribed rules as there are none duly qualified residing in the 2 districts. The appointments are to continue until 25 March 1864.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for provisions, clothing etc. would expire before the next meeting. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise for and receive tenders.</p>	
Item	GBR46/332-339	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 March 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; James Mitchell;; Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Andrew Mitchell; Robert Cairns; George Smith; Rev George H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Drs Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Ladyday last were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Dagleish (school monitor); Jane Mitchell (matron of Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Ann Thompkins (cook and servant); Robert Fair (hairdresser).</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse,</p>	30 March 1863.

			<p>for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Berwick Hill Coal Company; William Cowe (grocer); John Richardson (boot maker); Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchants); Robert Gibson (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co. (brewers); James Brown (farmer); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); Thomas Strother (undertaker); Robert Sidey (plumber); John Branxton (tailor); John Elliott (chemist).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Thomas H Mitchell (conveying John Marshall to County Lunatic Asylum).</p> <p>Common charges: George Macaskie (printing); Elizabeth Wear (stationery); Edward Willoby (1/4 year's postage etc.); Edward Willoby (London Agent's charges on paying over loan instalment); Thomas Cairns (1/4 year's postage etc.); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage etc.).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Ellen McDonald, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Andrew Foulghon, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury from fall, prescribed necessaries; Cicily Robertson, of Greenses, suffering from disability caused by destitution. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Ann Johnson, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and beef (2 identical entries). Signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; James Wilson.</p> <p>Statement of the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books ordered to be entered into the minutes.</p> <p>According to the Master's Indoor-relief List the total number of days chargeable to the Union Poor Account was 2942 for the half year just ended, this includes a charge for vagrants of 676 days. As the vagrants in many cases only receive one meal and no clothes the number of days charged for them was reduced by <math>\frac{3}{4}</math>, reducing the number of days to 169.</p>	
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			<p>Ordered that the Garden account be debited with the value of the house slops given to the pigs.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the out-relief account, and also the Union Poor account, also ordered that the Clerk cost up the in-maintenance account for the last half year.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the common charges account.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the employment of Paxton [John Paxton] and Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] as Medical Officers of the East and West Northhamshire Districts until 25 March 1864. The two Medical Officers named each other as Deputies.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc. Tenders accepted.</p> <p>Letter from Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, tendering his resignation. Resignation accepted by the Guardians. The Poor Law Board to be informed and steps taken to fill the position. The Clerk was instructed to advertise in the Newcastle Daily Journal; Northern Daily Express and the Berwick newspapers.</p>	
Item	GBR46/340-346	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 April 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; Alexander Smith (Letham); James Sanderson; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Andrew Thompson; Mark Thompson; David Cockburn; George Smith; George White; Andrew Mitchell; Richard Makins; George Young; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Rev George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	13 April 1863.



			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Thomas Cairns and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries to which the officers were entitled ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); Thomas Cairns (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Ladyday last ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of Rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John T Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Mr E Willoby to be paid for his trouble and expenses in conducting the election of Guardians for this Union.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison. Northumberland County Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of 17 pauper lunatics, and 2 others for part of the quarter. Dr Kirkwood (2 certificate of lunacy).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Union Poor, Dr Kirkwood; Berwick, Union Poor, Robert C Fluker; Kylee, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, James Wilson; Duddo, Norham, Twizel, Union Poor, John Paxton.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylee, Tweedmouth, James Wilson; Norham, John Paxton.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee ordered to be paid: Ancroft: George A Turnbull, Septimus Wharton, Cheswick School. Berwick: Robert</p>	
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Item	GBR46/347-354	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Young; John Young; Richard Makins; Adam Darling; Thomas Crewther; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson];</p>	27 April 1863.

