

GBR 42 minutes, Board of Guardians, Berwick-upon-Tweed Poor Law Union

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 42	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union	<p>During the period covered in this volume, the following people served as Guardians of paid officers of the Union. Guardians were elected each year in April; Medical Officers were appointed annually from 25 March. The dates indicate the commencement of the annual appointment.</p> <p>The first form of name listed (normally forename and surname) is the standardised form which will also appear in item entries for this volume in addition to any specific variants in the item text. In this volume level entry, alternative and fuller forms of a person's name are shown in square brackets.</p> <p>Guardians (with parish represented, profession, place of residence if known, and years elected): Nicholas Bell (Horncliffe, merchant, Horncliffe, 1853); Ebenezer Black (Grindon, farmer, Grindon, 1853, 1854); James Black (Cornhill, farmer, New Heaton, 1854); John Brown (Horncliffe, farmer, Horncliffe, 1854); Robert Cairns (Berwick, hosier, Marygate, 1853, 1854); Robert Carr (Felkington, farmer, Felkington, 1853, 1854); Alexander Christison (Ancroft, grocer, Berwick, 1853); Henry Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke], Ex-officio guardian; William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer, East Mains, 1853, 1854); Alexander Crossman (Tweedmouth, merchant, Berwick, 1853, 1854); Adam Darling (Shoreswood, merchant, Berwick, 1854); Robert Dickson (Tweedmouth, farmer, 1853, 1854); William Dodds (Berwick, farmer, Cocklaw, 1853); John Embleton (Holy Island, farmer, Broom House, 1853, 1854); Joseph Fleming (Berwick, currier, Castlegate, 1853, 1854); Thomas Friar (Duddo, gentleman, Grindon Ridge, 1853, 1854); James Gray (Berwick, brewer, Silver Street, 1853, 1854);</p>	7 June 1852 - 25 May 1854

		<p>John Laing (Cornhill, farmer, Cornhill, 1853); David Logan (Berwick, merchant, Hide Hill, 1854); John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald] (Kylloe, farmer, Berrington, 1853, 1854); John McGregor (Ancroft, farmer, Bridge Mill, 1853, 1854); Richard Makins (Twizel, farmer, Shellacres, 1854); James Mitchell (Twizel, farmer, Tindal House, 1853); William Moor (Longridge, farmer, 1854); John Morton (Berwick, butcher, Marygate, 1853, 1854); John Nesbit (Berwick, farmer, 3 Horse Close, 1853, 1854); James Robert Nicholson (Thornton, farmer, Thornton, 1853, 1854); John Paxton (Longridge, 1853); Thomas Pinkerton (Ancroft, farmer, Ancroft Steads, 1854); Robert Ramsey jun. [Robert Ramsay] (Tweedmouth, ironfounder, 1854); George Robinson (Tweedmouth, farmer, Berwick, 1853, 1854); James Ross (Tweedmouth, farmer, Spittal, 1853, 1854); Ninian Sanderson (Berwick, farmer, Conundrum, 1853, 1854); Stephen Scott (Shoreswood, farmer, Heathery Tops, 1853); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer, Gallagate House, 1853, 1854); George Smith (Loanend, farmer, 1853, 1854); James Wilson (Tweedmouth, contractor/gentleman, Spring Hill, 1853, 1854); John Wilson (Berwick, ironmonger, Bay View, 1853, 1854); George Winlaw (Berwick, shoemaker, Marygate, 1853, 1854);</p> <p>Medical officers (with District and year appointed):</p> <p>Alexander Kirkwood (Berwick & Workhouse, 1853, 1854); Andrew Morison (Tweedmouth, 1853, 1854); James Wilson (Islandshire, 1853, 1854); John Paxton (Norhamshire, East Division, 1853, 1854); William Donaldson (Norhamshire, West Division, 1853, resigned June 1853); Matthew James Turnbull (appointed Aug. 1853, 1854);</p>	
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			<p>At the time of Dr Turnbull's appointment the division of Norhamshire District was changed so that Norham, Grindon and Twizel were added to the East Division, and the West Division consisted of the Parish of Cornhill. Dr Turnbull was, at the same time as he served as medical officer for the Berwick Union, also a medical officer for the Glendale Union. His residence was in Coldstream, Scotland.</p> <p>Relieving Officers (with District and year appointed): James Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson, J B Atkinson] (Berwick, 1853, 1854); John Anderson (Islandshire, 1853, 1854); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire, 1853, 1854)</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; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel.</p> <p>In the catalogue entries for the minutes of individual meetings, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union is referred to as Berwick Union.</p> <p>1 volume.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/1-18		Pages missing, torn out of minute book.	
Item	GBR 42/19-26	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 June 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: A. Smith [Alexander Smith]; John Nesbit; Robert Carr; James Mitchell; Alexander Crossman; James Wilson; William Heron and others [page 19 torn in half]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p>	7 June 1852

		<p>Financial account. [page 19 torn in half].</p> <p>Payments were ordered for supplies and services: Alexander Smith junior (butcher meat); John Winter (oatmeal); Thomas Lockwell (bread); James Sanderson (tea); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Peter Wilson (shoes); Charles Forsythe (draperies); Owners of Berwick Colliery; Robert Chrisp (clothes); David McBeath (wine); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); George Henderson (porter); Owen Owens (sundries); Robert Gibson (milk); John Gibson (bread); George J. Young (draperies); Ann Marshall (milk); John Main (tailor); Robert Cairns (carpet shoes); William Lamb (colouring); George Weatherhead (starch); George Lawrence (vinegar).</p> <p>Common charges: David Gibson; John Back; John Anderson; Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Norham, John Paxton, 1 case; Thornton, 2 cases; Horncliffe, 3 cases; Longridge, 3 cases; Felkington, 6 cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Tweedmouth, Andrew Anderson, 2 midwifery cases; 2 fracture of arm; Cornhill, John Paxton, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Discussion of Dr Donaldson's [William Donaldson] salary to bring it on equal footing with the other medical officers.</p> <p>Inspection of the Workhouse by Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst]. He has expressed dissatisfaction with the ventilation in some of the wards. It was ordered that Dr Kirkwood looks into the matter and report back to the Board.</p> <p>Medical officers mentioned as their deputies: Dr Kirkwood named W. Hunter; Dr Morrison named W. Hunter; Dr Donaldson named W. Gillies of Coldstream.</p>	
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			<p>Order issued for the election of a guardian for the Parish of Ancroft in place of W. John Oswald, deceased.</p> <p>Ann Marshall, inmate of the Workhouse, was brought before the Board accused of using insulting language to the Matron, and having disobeyed orders. She was ordered to be punished by solitary confinement for seventy four hours on bread and water.</p> <p>Letter from John Paxton regarding the payment for vaccination. He wants the fee to be increased to 2 shillings. He also wants a rule introduced by the Board preventing poaching for vaccination fees from each other's districts.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Isabella Hush, 26, of Chapel Street, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea by Dr Kirkwood; Oswald Davidson, 37, of [Berry], consumption, prescribed 4 lbs. of beef and 2 shillings by Dr J. Wilson.</p> <p>[Page 26 is blank.]</p>	
Item	GBR 42/27-30	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 June 1852.	<p>Present the meeting: Guardians: A Smith [Alexander Smith]; J.R. Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; John Nesbit; George Winlaw; John Embleton; Ninian Sanderson; John Wilson; William Dodds; James Wilson; Robert Dickson; George Crosbie [George Crosby]; Ebenezer Black; Joseph Fleming; Thomas Friar; John Marshall; John Morton; William Heron; John Laing; Dr Clarke [Henry George Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had</p>	21 June 1852

			<p>been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, James B. Atkinson [James Blackett Anderson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The application of Andrew Morison, James Wilson and John Paxton for an increase in the vaccination fee was rejected, and with reference to Mr Paxton's letter it was directed that vaccinators should restrict themselves to persons resident in their respective districts.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Arthur Flanagan, labourer, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from constipation, prescribed bread and 4 shillings by Dr Kirkwood; Isabella Hush, of Chapel Street, in childbed, prescribed bread and beef by Dr Kirkwood; Agnes Hart, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatic fever, signed by Dr Kirkwood; Robert Liddle, suffering from an injury to his side, signed by Dr Robert Fluker.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/31-39	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 July 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: R. Ramsey [Robert Ramsey]; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; Robert Carr; Ninian Sanderson; George Crosby; Robert Dickson; John Dunbar; John McGregor; James Wilson; John Embleton; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Crossman; Alexander Christison; Dr Clarke [Henry George Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; A. Morison [Andrew Morison].</p>	5 July 1852