		<p>April 1863.</p>	<p>Ebenezer Black; James Sanderson; David Cockburn; Robert Cairns; George White; Alexander Smith (Letham); Mark Thompson; Andrew Thompson; Richard Thompson; John Jackson; Robert Boston; Andrew Mitchell; William Logan; Colville Smith; John Dunbar; William Moor; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke].  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>Resolved that Andrew Thompson take the chair until a chairman be duly elected.</p> <p>Election of Guardians of the Poor Law for the several parishes of the Berwick Union. Elected were: Ancroft: Thomas Crewther, Ancroft, mineralist; Richard Thompson, Cheswick, farmer. Bewick: Joseph Fleming, Castlegate, currier; John Young, Marygate, grocer; Andrew Thompson, Marygate, ironmonger; Robert Cairns, Marygate, hosier; William Gibson, Church Street, post-master; James Sanderson, Church Street, grocer; Alexander Smith, junior, High Letham, farmer; Andrew Mitchell, Letham Shank, farmer; David Cockburn, New West Farm, farmer. Cornhill: William Logan, Cornhill Mill, farmer/miller. Duddo: George White, Duddo, farmer. Felkington: James Richardson Black, (guardian qualified to act in the parishes where no guardian has been elected). Grindon: Ebenezer Black, Grindon, farmer. Holy Island: John Embleton, Broom House, farmer/auctioneer. Horncliffe: Mark Thompson, Horncliffe, farmer. Kyoeloe: John Jackson, Fenwick Granary, farmer. Loanend: John Dunbar, Bank Head, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: Alexander Smith, Galahouse Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: Adam Darling, Palace, Berwick, merchant. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: Richard Makins, Murton, farmer; Colville Smith, Berwick, clothier; George Young, Bridge Street, Berwick, fishmonger; Robert Boston, Spittal, fish-curer; George Barclay, Tweedmouth, farmer. Twizel: James Mitchell, Tindal House, farmer.</p> <p>Joseph Fleming appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. As Vice-Chairmen were elected Andrew Thompson and Richard Makins. Andrew Thompson to have the preference.</p> <p>Appointed to the Workhouse and Finance Committee were: Joseph Fleming; John</p>	
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Item	Gbr46/355-362	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 May 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith (Norham); Adam Darling; Robert Boston; Alexander Smith (Letham); Andrew Thompson; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Also present N E Hirst, Poor Law Inspector.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk the Guardians appointed his clerk H J Williams to act as his substitute.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had</p>	11 May 1863.

			<p>been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dunlop (draper); James Smith (butcher); John Blakey (grocer); John Crosby (baker); William Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Berwick Hill Coal Company; Thomas Purves (grocer); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Patterson (slater); William Blakey &amp; others (garden account); Robert Gibson (farmer); James Brown (farmer); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); John Branxton (tailor); J Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchant); S W Steven (grocer); Alexander Patterson (fisher).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner. Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, :Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel, Joseph Scott. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Twizel, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Common charges: Joseph Redfearn (old rope); James Clark (old rope); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Tweedmouth, Reed [Isaac Reed], H G Tait; Union Poor, Reed [Isaac Reed], George Davidson, H G Tait.</p> <p>Indenture executed of Michael Boland, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Cornhill, to be apprenticed to Thomas Aitchison, tailor, Belford, after the Guardians of the Belford Union having given their consent to such binding and the terms of the apprenticeship having been agreed upon.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:</p>	
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		<p>Agnes Taylor, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Hume Craig, of Ness Street, suffering from neuralgia, prescribed necessaries; James Stuart, of Sandgate, suffering from phthisis, prescribed cod liver oil (2 identical entries); Mrs Hush, of Ravensdowne, in child-birth, prescribed cod liver oil; Eleanor Cook, of Church Street, suffering from (anasacra?), prescribed ½ pint of English gin. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. A Richardson, of Murton Square, suffering from consumption, prescribed beef and wine (2 identical entries); Sarah Cromarty, of Holy Island, suffering from consumption, prescribed wine. The above signed by James Wilson. Ellen Cairns, of Norham, in child-birth, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton. M Tait (no residence stated), suffering from fever, nothing prescribed. Signed by Matthew James Turnbull.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton; Turnbull and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Letter from Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians, stating that Mr Usher [Robert Usher], the District Auditor, has again had to complain about Mr Davidson [Alexander Davidson]. He turned up late for the audit, not altogether sober, his accounts were in a most unsatisfactory state.</p> <p>Letter also received from Robert Usher, District Auditor, regarding Mr Davidson's behaviour. He expresses that he feels it to be important to report the case to the Poor Law Board. He says that he has sent a statement of the case to the Guardians.</p> <p>As the case has now been communicated to the Poor Law Board, the consideration of the case was adjourned to next meeting, also decided to request the attendance of Mr Davidson at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the engagement of Mary Ann Thompkins as Cook and Servant to the Matron of the Workhouse has expired. The Guardians to consider the propriety of re-engaging her and on what terms.</p> <p>Sanction from the Poor Law Board of the appointment of Joseph Crosby as Relieving Officer. They also state that the Guardians cannot pay Mr Cairns [Thomas Cairns] any salary beyond that due on the day he retired.</p>	
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			<p>The non-settled Poor return for the half year just ended was laid before the Guardians.</p> <p>N E Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, suggested to the Guardians that a sufficient number of single bedsteads in the old men's ward and the male hospital should be bought. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
Item	GBR46/363-371	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 May 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; John Dunbar; James Mitchell; William Moor; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; John Young; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; Rev George H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presents and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Robert Gibson (farmer); R Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); James Brown (farmer); Hannah Wight (china merchant); William Cowe (grocer); John Branxton (tailor).</p> <p>Common charges: David Gibson, Belford (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); John Main (cleaning of Spittal Pay Station); Margaret Elliott (cleaning of Tweedmouth Pay Station).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Ancroft, Kylloe, Norham Mians, Alexander Davidson.</p> <p>Salary ordered to be paid to Thomas Cairns, late Relieving Officer of Berwick</p>	25 May 1863.