			<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, James Atkinson, John Anderson, and Joseph Scott were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance</p> <p>Payments were ordered for supplies and services: Alexander Smith junior (butcher meat); Quarries of Berwick Colliery; Thomas Lockwell (bread); Robert Chrisp (clothing); Margaret Blakey (milk); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); James Sanderson (grocer); George Henderson (porter etc.); Ann Marshall (milk); John Main (tailor); Peter Wilson (shoes); John Winter (flour); Robert Cowe (seed); George Weatherhead (grocer).</p> <p>Maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum presented and ordered for Cornhill, Mary Ann Temple, also for a pauper lunatic in the Peckham Lunatic House, Surrey, Martha Forster.</p> <p>Relief given by Relieving Officers James Blackett Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott. Vaccination fees: Ancroft, James Wilson, 2 cases; Kyloe, James Wilson, 13 cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 5 midwifery cases; Norham, Alexander Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case; Union Poor, Alexander Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case; Ancroft, James Wilson, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Report submitted by Dr Kirkwood re ventilation in the Workhouse. Two deaths had occurred in 1849 due to bad ventilation, and the lack of proper ventilation had caused the disease "itch" [scabies] in some of the inmates. The report is</p>	
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			<p>to be sent back to the Committee to obtain an estimate for alterations in the boys' sleeping room, which seemed to be one of the worst affected areas. Letter from Dr Paxton [John Paxton] re Guardians' refusal to raise his vaccination fee from 1/6 to 2 shillings. Dr Paxton is to stop vaccination unless his fee is raised. It was ordered that the Board would appoint another vaccinator at their next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Atkinson applied, on behalf of his daughter Miss Margaret Atkinson, for her to be relieved of the duties of educating the children of the Workhouse, and her duties reduced to what she had been engaged to do viz. act as a sewing mistress. The application to be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/40-47	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting on 19 July 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: John Nesbit; William Dodds; John Dunbar; James Mitchell; Ninian Sanderson; George Wilson; Alexander Crossman; George Crosby; Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr. Donaldson [William Donaldson]; Mr. Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: John Nesbit.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services to: Alexander Smith junior (butcher meat); Robert Griss (clothing); Thomas Lockwell (bread); George Anderson (porter); John Winter (flour); William Cowe (groceries).</p>	19 July 1852

			<p>Common charges paid to John Thompson; Charles Knight; Robert Usher.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Thornton, William Donaldson, 1 case; Norham, William Donaldson, 5 cases; Cornhill, William Donaldson, 21 cases; Felkington, William Donaldson, 2 cases; Ancroft, William Donaldson, 4 cases; Duddo, William Donaldson, 3 cases; Twizel, William Donaldson, 3 cases; Horncliffe, William Donaldson, 9 cases; Shoreswood, William Donaldson, 2 cases; Norham Mains, William Donaldson, 1 case.</p> <p>Messrs Willoby to be paid £10 for their trouble and expense in conducting the election of Guardians for this Union, plus a further £10 14s 4d for conducting the contested election of Guardians for the Parish of Berwick at one farthing per head of the population (10,288).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for W. and E. Willoby [William and Edward Willoby], Clerks; James B. Atkinson, Workhouse Master; James Blackett Atkinson, Relieving Officer; John Anderson, Relieving Officer; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer; Andrew Mattlock, Treasurer; Alexander Kirkwood, Medical Officer; Andrew Morrison, Medical Officer; John Paxton, Medical Officer; James Wilson, Medical Officer; William Donaldson, Medical Officer; Thomas H. Tait [Thomas Herriot Tait], Schoolmaster; Jane Purdie, Matron; John Moor, Assistant Master; Margaret Atkinson, Schoolmistress; Thomas Haile, Porter; Mary Hall, Nurse; Thomas D. Meston, Barber.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial ledgers posted up to the end of Midsummer quarter.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Inglis of Weatherly Square, in childbed, prescribed bread etc.; Peter Gallocher of Narrow Lane, suffering from debility from previous illness, prescribed bread and beef; Isabella Easton of Greenses, suffering from great debility, prescribed bread and beef. All the above prescribed and</p>	
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			<p>signed by Dr. Kirkwood; George Hall, pitman, suffering from continued fever, prescribed bread etc., signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Consideration of Mr Paxton's and Miss Atkinson's letters postponed until the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/48-53	Minutes of the Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 August 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: A. Smith [Alexander Smith]; R. Ramsey [Robert Ramsey]; W. Mitchell; John M. Gregor; James Wilson; John Dunbar; Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; Robert Carr; Nicholas Bell; Alexander Crossman; John Embleton; John Batters; John Marshall; Ebenezer Black; George Crosby; Ninian Sanderson; Alexander Christison; Robert Dickson; Dr. Clarke [Henry Clarke] Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Morison [Andrew Morison]; Donaldson [William Donaldson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered as required for out-relief.</p> <p>Common charges: payment ordered to John Thompson (poor rate); John Young (stones); Walter Thompson (stationery); Churchwardens (church rate).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], 22 cases; Tweedmouth, Morison [Andrew Morison], 25 cases; Ancroft, Morison [Andrew Morrison], 8 cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case; Morison [Andrew Morison], 2 midwifery cases.</p>	2 Aug. 1852

			<p>Letter from Mr. Paxton [John Paxton] saying that he will carry on acting as the Vaccination Officer during the present parochial year, and he hopes that the Board will consider at their annual meeting, whether vaccination is underpaid, and if that is the case, order the fee to be increased. Mr. Paxton's proposal accepted.</p> <p>Application from Miss Atkinson [Margaret Atkinson] regarding having her duties reduced to only acting as a sewing mistress for the girls at the Workhouse was accepted.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Watson, 28, of Chapel Street, in childbed, prescribed bread; Ann Pitt of Chapel Street, suffering from [.....], prescribed relief; Phebe Pitt of Chapel Street, suffering from a bad leg, prescribed relief; Richard Curry, 31, of Castlegate, in childbed, prescribed bread, tea etc.; [? Hall] , 43, of Felkington, Pitman, suffering from cachexia debility, prescribed six bottles of porter; John Metcalf, 19, of Shoreswood, pitman, suffering from hypertrophy of heart from rheumatic fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton and 1 lb. of rice weekly for a month; George Hall, 45, of Shoreswood, pitman, convalescent from fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a month. All of the above signed by Dr. Paxton [John Paxton].</p>	
Item	GBR 42/54-59	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 August 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardian: Robert Ramsey; John M Gregor; William Cleghorn; John Marshall; George Winlaw; John Dunbar; Alexander Christison; Thomas Friar; George Crosby. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Morison [Andrew Morison]; J. Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Robert Ramsey. Also present: J.B. Browne, Inspector of Schools.</p>	16 Aug. 1852

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered as required for out-relief.</p> <p>Account presented for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.</p> <p>Account presented for the maintenance of James Swinhoe in the Royal Crichton Royal Institution, and of Ann Bell in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.</p> <p>Payment ordered to Alexander Davidson for then use of his room at Norham for the examination of the paupers for the Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Medical fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood; Morison [Andrew Morrison]; Norham, John Paxton; Donaldson [William Donaldson].</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Thomas Turner of College Place, suffering form dyspepsia, nothing prescribed; Peter Spilmin [Peter Spellman], 62, of Black Bull Yard, suffering from incontinence of wine [?], prescribed bread etc. All the above signed by Dr. Kirkwood. Mary Sanderson, 63, of Swinhoe, suffering from rheumatism and dyspepsia, nothing prescribed. Signed by William Brown.</p> <p>Letter laid before the meeting regarding John Johnson who wanted to emigrate to Australia. Decision taken to grant this and the sum of £10 to be granted to him.</p> <p>Letter laid before the meeting from the Poor Law Board regarding Miss Atkinson's [Margaret Atkinson] wish to have her duties limited to only being the sewing mistress for the in-door girls. The Poor Law Board can not give their consent to this. Mr. Brown, Inspector of Schools, stated that the transfer of duties was not satisfactory. Resolved that the matter be considered at the</p>	
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			next meeting.	
Item	GBR 42/60-67	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting on 30 August 1852	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; George Winlaw; Alexander Christison; Robert Ramsey; Alexander Crossman; John Nesbit; Thomas Friar; George Crosbie [George Crosby]. Medical Officers: Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts of the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and; Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Registration fee due to Ancroft; Holy Island; Kyoel John Anderson was presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>The meeting considered the Poor Law Board's refusal to sanction the transfer of the children at the Workhouse to Mr. Tait [Thomas Herriot Tait]. The meeting decided to defer consideration to the next meeting due to the small attendance of the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter from Mr. Tait, the Workhouse Schoolmaster, announcing his resignation which was accepted by the Guardians. Decision made to advertise in the two local newspapers and the Newcastle and North British newspapers for a replacement.</p> <p>Bread received from Mr. Lockwell was unwholesome and unfit for food. Advertisement for tender sent out to all bakers in Berwick and Tweedmouth. William Crosby won the contract.</p>	30 Aug. 1852

			<p>Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] to inspect the various pauper lunatics belonging to the Berwick Union at present in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Douglass, 15, of Church Street, suffering from [haemophysis], prescribed bread and beef. Signed by Dr. Kirkwood. Elizabeth Turnbull, 55, suffering from rheumatism, nothing prescribed; George Marshall, 14, pitman, of Scremerston, suffering from "hurt", [has been injured?], prescribed necessities. The two entries above signed by Dr. Morison [Andrew Morison].</p>	
Item	GBR 42/67-73	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 September 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: A. Smith [Alexander Smith]; Joseph Fleming; Ebenezer Black; George Crosby; Alexander Crossman; James Mitchell; Robert Ramsey; William Dodds; Thomas Friar; John Dunbar; Nicholas Bell; John Embleton; Robert Carver; John Nesbit; George Winlaw; James Wilson; John Morton; Alexander Christison Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Ann Mullen, 40, of Castlegate, suffering from rheumatism and extreme debility, prescribed necessities. Signed by Robert C. Fluker; Elizabeth Craik, 46, of Tweed Street, suffering from a disease of the leg,</p>	13 Sept. 1852