			<p>District, for 4 weeks service by him prior to his resignation.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before 1 June to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sums set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, as the proportion of the said parishes towards the General County Rate, also to be paid on the same date the proportion of the parishes towards the General Police Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William McCann, of Walkergate Lane , suffering from ophthalmia, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Shaw, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ellen Cook, of Church Street, suffering from dropsy, prescribed ½ pint of English gin (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Janet Shaw, of West End, suffering from debility/partially disabled, nothing prescribed; Ann Wood, of Spittal, suffering from a bad recovery after confinement, prescribed porter. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Lettre received from the Poor Law Board regarding Alexander Davidson. They request the Guardians to furnish them with their observations regarding the case.</p> <p>Extracts from the parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe stating that the accounts for Ancroft were not made up and balanced as required, and the accounts for Kyloe were made up in a hurried manner on the morning of the audit creating doubt and suspicion about Mr Davidson. Mr Davidson was present at the meeting but failed to convince the Guardians and they agreed to a resolution saying that as no satisfactory explanation was given to the matter complained about in Mr Usher's report the Guardians have ceased to have any confidence in Mr Davidson as an Officer of the Union. He is therefore suspended until the directions of the Poor Law Board are received.</p> <p>Resolved that Mary Ann Thompkins be re-engaged as Cook and Servant of the Matron to the Workhouse for a period of 6 months on the same terms as before.</p>	
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Item	GBR46/372-377	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 June 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Boston; Thomas Crewther; John Dunbar; David Cockburn; Robert Cairns; Richard Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; William Moor; John Young; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of garden to 12 May); John Winter (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; William Cowe (grocer); John Thompson (garden rates); Robert Gibson (farmer); G &amp; J Young (drapers); James Brown (farmer); John Branxton (tailor).</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner.</p> <p>Cheque for instalment and interest on a loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners was granted to the Clerk to transmit to his London Agents.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board assenting to the Guardian paying Mr Cairns, the late Relieving Officer, for acting as assistant to Mr Crosby, his successor.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Nicholson, of Tweed Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker. Sarah Cromarty, of Holy Island, suffering from consumption, prescribed wine, beef and whiskey (2 identical entries). Signed by James Wilson. Ellen Cairns, of Norham, suffering from abscess of breast following child-birth, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p>	8 June 1863.
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			<p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood and Paxton.</p> <p>Sanction from the Poor Law Board for the employment of Mary Ann Thompkins as Cook and Servant to the Matron of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef, bread and out-door oatmeal would expire on 20<sup>th</sup> instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders to supply these articles and 12 sacks of new made oatmeal and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that the annual District meetings for the examination of paupers to be decided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the sureties for Mr Davidson, Assistant Overseer of Norham, Alexander Smith and Alexander Winter saying that they had obtained from Mr Davidson the books and papers in his possession and had handed them to the overseer of the township. They had examined the books and found them satisfactory and they therefore asked to be released from their bonds on Mr Davidson' behalf.</p> <p>Resolved that copy of the letter be sent to the Poor Law Board asking for directions with regard to the continuance or not of Mr Davidson in his respective offices to avoid any inconvenience in the parishes concerned by Mr Davidson's suspended state of office.</p>	
Item	GBR46/378-385	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 June 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Andrew Mitchell; William Cleghorn; John Dunbar; John Young; George Young; Thomas Crewther; Mark Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Richard Makins; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Rev George H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had</p>	22 June 1863.

			<p>been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); Thomas Purves (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Thomas Strother (cabin-maker); R Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); (Bery Sinclair?) (wood merchant); William Cowe (grocer); James Brown (farmer); Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchants); John Branxton (tailor); James Purves junior (auctioneer).</p> <p>Common charges: Ralph Holmes (old rope).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Taylor, of Castlegate, suffering from injury to back, prescribed necessaries; Bridget Smith, of Crawford's Alley, suffering from sickness, 'will be able to travel on tomorrow, or if not will require an order for the Workhouse', prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. George Allan, of Well Square, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); George Lambert, of Tower Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Elizabeth Shiell, of Church Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Sarah Steven, of West End, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson. Jane Balmer, of Norham, in child-birth, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton and Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Union with beef etc for the ensuing quarter:  James Smith – rounds of flanks of beef; houghs of beef; legs of mutton.  John Winter – In-door fine bread; in-door second bread; out-door second bread; out-door oatmeal.  Thomas Graham – 12 sacks of oatmeal.  Tenders accepted by the Guardians.</p>	
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			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Alexander Davison requiring his immediate resignation of the office of Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parishes of Norham Mains, Kylee and Ancroft.</p> <p>In the letter the Poor Law Board state that they cannot permit Alexander Davidson to continue in the office he holds and they require him immediately to submit his resignation to the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter of resignation from Alexander Davidson as Assistant Overseer and Collector for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains and for the Parishes of Ancroft and Kylee.</p> <p>Resignation accepted by the Guardians, new appointments to be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk inform the Overseers of the Poor in the places concerned of Alexander Davidson's resignation, and that they convene a meeting of their respective ratepayers and nominate some fit and proper persons to fill the vacant offices.</p> <p>The annual examination of paupers residing in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Districts to be held as follows:  The Berwick District – Tuesday 7 July at Board Room at 9 o'clock.  Tweedmouth District – Wednesday 8 July at Tweedmouth Vestry at 10 o'clock and at Spittal Vestry at 2 o'clock.  The meetings for Norham and Islandshire Districts to be fixed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ordered that the Overseers of Ancroft be authorized to proceed against Edward Watt, coalminer, for neglecting to maintain his wife, now chargeable to that parish and an inmate of the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR46/386-393	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 July 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Dunbar; Richard Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; Robert Boston; Colville Smith; Robert Crossman; Rev G Hans Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].</p>	6 July 1863.

		<p>Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officer John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Midsummer last were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Dalglish (school monitor); Jane Mitchell (matron of the Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Ann Thompkins (cook and servant); Robert Fair (hairdresser).</p> <p>Value of the provisions consumed by the paupers and officers was stated.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Graham (meat seller); James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); John Branxton (tailor); Thomas Strother (undertaker); Thomas Purves (grocer); James Brown (farmer); John Marshall (farmer); J Patterson (fish dealer); Mather Sanderson (farmer); Thomas Baldwin (plumber).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Hannah Jamison, pauper lunatic. Northumberland County Asylum, 19 pauper lunatics and William Clarke from 17 June last. John Crosby (expenses in connection with removal of William Clarke to County Asylum).</p> <p>Common charges: poor rate; general district rate; special district rate; highway rate; John Thompson (rate collector, Berwick); Gas Company (gas accounts); Northern Daily Express (advertising account); London Agents (charges on paying over loan instalment); John Crosby (1/4 year's postage etc.).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Smith, labourer, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed</p>	
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			<p>necessaries. Signed Robert C Fluker. Sarah Stevens, of West End, suffering from rheumatic fever, prescribed necessaries; Sarah Stevens, of West End, suffering from rheumatic fever, prescribed necessaries and beef; Ann Dunn, 44, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Copies of resolutions regarding the nomination of a successor to Alexander Davidson for the parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe and the townships of Norham and Norham Mains:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parish of Ancroft: nomination deferred until after 29 September. The Overseers would perform the duty themselves.</li> <li>2. Parish of Kyloe: nominated Henry John Williams, of Berwick, an attorney's clerk, as fit and proper for the position.</li> <li>3. Township of Norham: nomination of Alexander Weatherston, of Norham, shoemaker, suspended until next meeting of the rate payers, due to the fact that certain votes recorded for Mr Weatherston had been questioned.</li> <li>4. Norham Mains: no nomination received from this township. The Overseers will perform the duty themselves</li> </ol> <p>Report from the School Committee: 36 girls and 39 boys were examined on the 15 June in Holy Scripture, reading, writing, arithmetic, dictation, geography and grammar. Steady progress had been made. The Committee pointed out that the infants should be taught more in accordance with the modern system of Infant Schools, the lessons should be made as amusing as possible, and they should be taught more from observation of pictures and imitation than by long lessons in reading and spelling. The infants should also be allowed time for playing in the school-yard mornings and afternoons. 28 prizes have been awarded to the most efficient scholars. A list of attendance of out-door pupils attached to the report.</p> <p>Annual examination of the paupers residing in the Norhamshire District – Monday 13 July at Norham at 10 o'clock and at Cornhill at 3 o'clock. The Islandshire District – Tuesday 14 July at Half-way House at 11 o'clock and at Cat Inn at 2 o'clock.</p>	
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			<p>The common seal to be affixed to the contracts for supplying the Workhouse with provisions etc. for the ensuing quarter.</p> <p>Application from Mary Ann Thompkins, Cook and Servant to Matron, to be allowed to have one of her children admitted as an inmate of the Workhouse. Her 2 children, a boy and a girl, were both very imperfectly looked after. Resolved to admit both children into the Workhouse until their mother's engagement expires in November. The mother to contribute out of her wages towards the cost of their maintenance and clothing.</p>	
Item	GBR46/394-403	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 July 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); Thomas Crewther; Adam Darling; John Young; John Embleton; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]; Rev G Hans Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for which the officers are entitled were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell (master of Workhouse)].</p> <p>Salaries also to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p>	20 July 1863.