			<p>nothing prescribed. Signed by A. Morison; Jane Johnson, 20, of Scremerston, suffering from asthma, prescribed bread and tea. Signed by A. Morison, [Daniel M. Evoy], of Chapel Street, suffering from a sprain of his hand, prescribed bread. Signed by A. Kirkwood; Ellen Milne, 17, of Tweed Street, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed bread, Signed by A. Kirkwood.</p> <p>It was decided that Miss Atkinson [Margaret Atkinson] should undergo an examination before Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, who will report back to the Guardians as to whether Miss Atkinson is qualified to fulfil the office of teacher and moral trainer to the children. Resolution to be communicated to Miss Atkinson and Mr. Browne [Inspector of Schools].</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee re an Infant school room. Resolved that the Committee be authorized to get a plan and specifications of the proposed alteration and obtain an estimate of the probable cost of the alteration.</p> <p>Contracts for provisions to expire shortly. Workhouse Committee directed to advertise for tenders.</p> <p>Election of Schoolmaster postponed until 11 Oct. Candidates must hold Government Certificates. Thomas Tait, the resigning Schoolmaster, was praised for the way he has discharged his duties during his four years of service.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/74-84	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 September 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: A. Smith [Alexander Smith]; Joseph Fleming; Robert Dickson; George Crosby; John Wilson; George Winlaw; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; Alexander Crossman. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p>	27 Sept. 1852

			<p>Also present: E. Hurst, Poor Law Inspector.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for supplies and services to: Alexander Smith (butcher meat); Thomas Lockwell (bread); William Cosby (bread); Berwick Colliery; James Sanderson (sugar); Peter Wilson (shoes); Robert Gibson (milk); George Henderson (porter etc.); William Wilson (glazier); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (clothing); John Winter (?); Ann Marshall (milk); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Robert Rutherford (draperies); James B. Atkinson (pork); William Thompson (?); Alexander Jaffrey (blacksmith); Owen Owens (sundries); Robert Chrisp (clothing); James B. Atkinson (herring etc.); George Weatherhead (groceries); Thomas Atkinson (?); Gas Company; Thomas Cockburn; William Lamb</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson; Thomas H. Tait; Charles Knight; North British Advertiser; William Patterson; William Willoby; Margaret Atkinson; Thomas Harle; Mary Harle; Thomas D. Meston; James B. Atkinson; John Anderson; Joseph Scott; Yorkshire Gazette; Thomas Melrose; Drummond & Son.</p> <p>Precept received from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Northumberland to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland sums from the parishes of this Union the proportion towards the general County rate on or before 1 Oct. 1852.</p> <p>Payment ordered for the maintenance of Martha Forster in the Peckham</p>	
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		<p>House, Surrey.</p> <p>Payment ordered to be paid to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners for the emigration of John Johnson, and his uncle Walter Thompson of Bridge Street, who are emigrating to Australia.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Joseph McBride, of Walkergate, suffering from an abscess of the hand, prescribed bread etc. Signed by Dr. Kirkwood; James Lilley, 74, of Scremerston, [suffering from ?, prescribed ?]; Fanny Dawson, 82, of Spittal, suffering from debility, prescribed mutton etc. The two above signed by A. Morison.</p> <p>Henry Hurst, surgeon, has examined Anne Swan of Newlands stating that she is unfit to earn her own support. Signed by Henry Hurst, Belford.</p> <p>Workhouse Committee had obtained a specification of alterations for making a new school room and also the probable expense of this plus various other charges.</p> <p>Letter from Miss Atkinson [Margaret Atkinson] saying she is resigning. Her resignation accepted by the Guardians. Advertisement to be put into the same newspapers as the ones advertising the position of Schoolmaster.</p> <p>Report from Dr. Kirkwood re his visit to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum to examine the insane paupers at that institution belonging to the Berwick Union 12 months ago: nine patients, two have since died: Alexander Reid and Robert Balmer Pringle; one discharged and cured: James Bishop; three have been admitted: Elizabeth Lee; Ann Bell and Maria Hall, leaving nine still in the asylum.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/85-93	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 October 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Nicholas Bell; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson, William Heron; Joseph Fleming; Thomas Friar; George Winlaw; John Nesbit; John Morton; William Cleghorn; John Embleton; John Laing; John Marshall; John Dunbar; William Dodds; Alexander Crossman; James Wilson; Robert Dickson; John Wilson; Dr. Clarke [Henry George Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr. Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Dr. Donaldson [William Donaldson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payment ordered for the maintenance of paper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for: Berwick, Alice Douglass; Hannah Jamison; Mary Scott. Tweedmouth, John Acton; Ann Bell; Elizabeth Lee; Isabella Lough. Norham, Maria Hall. Union Poor. Jane Moor.</p> <p>Extra Medical fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood, 9 midwifery cases. Tweedmouth, A. Morison, 4 midwifery cases.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood, 21 cases. Tweedmouth, A. Morison, 31 cases. Norham, William Donaldson, 10 cases. Ancroft, William Donaldson, 1 case. Shoreswood, William Donaldson, 6 cases. Norham Mains, William Donaldson, 2 cases.</p>	11 Oct. 1852
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			<p>Common charges: Newcastle Courant; George Macaskie; Yorkshire Gazette.</p> <p>Payment ordered to Dr. Kirkwood for visiting and examining the lunatics belonging to the Union.</p> <p>Payment ordered for the maintenance of Margaret Chrisp in the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum.</p> <p>Resolved that William Nesbit of Wark be appointed as Schoolmaster of the Workhouse, and that his wife Isabella Nesbit be appointed as Schoolmistress. Appointments to be referred to the Poor Law Board for sanctioning.</p> <p>Mr. Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, had submitted a report to the Board of Guardians regarding his inspection of the Workhouse. He points out, among other things, that there is no refractory ward, which is required by regulations of the Poor Law Commission. [Decision about what action to take is missing – torn out].</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: White, 27, of Coxons Lane, suffering from ague, prescribed bread and beef; Jane McCormach, of Church Street, suffering from typhus fever, prescribed bread and beef; Mary Ann Leonard, 17, of Church Street, suffering from scarlet fever, prescribed bread, arrowroot and beef; Joseph Buglass, 33, of the Greenses, suffering from permanent disease of the heart, prescribed support. The above signed by Dr. Kirkwood. Margaret Bolton, 6, of Norham, suffering from general debility and hip joint disease, prescribed 1 lb. of mutton weekly by Dr. Donaldson.</p> <p>[Big section of pp. 91/92 torn off.]</p>	
Item	GBR 42/94-99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Robert Ramsey; John Wilson; George Wilson;	26 Oct. 1852

		<p>meeting held on 26 October 1852.</p>	<p>John Nesbit; William Dodds; Joseph Fleming; Dr. Clarke [Henry George Clarke]. Medical Officers: Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the book of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Welsh, 58, of Hatters Lane, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed beef and bread; Peter Spelman, 65, of Hatters Lane, suffering from abscess of knee, prescribed [?]; Mary Ann Leonard, 17, of Church Street, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed 1.5 lbs. of beef; Mary Duffy, 40, of Samson's Property, Wallace Green, convalescent from childbirth, prescribed bread. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. John Musgrove, 40, of Shoreswood Colliery, pitman, suffering from fever and dysentery, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly during sickness. Signed by J. Paxton [John Paxton]. Barbara Simpson long suffering from indigestion and great general debility and partial imbecility requires the attention of her daughter almost constantly. Signed by James Alexander, surgeon, Wooler, Oct. 22, 1852.</p> <p>Report received from the Workhouse Committee regarding a letter from the Poor Law Board pointing out the Guardians' duties of appointing overseers and assistant overseers. The Committee points out that the act regarding this is still in force. The Committee says that there is no act in existence which deprives the inhabitants from exercising the power which seems to be given by the order of the Poor Law Commission.</p>	
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			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board requesting particulars regarding the appointments of Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit [William Nesbit and Isabella Nesbit] to the offices of Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union Workhouse in a form enclosed.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/100-108	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 November 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Ramsey; John Nesbit; George Winlaw; John Dunbar; Alexander Crossman; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton ;George Crosby; Alexander Christison; Dr. Clarke [Henry George Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Robert Ramsey.</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 Offices James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for supplies and services: George Weatherhead, (tea, sugar and soap); William Ross, (butcher meat); John Robertson, (carpenter); George Henderson, (wine etc.); William Crosby, (bread); Robert Rutherford, (Draperies); R. Johnson and Co. (coals); James B. Atkinson, (pork); George Dodds, (butcher meat); Peter Wilson, (shoes); Simon Trainer, (potatoes); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Co.; Margaret Blakey, (milk etc.); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson, (milk); Owen Owens, (sundries); John Main, (clothing); Ann Marshall, (milk); Robert Brown, (barley); John Winter, (flour); William Thompson, (potatoes).</p>	8 Nov. 1852