			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, A Kirkwood; Berwick, Robert C Fluker; Union Poor, Robert C Fluker; Kyloe, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, James Wislon; Duddo, Norham, Shoreswood, Twizel, Union Poor, John Paxton; Twizel, M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Twizel, George Wilson, Lowick.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker; Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Twedmouth, James Wilson; Duddo, Grindon, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel, John Paxton; Cornhill, M J Turnbull.</p> <p>Common charges: E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (expenses at district meetings); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mirchell] (removing Scotch pauper); Joseph Redfearn (old rope); George Turner (advertising account).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Berwick, William Jackson; Tweedmouth, William Jackson, William Tindale, Adam Bell; Union Poor, William Jackson, W T Wren, Adam Bell, William Tindle.</p> <p>Robert Montgomery, boot and shoemaker, Scremerston, had applied for James Crowthers, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Berwick, to be apprenticed to him. Jane Crowthers ,James' mother, had agreed to the binding and the indenture was executed by all parties.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Martha Johnson, 34, of Hatters Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; James Smith, labourer, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; James Smith, labourer, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh and debility, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Sarah Stevens, of West End, suffering from pneumatic fever, prescribed necessaries and beef; Sarah Stevens, servant, of West End, suffering from pneumatic fever, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Hall, washer etc., of Spittal, 'the person labours under hernia – will not use trousers supplied – and is not able-bodied only so far</p>	
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		<p>as applied to the hernia'; Susan Dunn, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wislon [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Clerk produced a communication from the Chairman of the recent meeting of ratepayers of the township of Norham stating that upon scrutiny of the votes recorded at the meeting, it appeared that John Gilchrist of Norham, gardener, was nominated by a majority of legal votes for the office of Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer of the township of Norham and he was duly appointed.</p> <p>Report of the annual meeting for the examination of paupers for all the districts of the Union.</p> <p>First meeting – Berwick District – present Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns; Rev Hamilton. 220 paupers appeared including children, representing 148 cases.</p> <p>Second meeting – Tweedmouth District – present Joseph Fleming. 127 paupers appeared including children, representing 101 cases. Spittal – 65 paupers including children, representing 36 cases.</p> <p>Third meeting – Norham District – Norham – present Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith; William Cleghorn. 99 paupers appeared including children, representing 55 cases. Cornhill – present Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith; William Logan. 16 paupers appeared including children, representing 14 cases.</p> <p>Fourth meeting – Islandshire District Halfway House – present John Jackson. 21 paupers appeared including children, representing 15 cases. At Cat Inn – present Robert Crossman; Richard Thompson; Thomas Crewther. 60 paupers appeared including children, representing 32 cases.</p> <p>In addition 47 different paupers were unable to attend from sickness or non-residency.</p> <p>Alteration of relief took place in 19 cases, most of the cases were widows with families where the children had started earning their own livelihood. Some cases had to be looked into and reported on later. The limited attendance of the Guardians was regretted.</p> <p>Report presented on the state of the lunatics belonging to this Union and at present confined in the Northumberland County Asylum. Appointment of a</p>	
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			<p>committee to visit the lunatic paupers to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial ledgers posted up to the end of Midsummer.</p>	
Item	GBR46/404-409	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 Aug. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Darling; John Dunbar; James Mitchell; Robert Cairns; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Adam Darling.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); Thomas Purves (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); R Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Brown (farmer); James Trainer and others (garden account); John Branxton (tailor); M Sanderson (farmer); J Marshall (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: John Crosby (expense removing William Clark from the Asylum to Workhouse).</p> <p>Registration fees: Cornhill, Duddo, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel, Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Justices clerk's fees: E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (fee for prosecution of John Hush for neglecting to maintain his wife).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 4<sup>th</sup> instant to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sums set</p>	Aug. 3 1863.