			<p>Common charges: Charles Knight, (books etc.).</p> <p>Payment ordered for salaries to: W. Willoby [William, Willoby], (clerk); James B. Atkinson, (relieving officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); Andrew Mallock, (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Andrew Morison, (medical officer); James Wilson, (medical officer); William Donaldson, (medical officer); James B. Atkinson, (Workhouse master); Jane Purdie, (matron); John Moor, (assistant master); Margaret Atkinson, (schoolmistress).</p> <p>Payment of registration fees ordered to be paid to: John Anderson (Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylee); Joseph Scott (Cornhill, Duddo, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Twizel).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Duddo, John Paxton, 2 cases; Horncliffe, John Paxton 5 cases; Norham Mains, John Paxton 3 cases; Shoreswood , John Paxton 2 cases; Thornton, John Paxton, 1 case.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [William Walker], 3½, of Chapel Street, suffering from scarlatina and dropsy, mother is obliged to stay at home to look after the child, no medication prescribed. Joseph Rogers, 1½, of Church Street, suffering from scarlet fever, prescribed ½ pint of wine ; Ann Graham of Coxons Lane, suffering from bilious attack, prescribed bread and meat(entered twice); William Aitkin, 42, shoemaker, of Golden Square, suffering from erysipelas of hand , nothing prescribed; (entered twice, first entry aged 42, second entry aged 43); Flanagan (no first name), of Walkergate Lane, suffering from premature childbirth, prescribed bread etc.; Ann Hughes, 30, of Hatters Lane, suffering from [influenza]; Buglass (no first name), of the Greens, in childbirth, prescribed bread and tea. The above signed by Dr. Kirkwood. John Metcalf, pitman, of Shoreswood Colliery, suffering from incurable hypertrophy of heart, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton and 2 lbs. of rice weekly for a month; Patrick</p>	
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			<p>Lovell, 31, of Donaldsons Lodge, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 lb. of mutton and rice. Barney O'Regan is unable to work in consequence of having got both his eyes blackened on Sunday evening, there is a great deal of swelling and he will be unable to work this week. – I believe the family are in a state of destitution. Signed by Dr. Fluker, and sent to Mr. Atkinson, Scott's Place. Mr. J. Carr – deliver to pauper [No] – Cecily Glass 1 bottle of whiskey. Signed by James Alexander, Medical Officer.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board drawing attention to the fact that there is some prejudice among people towards vaccination against smallpox. They urge the vaccinators to try to overcome this prejudice and the danger of exposing children to attacks of smallpox.</p> <p>It was ordered that the Clerk inform the Poor Law Board that the discrepancy between the number of births and the number of children vaccinated by "Medical gentlemen", who are not appointed by the Public Vaccinator of the Union.</p> <p>Plans received from the Poor Law Board regarding plans for the building of the Idiotic Ward and schoolroom referred to by the Committee in their report of December 1850.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of William Nesbit and his wife Isabella Nesbit as schoolmaster and schoolmistress of the Union Workhouse for a trial period of 6 months. They request to receive a report after the expiration of the trial period. This was agreed to by the Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/109-113	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 22 November 1852.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming ; Alexander Christison; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton; Nicholas Bell; William Dodds; John Marshall; George Winlaw.	22 Nov. 1852

		<p>Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Registration fees for Mr. Atkinson for Berwick and Tweedmouth were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Maintenance of James Swinhoe in the Southern Counties Asylum was presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payment ordered to David Gibson for half year rent of the Register Office.</p> <p>Account presented by Mr. Gibson of Scuddy Law for the attendance of Mr. Fluker, surgeon, on a girl in labour. Sanctioned by the Poor Law Board and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [Patrick M Euen], 32, of Chapel Street, suffering from a sore throat, prescribed bread etc.; Margaret Grieves, two children, of Tweed Street, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed necessaries; [Henry Stor.....], suffering from neuralgic fever; Isabella Robertson, 52, of Weatherly Square, suffering from lumbago, prescribed bread and meat; M Guire [William M Guire], of Chapel Street, suffering from possible fever, prescribed bread etc. [2 entries]. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p>	
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			Deliver to pauper Cecily Glass [Eailstill] a pint of whiskey. Signed by James Alexander, Medical Officer.	
Item	GBR 42/114-118	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 6 December 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; James Wilson; John Dunbar; Robert Ramsey; George Winlaw; Alexander Christison; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; William Heron; John Morton; George Crosby. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Morison [Andrew Morrison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for our-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificated were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William M Guire, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed ½ lb. of bread and meat daily; Agnes Wilson, of Weatherly Square, in childbed, prescribed bread and mutton (two entries); Hannah Todd, 34, of Palace Street, in childbed, prescribed bread, tea etc; William Graham, 27, Of Hatters Lane, suffering from diarrhoea etc., applying for relief for himself, his wife and four children, prescribed bread and beef etc.; Robert Guthrie, 73, of Tweed Street, suffering badly from haematuria, prescribed ½ pint of porter daily; Andrew Young, 9, of Bridge Street, suffering from scarlatina and dropsy, prescribed ½ pint of wine; Isabella Robertson, of Weatherly Square, suffering from catarrh, prescribed bread and oatmeal; Thomas Glass, tailor, 23, of Tweed Street, prescribed mutton, bread etc.; John Middlemiss, 84, of Tweed Street, belonging to the parish of Kyloe, suffering from debility, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; Thomas Davidson, fisherman, of Norham, suffering from orchitis, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a month; John Metcalf, 20,</p>	6 Dec. 1852

			<p>pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from enlargement of heart, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton and 1 lb. of rice weekly for a month. (certificated not signed). Deliver to pauper Barbara Simpson 2 bottles of porter. Signed by James Alexander, Medical Officer.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee re Officers' rations. Recommended that the scale for this should be revised by the Board. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/119-125	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 December 1852.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Ramsey; George Winlaw; James Wilson; George Crosby; Alexander Crossman; Robert Dickson; William Cleghorn; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; William Heron. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Morison [Andrew Morrison]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Robert Ramsey.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 for: Charles Forsyth (draperies); William Crosby (bread); George Dodds (butcher); R. Johnson & Co. (coal); Simon Trainer (potatoes); William Ross (butcher meat); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Thomas Burn (old rope); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); George Weatherhead (groceries); Ann Marshall (milk); Robert Brown (barley); John Winter (flour); R. Rutherford (draperies); George Henderson (vinegar); John Gilroy (eggs).</p>	20 Dec. 1852

Item	GBR 42/126-134	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 January 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; John Wilson; Alexander Crossman; John Dunbar; George Winlaw; Robert Ramsey; William Heron; John McGregor; John Embleton; James Wilson; George Crosby; Alexander Christison; Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson; Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Invoices appearing in the Master's Daybook as chargeable for provisions, necessaries and clothing.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee for: John Winter (flour); William Ross (butcher meat); William Crosby (bread); Simon Trainer (potatoes); R. Johnson & Co. (coals); Margaret Blakey (milk); George Henderson (porter etc.); Ann Marshall (milk); John Main (tailor); George Weatherhead (groceries); William Cowe (groceries); were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Common charges to: Joseph Redfearn (old rope); Robert Home (annual allowance for coals used in the Register Office); James Marshall (insurance); W. Willoby [William Willoby] (justice clerk fees).</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of Martha Forster, Berwick, in Peckham House</p>	3 Jan. 1853
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			<p>Asylum; and Dorothy Stewart, Kyloe, in the Newcastle Lunatic Asylum were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Relief given by James B, Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott in the first week of the Ladyday quarter was presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [William Blamvie], 31, of Coxons Lane, suffering from phtisis, prescribed ½ lb. of beef daily; John Henderley of Church Lane Tweedmouth, suffering from burns of arms and trunk, prescribed ½ lb of wine [2 entries of John Henderley]; The above signed by Dr. Kirkwood; John Rennison, 61, fisherman, of Spittal, suffering from a cough, nothing prescribed; Alexander Adams, 19, of Spittle [Spittal], suffering from scarlet fever, prescribed 1 lb. of mutton; The above signed by A. Morison; Jane Allison, 80, of Holy Island, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 1 gill of brandy; Ann Smith, 80, of Holy Island, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 1 gill of brandy; Ann Steel, 70, of Berrington, suffering from pals, prescribed beef. The above signed by J. Wilson [James Wilson]; John Metcalf, 20, of Shoreswood Colliery, pitman, suffering from hypestrophy of heart, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton and 1 lb. of rice weekly for a month; Thomas Davidson of Norham, fisherman, suffering from orchitis, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight. The above signed by J. Paxton [John Paxton]; James Weatherston, 43, of Norham, suffering from debility, prescribed 1 ½ lbs. of mutton weekly; Elizabeth Scott, 84, of Norham, suffering from a sickness, prescribed 1/1 bottle of wine. The above signed by Donaldson [William Donaldson].</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee regarding the scale of rations for the officers of the Workhouse. The scale of rations laid before the meeting was accepted, and it was resolved to request the Poor Law Board's sanction of same.</p> <p>Mr. Meston, the Barber for the Workhouse, has left town, election of</p>	
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			replacement to take place at the next meeting.	
Item	GBR 42/135-141	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 January 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Nicholas Bell; William Heron; Alexander Crossman; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Alexander Christison; John Embleton; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; James Mitchell; Robert Dickson. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morrison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson; and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (poor rates); John Thompson (district rate); John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); J. B. Atkinson (Workhouse master); Charles Knight (books); John Rennison (books); [John Heruoman] (advertising); George Lauder (bookbinding).</p> <p>Account for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for: Berwick, Alice Douglass; Berwick, Hannah Jamison; Berwick, Mary Scott; Tweedmouth, John Octon; Tweedmouth, Ann Bell; Tweedmouth, Isabella Lough; Tweedmouth, [Elizabeth Lez]; Norham, Maria Hall; Union Poor, Jane Moor.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood, 6 midwifery cases.</p>	17 Jan. 1853

			<p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, 13 cases.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Whitelaw, 54, of Golden Square, suffering from rheumatism and bronchitis, prescribed bread and meat; John Williamson, about 8, of Chapel Street, suffering from [?], prescribed bread and arrowroot; John Welch, of Hatters Lane, suffering from vomiting blood, prescribed 2 lbs. of bef. The Above signed by A. Kirkwood; Peter Flanagan, 75, of Tweedmouth, suffering from asthma, prescribed wine. Signed by A. Morison [Andrew Morrison]; William Duff, 36, of Shoreswood, pitman, suffering from lateral curvature of spine, of long standing and gradually increasing, attended to by desire of Relieving Officer, nothing prescribed. Signed by J. Paxton [John Paxton]; William Thompson, 17, of Norham, suffering from inflammation of bowels. Signed by Donaldson [William Donaldson].</p> <p>Mr. Swan [Adam Swan] unanimously elected as the new Barber for the Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter fro the Poor Law Board regarding alterations at the Workhouse. The Poor Law Board find it inexpedient to make the alteration suggested, they return the plan to the Guardians and suggest they change the plan in accordance with their suggestion .Decision deferred to a subsequent meeting.</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood reported that Arthur Flannaghan had been admitted to the Workhouse in an insane state. Suggestion by Mr. Christison that Arthur Flannaghan be removed to a lunatic asylum. Also suggested by Mr. Fleming that he be removed to the place of his settlement in Scotland.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/142-148	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 31 January 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Robert Ramsey; John Nesbit; William Dodds; John Morton; John Dunbar; Alexander Crossman; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; Nicholas Bell; John Wilson; Robert Dickson; Joseph Fleming;</p>	31 Jan. 1853

			<p>Ebenezer Black. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morrison]. Chairman: Robert Ramsey.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the book of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief and expenditure had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts chargeable to the Provision, Clothing and Common Charges for provisions, necessaries, clothing and Common Charges were presented.</p> <p>Common Charges: Captain Sample (old rope); Thomas Fish (printing) were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Registration fees: James B. Atkinson: Berwick, Tweedmouth; John Anderson: Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe; Joseph Scott: Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Twizel.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Tweedmouth, A. Morison, 2 midwifery cases.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Tweedmouth, A. Morison, 40 cases. Ancroft A. Morison, 4 cases, Cornhill, 11 cases, Grindon 3 cases, Norham 9 cases, Twizel 4 cases, William Donaldson.</p> <p>Order for salaries to be paid to: W & E Willoby [William and Edward Willoby], (clerks); James Blackett Atkinson (relieving Officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); Adam Mallock (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Andrew Morison [Andrew Morrison] (medical</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/149-156	Minutes of Berwick Board of guardians held on 8 February 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: John Nesbit; John Embleton; Robert Dickson; Alexander Christison; John Wilson; John Marshall; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton; George Winlaw; Alexander Crossman. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: John Nesbit.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts presented and payment ordered for: William Crosby (bread); William Ross (butcher meat); Robert Johnson & Co. (coals); George Dodds (butcher meat); Charles Forsythe (draperies); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Peter Wilson (shoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); Owen Owens (sundries); George Henderson (porter etc.); Robert Gibson (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); James Purves (paper etc.); Ann Marshall (milk); Robert Brown (barley); John Winter (flour); John Dodds (sundries).</p> <p>Common charges: George Brown; Thomas Wilson and [R. Home].</p> <p>Account for maintenance of James Swinhoe in the Crichton Royal Institution was presented and payment ordered, and also for Robert Hamilton in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.</p>	8 Feb. 1853

			<p>Appointments of medical officers to expire on 25 March, and terms for terms under which the new ones are to be appointed to be fixed.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board re proposed alteration of the Union Workhouse. They point out that the scope for expanding the present site is limited due to it being surrounded on 3 sides by public streets, it would be better altogether to purchase land beyond the limits of the town with the view of erecting a new workhouse. The Poor Law Board's decision to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Appointment of Adam Swan as Barber to the Union Workhouse sanctioned by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board re rations provided to the Officers residing in the Berwick Union Workhouse. The Poor Law Board approve of the proposed allowances of provision to the Officers. To be considered by the Guardians at the next meeting.</p> <p>Report re Mr. Hurst's [Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector] suggestion for the duties of the relieving officers laid before the meeting. The Guardians expressed the opinion that there is no necessity for the relieving officers to keep the diaries; but the rule of a quarterly visit to the rival districts, as stated by the Board in July, should be strictly enforced.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/157-164	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 February 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Alexander Christison; Robert Ramsey; William Cleghorn; Robert Dickson; John Marshall; Alexander Crosman; John Dunbar; H. G. C. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and payment ordered to: William Ross (butcher meat); I. & J. Fish (repairs to shoes); William Crosby (bread); George Dodds (butcher); Johnson & Co. (coals); Simon Trainer (potatoes); William Cowe (groceries); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Brown (barley); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Winter (flour); Alexander Marshall (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); Robert Rutherford (draperies).</p> <p>Common charges: Charles Knight (books); George Macaskie (printing etc.); Thomas D. Meston (salary as Barber).</p> <p>Payment ordered to Henry Watson, saddler, Milfield, as half the apprentice fee due to him for binding William Calder to him.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Jane Derry, 15, of Golden Square, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed beef and bread; Jane Grey, 32, of Sandgate, confined to bed with pneumonia, nothing prescribed; Jane Ross, 30, of the Parade, in childbed,</p>	28 Feb. 1853
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		<p>prescribed bread, meat etc.; Alexander Ross, 42, of the Parade, shoemaker, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed beef; Jane Forster of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a fractured thigh, nothing prescribed. The above signed by A. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Trainer [no first name], of Walkergate Lane, husband hawker, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert Fluker for A. Kirkwood; John Grey, 30, pitman, of Duddo, suffering from a disease of stomach and kidney, nothing prescribed; Peter Howey, 43, of Felkington, labourer, imbecile, nothing prescribed; Roger Temple of Horncliffe, fisherman, suffering from haematuria, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Terms for the appointment of the Union Medical Officers were made. The Union to be divided into five districts: The Berwick District (including the Union Workhouse); The Tweedmouth District; The Islandshire District; The Norhamshire District, East Division; The Norhamshire District, West Division. Appointments to follow the parochial year (25 March 1853 till 25 March 1854). Annual salaries decided upon, excluding the fees prescribed by the medical order of the Poor Law Commissioners. Also resolved to appoint vaccinators for one year only and the Poor Law Board's sanction of this was required. Appointments to take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>Re Poor Law Board's letter regarding alterations to the Workhouse, and the suggestion that it would be better to purchase land beyond the town and build a completely new workhouse, the Guardians unanimously decided to reject the Poor Law Board's suggestion, as they believed that the Workhouse could be made sufficiently effective in its present location.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/165-173	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 March 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Nicholas Bell; John McGregor; John Wilson; John Dunbar; John Laing; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Friar; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; William Cleghorn; James Mitchell; George Winlaw; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; H.G.C. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered.</p> <p>Invoices as appearing in the Master's Day Book for: provisions; necessaries; clothing and common charges were presented.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for the supplies and services to: Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Company; R. Johnson & Company (coals); George Dodds (butcher); William Crosby (bread); Simon Trainer (potatoes); George Anderson (porter etc.); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); Alexander Marshall (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Winter (flour); Robert Rutherford (draperies).</p> <p>Common charges to: Catherine Richardson (printing); John Leary (cost of removing Irish pauper to Ireland); James Russel (mason work); Joseph Weatherston (plaster).</p> <p>Payment for the cost of printing voting papers for the annual election of Guardians for the Parish of Berwick to Catherine Richardson.</p>	14 March 1853
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			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Jane Derry of Golden Square, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed bread and beef; [Spears Buglass] of the Greenses [weaningmother's debility], prescribed arrowroot and milk; [Spears Buglass] of the Greenses, suffering from extreme debility, [phlebitis], prescribed wine and beef; [William Blamere] of Coxon Lane, suffering from [phlebitis], has complained about insufficient support, prescribed beef and mutton; [William Blamere] of Coxon Lane, suffering from [phlebitis], prescribed beef etc; Peter Gallagher, 45, of Narrow Lane, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed bread etc.; Peter Gallagher of Narrow Lane, suffering from [billeous], prescribed bread and beef; Jane Grey, 32, of Sandgate, suffering from pneumonia, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef per week and ½ pint of porter daily. The above signed by A. Kirkwood; George Brown, 41, pitman, of Tweedmouth, suffering from vomiting of blood, prescribed bread, tea etc.; Jane Elliott of Spittal suffering from dis. Of bowels, prescribed 2 lbs. of sago. The above signed by Andrew Morison; Margaret Smith, 70, of Mount Carmel, Ancroft, suffering from fever, prescribed one bottle of wine; Mary Robson, 67, of Norham, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 2 lbs. of [?] weekly for 2 weeks. The above signed by Dr. Donaldson [William Donaldson]; John Wood of Horncliffe, suffering from influenza, prescribed ½ lb. of mutton; Roger Temple of Horncliffe, fisherman, suffering from debility from [haemata], prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; William Duff of Shoreswood Colliery , pitman, suffering from diseased spine, nothing prescribed; Richard Hall, 17, of Felkington, pitman, suffering from bilious fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; Mary Nesbit, 63, of Felkington, suffering from influenza, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton. The above signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Note at end: Morpeth Feb. 25, 1853. I do certify that I am at present attending Sarah Wedderburn's child who is suffering from an extensive abscess in the thigh, and I consider that he requires a nourishing diet. Signed by [Matthew Brunch], Surgeon.</p>	
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			<p>Appointment of Medical Officers: Alexander Kirkwood, Berwick District. Andrew Morison, Tweedmouth District. James Wilson, Islandshire District. John Paxton, Norhamshire, East Division. William Donaldson, Norhamshire, West Division. Alexander Kirkwood, The Workhouse. The above medical officers were also appointed as Public Vaccinators for their respective districts.</p> <p>Report from Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, regarding his inspection of the Workhouse, was laid before the meeting. His conclusion is that the best solution to problem of space etc. at the present workhouse would be to build a new purpose-built one.</p> <p>An offer from the Religious Tract Society to supply the Workhouse with a library for the sum of £5 was presented to the meeting.</p> <p>[Page 173 is blank.]</p>	
Item	GBR 42/174-182	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 March 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Embleton; Ninian Sanderson; John Dunbar; James R. Nicholson; John Morton; John Nesbit; John McGregor; George Winlaw; Joseph Fleming; Thomas Friar; H.C. G. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; John Paxton and Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	28 March 1853