			<p>opposite the names of the parishes of this Union as their proportion of the said several parishes towards a local Police Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth W Johnson, of Weatherly Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; David Borthwick, fisherman, of the Greens, suffering from fracture of thigh, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board respecting the application from Mary Ann Thompkins to have her 2 children admitted to the Workhouse. They require to know the age of the children and the sum Mary Ann Thompkins has proposed to contribute towards the cost of their maintenance. Ordered to inform the Poor Law Board that she has obtained employment for her eldest child, and only asks for the boy, aged 10, to be admitted, and is willing to pay 3s per week.</p>	
Item	GBR46/410-415	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 Aug. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; David Cockburn; Rev G Hans Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby], his clerk Henry J Williams was appointed to act as his substitute at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John winter (baker);</p>	17 Aug. 1863.

			<p>Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son (spirit merchant); Janet Moor (ironmonger); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); R Johnston &amp; Co (brewers); Andrew Davidson (mason); James Brown (farmer); John Branxton (tailor); Mather Sanderson (farmer); John Marshall (farmer); Thomas Purves (grocer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner; Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Twizel, Joseph Scott; Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Common charges: Patterson &amp; Co. (old rope); Chartres (old rope).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Isabella Stafford, 54, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness and debility, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker. Ann Lough, of Spittal, suffering from debility, prescribed brandy; George Richardson's children, of Bell Stead, suffering from fever, prescribed wine; George Allan, tailor, of Wells Square, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; George Richardson's children, of Bell Stead, suffering from fever, prescribed wine. The above signed by J Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood; Paxton [John Paxton]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Rev G Hans Hamilton; Dr Kirkwood and the Chairman appointed a committee to visit the lunatics chargeable to this Union and confined in the Northumberland County Asylum, and requested to report as to the state and condition of the lunatics.</p> <p>Entry in the Visitor's Book from T B Browne, Inspector of Schools, on his recent inspection of the Workhouse School, on 14 August 1863. He writes that the children were doing well and passed an examination creditable to their teachers.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of John Gilchrist as</p>	
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			<p>Collector of Rates for the township of Norham, and also sanctioning the admission into the Workhouse of the son of Mary Ann Thompkins until 11 November next.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Turner, Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth Parish, complaining of the manner in which a pauper named Charles Hunter McDonald, chargeable to his Parish, was recently admitted into the Workhouse. He applied for the release of the pauper from the Workhouse. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr Turner, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Tweedmouth, that the Guardians are satisfied from the report of the Workhouse Medical Officer that the pauper was rightly admitted into the Workhouse and is at present in such a state as to justify his detention there.</p>	
Item	GBR46/416-421	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 Aug. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith; John Young; Robert Cairns.  Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); James Brown (farmer); John Branxton (tailor); John Marshall (farmer); M Sanderson [Mather Sanderson] (farmer); Thomas Trotter (undertaker).</p> <p>Common charges: Joseph Redfearn (old rope).</p> <p>Expenses incurred by the committee appointed to visit the lunatics confined in the Northumberland County Asylum was ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:</p>	31 Aug. 1863.

			<p>John White, 43, of Chapel Street, suffering from piles, prescribed necessaries; James Gourlick, 45, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to foot, prescribed necessaries; James Gourlick, labourer, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a bruised foot, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sutherland, 25, of Church Street, suffering from injury to arm, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Margaret Patterson, 21, of Spittal, suffering from consumption, prescribed wine; George Richardson's children, of Bell Stead, suffering from fever, prescribed wine; Ann Lough, of Spittal, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed brandy. The above signed by J Wilson.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood and Wilson.</p> <p>Tender accepted from James Davidson, to erect a porch at the entrance to the young women's ward, it being the cheapest.</p> <p>Letter from the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Berwick regarding Grangeburn Mill. He states that all the repairs to be done have now been completed, and paid for, leaving a balance standing to the credit of the Parish of £250. The Overseer states that he desires this sum to be appropriated for the benefit of the Parish as the Guardians see fit and which the Poor Law Board will sanction. Signed by John Thompson, Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>Resolved by the Guardians that the money would be used towards the balance of £258 14s 10d still due from the Parish of Berwick building loan of £950. Sanction of this to be applied for from the Poor Law Board.</p>	
Item	GBR46/422-428	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 Sept. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; James R Nicholson [James Richard Nicholson]; John Young; Andrew Thompson; John Dunbar; Robert Cairns; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	14 Sept. 1863.

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; John Davidson (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); R John son &amp; Co (brewers); Thomas Strother (undertaker); James Brown (farmer); John Branxton (tailor); William Cowe (grocer); M Sanderson (farmer).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books and forms); George Macaskie (advertising account).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 23 day of September to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sums set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union as the proportion of the said several parishes towards the General County Rate. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Patterson, 11, of Bells Court, Castlegate, suffering from dropsy, prescribed necessaries; William Patterson, of Greens, suffering from dropsy, prescribed port wine, beef, sago and necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. George Lambert, boat-builder, of Tower Lane, suffering from disease of heart, prescribed necessaries and wine. Signed by J Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Report from the committee appointed to visit the County Lunatic Asylum and report back. They report that there are at present under treatment 11 females and 9 males and 1 female in the Royal Asylum, Edinburgh, all belonging to this Union, plus 8 who are at present inmates at the Workhouse.</p> <p>Jane Good: blind and aged, can be moved to the Workhouse. Isabella Mace: her speedily recovery can be expected. Ann Robertson: convalescent but not yet ready to be set at large. Margaret Dryden: improved but still sometimes distractive. John Marshall: may be considered all but well. He only needs a little</p>	
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			<p>time to test his recovery. James Finharty: a deaf and dumb boy. His behaviour has improved and he should be removed to an institution for the education of the deaf and dumb for the state of his prospective advantage. George Todd: improved but still subject to delusion regarding a debt of £150 due to him for work done by him in the Asylum. He refuses to work until the debt has been paid. For the following no favourable report can be made for the mental state of: [William Bartrim?]; John Howe; John Octon; James Swinhoe; Ann Weir; Ann Graham; Maria Hall; Mary Ann Temple; Agnes Pringle; Mary Mather; Isabella Lough and Martha Forster. The Asylum was in an admirable order and the officials and attendants courteous and attentive and the unfortunate patients were exceedingly well and carefully treated. Resolved by the Guardians that the Clerk be directed to make the necessary application to the Testing Committee of the Asylum for their sanction of the removal of Jane Good to the Workhouse and of James Finharty to a deaf and dumb institution in Newcastle.</p>	
Item	GBR46/429-437	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 Sept. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Young; John Dunbar; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; Rev George Hand Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: not recorded</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Dalgleish (school monitor); Jane Mitchell (matron of the Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Ann Thompkins (cook and servant); Robert Fair (hairdresser).</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were</p>	28 Sept. 1863.