			<p>Payments were ordered for the supplies and services (first 5 entries torn out); Johnson & Co. (coals); Robert Harris & Son (carpet shoes); George Henderson (porter etc.); A. Jaffrey (blacksmith); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Ann Marshall (milk); Robert Brown (barley); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Main (tailor); Peter Wilson (shoes); John Winter (flour).</p> <p>Common charges to: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); William Nesbit (Schoolmaster, ¼ salary); Isabella Nesbit (Schoolmistress, ¼ salary); William and Edward Willoby (postage); James Blackett Atkinson (postage); John Anderson (postage); Joseph Scott (postage); Charles Knight (books); Thomas Harle (porter, ¼ salary); Mary Harle (nurse, ¼ salary); Adam Swan (barber, 10 weeks salary); William and Edward Willoby (justice fees).</p> <p>Payments ordered for lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Peckham House and Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum: Berwick, Elizabeth Trotter (Edinburgh); Berwick, Martha Forster (Peckham); Tweedmouth, Margaret Chrisp (Gateshead).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer regarding out-relief and clothing account for the Workhouse were recorded.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had advertised and received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions etc.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: William Young, 49, of Coxon Lane, suffering from a fractured rib, nothing prescribed; Catherine Mavin of Chapel Street, suffering from jaundice, prescribed beef and bread; Ann Graham, 49, of Coxons Lane, suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed bread and meat; Jane Derry, 17, of Golden Square, suffering from scarlatina, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef and ½ pint of porter daily; Henry McHolland, 54, of Chapel Street, suffering from an</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/183-193	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 April 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; John Dunbar; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Christison; John Wilson; William Dodds; John McGregor; James Mitchell; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Friar; John Laing; John Morton; H. G. C. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr. Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr. Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for supplies and services to: George Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Rutherford (draperies); William Ross (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Andrew Thompson [?]; John Main (tailor); Robert Gibson</p>	11 April 1853