			<p>presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); John Winter (baker); James S Davidson (joiner); Scremerston Coal Company; George Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); Thomas Huntley and others] (garden account); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); James D Purvis (auctioneer); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); James Brown (farmer); R Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); William Patterson (slater); John Branxton (tailor); M Sanderson (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); John Blakey (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Jane Mitchell (expenses incurred in removing Jane Good from County Asylum).</p> <p>Common charges: Henry O Thompson (insurance premium on Workhouse buildings); Alexander Henderson (printer); Mrs Rennison (stationers); E Willoby [Edward Willoby](1/4 year's postage etc.); John Crosby (1/4 year's postage etc.); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage etc.); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Philip Hildreth (old rope).</p> <p>Sums awarded by the Assessment Committee for the services in preparing the several valuation lists and attending the meetings of the Committee to the undermentioned Assistant Overseers: Ancroft, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Alexander Davidson; Cornhill, Joseph Scott; Duddo, Samuel Boak; Holy Island, John Todd Smith; Horncliffe, James Paxton; Tweedmouth, George Turner; Berwick, John Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Overseers of the Parish of Berwick had paid to the Union Treasurer the sum of £252 7s 5d, the sum left in the Grangeburn Mill account. Decided, with the approval of the Poor Law Board, to pay the sum to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners on account of the building loan of £950. As the total sum remaining due from the Parish of Berwick towards that loan exceeds the sum received from the Overseers, it was resolved to pay the full sum due from the Parish for which amount a cheque was granted to the Clerk for him to transmit to his London Agents to be paid to the Commissioners account.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Patterson, of Bells Court, suffering from bilious fever, prescribed port wine, beef and necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker. George Lambert, of Tower</p>	
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			<p>Ordered that the gardening account be debited with the value of the house slops given to the pigs.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the out-relief and in-maintenance accounts, and calculate the proportion to be paid by each parish of the instalments of the building loan repaid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the Common Charges account; Union Poor account; County account; Police rates; registration; vaccination and the several other accounts in the ledger.</p>	
Item	GBR46/438-445	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 Oct. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith (Norham); George Barclay; James Mitchell; Richard Thompson; Adam Darling; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Mill Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (assistant overseer, Cornhill); John Smith (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee</p>	12 Oct. 1863.

			<p>presented and payment ordered: Collectors Poundage, Samuel Boak, Duddo; James Paxton, Horncliffe; Henry T Williams, Kyloe; John Gilchrist, Norham.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic. Northumberland County Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of 17 pauper lunatics and maintenance of 4 others for part of the quarter. A Kirkwood (fees for visiting lunatics in asylum, and for a certificate of lunacy); John Crosby (expenses removing lunatics to and from County Asylum).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Ancroft, Berwick, Tweedmouth, Alexander Kirkwood; Berwick, Union Poor, Robert C Fluker; Kyloe, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, James Wilson.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker; Ancroft, Tweedmouth, James Wilson; Cornhill, Matthew J Turnbull.</p> <p>The School Committee reported that they had examined and passed the following accounts for school fees and they were ordered to be paid to: Ancroft: G A Turnbull, Septimus Wharton, Henry Ford, Isaac Reid; Berwick: Robert Moore, Miss Caswell; Cornhill: Jesse H Austin; Holy Island: John Cowans, Robert Stamp; Horncliffe: John McLachlan; Kyloe: Isaac Reid, G A Turnbull; Norham: John McLachlan; Norham Mains: James Hay; Shoreswood: George Davidson; Tweedmouth: Robert Reid, Jesse H Austin, James Reid, Adam Bell; Twizel: Robert Reid; Union Poor: Henry Ford, Robert Reid, Septimus Wharton, John McLachlan, William Wren, Jesse H Austin, Isaac Reid, John Cowans, Robert Hardy, Adam Bell, James Hay, Jane Metcalf.</p> <p>Payment ordered to William Burn, tailor, Norham, as the second moiety of the premium payable to him for his apprentice Alexander Knox, as one half of the term of apprenticeship having expired and the apprentice has attended before the Guardians for inspection.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Hattle, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from paralysis of lower extremities, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Rankin, of Castlegate, suffering from abscess in hand, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); Elizabeth [Jamieson?], of Greens, suffering from abscess in hand, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by</p>	
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Item	GBR46/446-452	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 Oct. 1863.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Boston; John Embleton; Robert Cairns; John Young; Rev George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	26 Oct. 1863.

		<p>Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Rutherford (draper); E &amp; H Paxton (draper); John Blakey (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); G &amp; J Young (drapers); T Cockburn &amp; Son (wine &amp; spirit merchants); James Dunlop (drapers); David Logan (wine &amp; spirit merchants); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); R Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); George Brown (farmer); John Branxton (tailor); Thomas Purves (grocer); Mather Sanderson (farmer).</p> <p>Common charges: Gas Company (gas account).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> instant to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sums set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union towards a General Police rate.</p> <p>Sanction from the Poor Law Board to pay Edward Willoby for the services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee.</p> <p>Ordered that the sums due to Alexander Davidson, late collector of rates for the Parishes of Ancroft and Kyoel, for poundage on rates collected and duly accounted for by him, be paid to the Overseers of Ancroft on account of the amount due from Mr Davidson to the Parish.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Ellen Cairns, of Chapel Street, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 1 ½ lbs of sago; Elizabeth Jameson, of Greens, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. William Byers, labourer and</p>	
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