			<p>(milk); Ann Marshall (milk); George & Junior Young (draperies).</p> <p>Payment ordered for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for: Berwick, Robert Hamilton; Alice Douglass; Hannah Jamieson; Mary Scott; Elizabeth Trotter. Tweedmouth, John Octon; Ann Bell; Agnes Dagleish; Isabella Lough; Elizabeth Lee (twice). Norham, Maria Hall; Union Poor, Jane Moor.</p> <p>Extra medical fees and vaccination fees: Berwick, Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], 5 midwifery cases and fracture of thigh. Tweedmouth, Mr. Morison [Andrew Morison], 3 midwifery cases. Ancroft, Andrew Morison, fracture of arm.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick Alexander Kirkwood, 15 cases. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 30 cases. Ancroft, Andrew Morison, 3 cases. Kyloe, Dr. Wilson [James Wilson], 1 case. Holy Island, 5 cases. Cornhill, Mr. Donaldson [William Donaldson], 4 cases. Twizel, 2 cases. Norham, 5 cases.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: The Clerks, W. & E. Willoby [William & Edward Willoby]; The Relieving Officers, Messrs. James Blackett Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott. The Treasurer, Andrew Mallock. The Medical Officers, Alexander Kirkwood; Andrew Morison; James Wilson; John Paxton; William Donaldson. The Workhouse Master James Blackett Atkinson. The Matron, Jane Purdie. The Assistant Master John Moor.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Hannah Carr, 33, of Hatters Lane, in labour with twins, prescribed bread, tea etc.; 6 children of David Wood, 17, 16, 15, 11, 9, 4, of Marshall Meadows, suffering from scarlet fever, prescribed bread, beef for all, and 1 glass of wine for one of them. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Jane Patterson, 70, of Spittal, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 2 lbs. of sago; George Thompson, 70, of Spittal, suffering from palsy, prescribed beef;</p>	
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			<p>Beat. Harvey [Beatrice Harvey], 80, of Spittal, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed mutton. The above signed by Andrew Morison. William Hall, of Felkington, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; William Duff, of Shoreswood, suffering from curvature of the spine, prescribed nothing. The above signed by John Paxton. Thomas Scott, 70, of Twizel, suffering from paralysis, prescribed 1 pint of wine. Signed by Mr Donaldson [William Donaldson].</p> <p>Letter from William Donaldson [Medical Officer of the Norhamshire West District], saying he is unable to attend the Board meeting today due to professional business. He names Dr Gillie of Coldstream as his deputy. The Guardians ordered the Clerk to inform William Donaldson that he and John Paxton should act as deputies for each other.</p> <p>Request submitted by the inhabitants of the Parish of Cornhill that Mr. Scott [Joseph Scott] Relieving Officer of the Norhamshire District be appointed Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates. It was pointed out that appointments of relieving officers can only take place under the authority of the Poor Law Board. The Guardians backed the appointment and said that the appointment would not interfere with Mr Scott's present appointment as Relieving Officer.</p>	
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Item	GBR 194-203.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 April 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John C. McDonald; John McGregor; John Embleton; John Paxton; John Laing; William Dodds; John Wilson; Alexander Crossman; Joseph Fleming; Ebenezer Black; Robert Dickson; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; James Grey; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; James Mitchell; Ninian Sanderson; George Smith; Alexander Christison; John Morton; James R. Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; H. G. C. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Chairman: Alexander Christison. Also present: Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector.</p> <p>Election of Guardians: the following candidates were elected: Ancroft: Alexander Christison, grocer, Berwick; John McGregor, farmer, Bridge Mill. Berwick: William Dodds, farmer, Cocklaw; Ninian Sanderson, farmer, Conundrum; John Wilson, ironmonger, Bay View; James Grey, brewer, Silver Street; Joseph Fleming, currier, Castlegate; John Nesbit, farmer, 3 Horse Close; George Winlaw sen., boot and shoemaker, Marygate; John Morton, butcher, Marygate; Robert Cairns, hosier, Marygate. Cornhill: John Laing, farmer, Cornhill. Duddo: Thomas Friar, gentleman, Grindon Ridge. Felkington: Robert Carr, farmer, Felkington. Grindon: Ebenezer Black, farmer, Grindon. Holy Island: John Embleton, farmer, Broom House. Hornccliffe: Nicholas Bell, merchant, Hornccliffe. Kyloe: John Charles McDonald, farmer, Berrington. Loanend: George Smith, farmer, New Ladykirk. Longridge: No nomination paper was received for Longridge, but Mr. Paxton [John Paxton] is entitled to serve (not signed by William and Edward Willoby). Norham: Alexander Smith, farmer, Gallagate. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer, East Mains. Shoreswood: Stephen Scott, farmer, Heathery Tops. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, farmer, Thornton. Tweedmouth: Robert Dickson, farmer, Tweedmouth; Alexander Crossman, merchant, Berwick; James Wilson, contractor, Berwick; George Robison, farmer, Berwick; James Ross jun., farmer, Spittal. Twizel: James Mitchell, farmer, Twizel House. Complete list of all candidates nominated for the election of Guardians is</p>	25 April 1853
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		<p>given in the minutes.</p> <p>Alexander Smith elected Chairman for the year and Alexander Christison and Joseph Fleming elected Vice-chairmen for the same period.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committees for the ensuing year: Alexander Christison; Ninian Sanderson; John Wilson; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; Alexander Crossman; James Ross jun.; James Grey; Joseph Fleming; John Nesbit; John Morton; Robert Dickson; George Robison.</p> <p>School Committee for the ensuing year: Dr Clarke; James Grey; John Nesbit; John Wilson; George Winlaw.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payment ordered to Mr Rennison for books.</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood had examined Smith [female], a pauper, and concluded that she was an able-bodied person perfectly able to maintain herself, and was therefore refused admittance to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Maria Trainer, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from influenza, prescribed bread etc.; Elizabeth Douglass of Foul Ford, suffering from amenorrhea and spitting blood, prescribed bread and beef; Marjory Stewart of Wallace Green, in childbed, prescribed bread and beef; Spears Buglass of the Greens, suffering from consumption, prescribed 1 glass of wine daily;</p>	
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			<p>Robert Wilson, 62, of Chapel Street, convalescence from dysentery, prescribed ½ lb. of beef daily and bread. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Beatrice Havery of Spittal, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed sago; Margaret Wilson, 74, of Spittal, belonging to the Parish of Holy Island, suffering from dropsy, prescribed beef; Margaret Sinclair, 76, of Tweedmouth, suffering from dropsy, prescribed mutton. The above signed by Andrew Morison. Mary Nesbit of Felkington, suffering from influenza, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; William Duff, pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from curvature of the spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; William Hall's family of Shoreswood, suffering from influenza, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; [L. Patteson's] wife of Shoreswood, suffering from influenza, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight and a bottle of wine; Roger Temple, fisherman, of Horncliffe, suffering from debility, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight and a bottle of wine. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Report from Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, stating his objections to the present workhouse, and a statement of expenses of building a new workhouse. Estimated price of building a new workhouse for 160 inmates £4,000, and he points out that there will be a saving by not spending money on necessary alterations to the present workhouse.</p> <p>The Board decided to take the report into consideration at the next meeting.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/204-210	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 May 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; James Ross; Robert Cairns; John Nesbit; Alexander Crossman; George Smith; John Wilson; George Winlaw; John Morton; H.G.C. Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical Officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payment ordered for provision to: Robert Brown (oatmeal); William Ross (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); George Wood (coals); Robert Chrisp (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Peter Wilson (shoes); Owen Owens; George Henderson (spirit merchant); Charles Forsythe (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); Peter Rutherford (draperies); George Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); Ann Marshall (milk).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Roger Temple of Horncliffe, suffering from diarrhoea and haematuria, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight and a bottle of wine; Jane Metcalf of Felkington, suffering from debility, prescribed 1 bottle of wine; William Hall of Felkington, pitman, suffering from fever and debility, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; William Duff, pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from an incurable curvature of the spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight. The above signed by John Paxton. James Lilly of Tweedmouth (belonging to the Parish of Ancroft), suffering from debility, prescribed 3½ lb. of mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison. Margaret Wilson, 74, of Spittal (Islandshire Parish), suffering from dropsy,</p>	9 May 1853
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		<p>prescribed 3 lbs. of mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison. Robert Wilson of Chapel Street, suffering from dysentery prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef. Signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Isabel Porterfield of Spittal, suffering from bleeding, prescribed 1 lb. of sago. Signed by Andrew Morison. Arthur Flannaghan of Walkergate Lane, suffering from partial imbecility, nothing prescribed; Frances Sutherland of Tweed Street, in childbed, prescribed bread and meat; Maria Trainer, 39, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a previous illness, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of meat. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Elizabeth Hannah, 60, of Walkergate Lane (Tweedmouth), suffering from hernia, prescribed bread and tea. Signed by Andrew Morison. Elizabeth Douglas, 15, of Foul Ford, suffering from spitting of blood, prescribed bread and beef. Signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Margaret Sinclair, 76, of Tweedmouth, suffering from dropsy, prescribed 1 lb. of mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding Mr. Ralph Scott's resignation as Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Cornhill, stating that if Joseph is elected to the office of Collector and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Cornhill, the Poor Law Board will give the appointment their further consideration. Decided to elect an Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates for the Parish of Cornhill at the next meeting.</p> <p>[Page 210 blank.]</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/211-217	Minutes of the Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 May 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Alexander Crossman; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; Robert Cairns; George Winlaw; Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; John Nesbit; George Smith; James Mitchell; John McGregor; William Dodds; Ebenezer Black; John Laing; H. G. C. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Donaldson [James Donaldson]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Also present: Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered.</p> <p>Payment ordered for accounts examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee, chargeable to different accounts to: John Winter (bread); William Ross (butcher meat); George Wood (coals); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Margaret Steele (bonnet maker); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); John Moore (ironmonger); Ann Marshall (milk); Margaret Jamison (fish); John Buglass (fish); Peter Wilson (shoemaker); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Accounts presented and payment ordered for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum and Crichton Royal Institution for: Berwick, Robert Scott. Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Payment ordered to Messrs Willoby for their trouble and expenses in conducting the election of Guardians for the Union. Payment also ordered to Messrs Willoby for conducting the contested election of Guardians for the</p>	23 May 1853
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			<p>Parish of Berwick, at one farthing per head – the population being 10,288.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Crosby, 11, of Samson's Property (tenement in Wallace Green), suffering from burn of face, breast and arm, prescribed 1 glass of wine daily and bread and beef; Margaret McAlpin, 22, of Walkergate Lane, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea etc.; The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. George Douglas, 33, farm servant, of Scremerston, suffering from di. Of bowels, prescribed sago and rice. Signed by Andrew Morison. Margaret Dun, 20, of Felkington, suffering from fever, prescribed a bottle of wine; William Duff, pitman, Shoreswood, suffering from disease of spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; William Hall's children, pitman, Felkington, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight and a bottle of wine; John Patterson and wife, pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from debility from influenza, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; Roger Temple of Horncliffe, suffering from debility from gastrologia and poisoning, prescribed a bottle of wine. The above signed by John Paxton. Ann Patrick, 34, of Cornwallis Street, suffering from asthma, dropsy and great debility, prescribed 3 lbs. of beef and 1 gill of gin. Signed by Edwin Callender, Medical Officer.</p> <p>Committee set up to consider Mr. Hurst's [Edward Hurst] objection to the present Workhouse and his proposal to build a new one. Committee: Chairman: John McGregor; Vice chairman: John Wilson; Robert [John?] Laing; John Charles McDonald; George Smith; William Dodds; James Grey; Ebenezer Black; John Nesbit; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]; Ramsey [added in pencil]. They have power to employ an architect.</p> <p>Appointment of Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Cornhill in room of Mr. Grey who has left the Parish. Elected was Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer for the Northhamshire District, to both posts.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/218-223	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 June 1853.	<p>Present at the Meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John C. McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John McGregor; John Embleton; John Nesbit; Robert Cairns; Alexander Christison; James Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; George Smith; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; George Winlaw. Medical Officer: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been examined.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Invoices chargeable to provisions and clothing account were presented.</p> <p>Accounts examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John winter (bread); William Ross (butcher meat); Simon Trainer (potatoes); George Wood (coals); George Henderson (porter etc.); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); George Weatherhead (groceries); Ann Marshall (milk); David Burgeon (fish); Martha Manuel (fish); William Cowe (salt).</p> <p>Common charges: Charles Knight (school books).</p> <p>The Clerk reported precept from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Northumberland for the parishes of the Union to pay the General County Rate of one halfpenny in the pound on or before the 13 inst.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Crosby, 11, of Wallace Green, suffering from burn of face etc.,</p>	6 June 1853
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			<p>prescribed beef, and 1 glass of wine daily (2 identical entries); William Duns, 51, Of Hatters Lane, suffering from fracture of leg, nothing prescribed. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. George Brown, 40, of Tweedmouth, suffering from inflammation of finger, prescribed bread, tea etc.; George Dougal, 33, of Scremerston, farm servant, suffering from dis. Of bowels etc., nothing prescribed. The above signed by Andrew Morison. Thomas Davidson of Norham, suffering from disease of testicles, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef. Signed by John Paxton.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/224-227	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 June 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Charles McDonald; William Dodds; Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; John Laing; John Nesbit; Nicholas Bell; Alexander Crossman; John Morton. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; John Paxton. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered.</p> <p>Invoices chargeable to provisions and clothing account presented.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following, for whom relief was ordered: George Dougal, 33, farm servant, of Ancroft, suffering from dis. Of bowels, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison. William Duff, pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from disease of spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of</p>	20 June 1853

			<p>mutton weekly for a fortnight; William Hall's family, of Felkington, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton for a fortnight.</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Atkinson for the purpose of him paying the relief in the first week of the next quarter (£45).</p> <p>The Clerk reported the resignation of Mr Donaldson [William Donaldson], Medical Officer of the Norhamshire District West Division, due to him having received an engagement to go to Australia. Resolved to consider the division of the 2 medical districts of Norhamshire, and to appoint medical officer(s) at the next meeting. Also resolved that John Paxton take charge of the West Division until an appointment of a new medical officer has taken place.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/228-236	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 July 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; John Charles McDonald; John Nesbit; James Robert Nicholson; Alexander Crossman; Robert Cairns; Robert Dickson; Alexander Christison; William Dodds; John Embleton; Ninian Sanderson; James Mitchell; George Winlaw; James Wilson; John Morton; John Wilson. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood and Andrew Morison. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers for out-door relief had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Ross (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); Simon Trainer (potatoes); George Wood (coals); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Co.;</p>	4 July 1853

			<p>George Henderson (porter etc.); William Cowe (groceries); Ann Marshall (milk); John Main (tailor); George Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Elizabeth Patterson (fish); David Borthwick (fish); John Crumby (fish); Mary Johnson (fish).</p> <p>Common charges to: David Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); John Thompson (removals); Charles Knight (books); Thomas Melrose (stationery).</p> <p>Account for maintenance of Martha Forster, Berwick, in the Peckham House Asylum, was presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial Ledgers up to the end of Midsummer Quarter, and trial balance for the quarter ended Midsummer 1853.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Shoreswood, John Paxton, 1 midwifery case. Tweedmouth, John Paxton, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Ancroft, James Wilson, 3 cases; Holy Island, James Wilson, 8 cases; Kyloe, James Wilson, 11 cases; Cornhill, William Donaldson, 13 cases; Norham, William Donaldson, 6 cases; Twizel, William Donaldson, 5 cases.</p> <p>Ordered that half the apprentice fee to be paid to Francis Cough on his binding of John Lough to him.</p> <p>Payment ordered for salaries to: W. and E. Willoby [William and Edward Willoby], clerks; James B. Atkinson, relieving officer; John Anderson, relieving officer; Joseph Scott, relieving officer; Andrew Mallock, treasurer; Alexander Kirkwood; Andrew Morison; James Wilson; John Paxton and William Donaldson, medical officers; James Blackett Atkinson, workhouse master; John Purdie, assistant master; Jane Purdie, matron; William Nesbit,</p>	
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			<p>schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, schoolmistress; Thomas Harle, porter; Mary Harle, nurse; Andrew Swan, barber.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Gray, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from chronic disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; John King, 58, labourer , of Wallace Green, (30 years in Berwick, formerly Dublin), suffering from injury from a fall, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by John Paxton and Robert C Fluker respectively.</p> <p>Re division of the 2 Norhamshire Medical Districts. Suggested that the townships of Norham, Grindon and Twizel be added to the East Division. Resolved that John Paxton, the only resident medical man in Norhamshire be appointed Medical Officer for the new district, and that Dr James Turnbull of Coldstream, Medical Officer for Glendale, be requested to accept the appointment to the Cornhill Parish.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/237-245	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 July 1853.	<p>Present at meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Smith; John Wilson; William Dodds; John Laing; James Wilson; John Morton; Joseph Fleming; Robert Carr; John Nesbit; James R. Nicholson; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; Alexander Christison. Medical officers: James Wilson. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	18 July 1853

			<p>Total amount of invoiced in the Master's daybook for provisions, necessities, clothing and common charges was presented.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee presented and payment ordered to: John Robertson (carpenter); John Winter (bread); George Wood (coals); Thomas Cockburn & Son (porter etc.); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); David Borthwick (fish); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); Trustees of C. Forsythe (draperies); Jane Johnson (fish); Ann Marshall (milk).</p> <p>Common charges to: John Brown (architect); John Leary (removals); A. Henderson (register?).</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum were presented and payment ordered for: Berwick, Robert Scott; Hannah Jamison; Mary Scott; Alice Douglass; Elizabeth Trotter. Tweedmouth, John Octon; Robert Hamilton; Ann Bell; Agnes Dagleish; Isabella Lough; Elizabeth Lee;. Norham, Maria Hall. Union Poor, Jane Moore.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 9 midwifery cases. Cornhill, Alexander Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case. Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, fracture. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 1 midwifery case, fracture.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 28 cases. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 22 cases. Ancroft, Andrew Morison, 11 cases.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Helen Herriot, 34, of Walkergate Lane, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea. Signed Alexander Kirkwood. John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from kidney disease, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton.</p>	
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			<p>Report from the Special Committee given to consider the objection made by Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, regarding the state of the present Union Workhouse. Signed by Joseph Fleming. Resolved to send report and Mr Grey's, architect, plan to the Poor Law Board and ask for their opinion.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of letter from the Poor Law Board requesting to know if the Guardians were satisfied with the payment to Mr Scott, Assistant Overseer and Collector for Cornhill. Resolved that they were satisfied.</p> <p>Ordered that James Blackett Atkinson, Relieving Officer, make out a list for the Guardians of the Union of all the persons chargeable to the Parish of Berwick who do not belong to the Parish, and cases of maintenance by relatives and all other cases that are in the hands of the Overseers.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/246-254	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 August 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Charles McDonald; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Friar; John Embleton; Ebenezer Black; William Dodds; Alexander Christison; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; John Paxton; James Mitchell; Nicholas Bell; George Winlaw; James Ross jun.; John Morton; Robert Dickson; James Grey; John Wilson. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith. Also present: 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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	1 Aug. 1853

			<p>Total amount of invoices in the Master's Day book for provisions, necessaries, clothing and common charges were presented.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Ross (butcher); John Winter (bread); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Simon Trainer (potatoes); John Moor (ironmonger); Peter Wilson (shoemaker); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); Thomas Heslop [water sprig?]; John Main (tailor); Alexander Marshall (milk).</p> <p>Common charges to: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); Captain Sample (old rope); John Thompson (poor rate); John Renwick (old rope); Thomas Heslop [water sprig?]; George Macaskie (advertising).</p> <p>Registration ordered to be paid to James Blackett Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Joseph Clark, 55, of Church Street, suffering from scurvy of legs, prescribed 1 gill of wine daily and 2 lbs. of beef and mutton. Signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Mary Lough, of Spittle [Spittal], suffering from dis. of heart, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board re the proposed appointment of Joseph Scott as Assistant Overseer and Collector for the Parish of Cornhill. They request to be informed why the Guardians have changed the mode of paying him. Also a letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the proposed appointment of Dr. James Turnbull as Medical Officer of the Parish of Cornhill. Their chief objection being that he is already medical officer in a neighbouring district, which already exceeds the limits fixes by the General Regulations. They suggest appointing a medical man who would reside in the district. The Clerk</p>	
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			<p>was ordered to inform the Poor Law Board that the only medical man in the Norhamshire District is the present Medical Officer of the East Division of the Norhamshire District. The Clerk ordered to contact the Guardians of the Glendale Union to inquire if the appointment of Dr. Turnbull to the Parish of Cornhill would be disadvantageous to the interest of the people of the Glendale Union. [annotated in pencil].</p> <p>Report from the Special Committee laid before the meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the proposed alteration of the Berwick Workhouse. They conclude that they cannot recommend the Guardians to adopt the report of the Building Committee, and suggest instead that a new workhouse be built.</p> <p>Resolved that the report is approved of. Plan with a copy of the letter from the Poor Law Board to be sent to Mr. Grey, architect, to be considered by him.</p> <p>Ordered that Alexander Kirkwood inspect the pauper lunatics of the Berwick Union in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries and the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum, and report to the Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/255-263	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 August 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Nesbit; John Wilson; Robert Cairns. Medical officers: Andrew Morison. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>James Wightman appointed to act as Clerk at the meeting as the Clerks were unavoidably prevented from attending.</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 James B.</p>	15 Aug. 1853

			<p>Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Winter (bread); William Ross (butcher meat); George Wood (coals); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Thomas Cockburn & Son (whiskey); George Weatherhead (groceries); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); Alexander Marshall (milk); Margaret Ainslie (herring); Mary Downs (herring).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Sample (old rope).</p> <p>Payment ordered for maintenance of James Swinhoe in the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries.</p> <p>Payment, sanctioned by the Poor Law Board, to Dr. Donaldson for attending Jane Clark during her confinement.</p> <p>Medical certificate were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [Thomas Cromarty], 28, fisher, of Holy Island, suffering from sickness, prescribed porter and mutton. Signed by James Wilson. John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from debility, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Guardians of the Glendale Union re the appointment of Dr Turnbull as Medical Officer of the Cornhill District of the Berwick Union. The Guardians of the Glendale Union support the idea of appointing Dr Turnbull to the post. The letter to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Report from Alexander Kirkwood regarding his inspection of the various lunatics belonging to this union: Royal Edinburgh Asylum: 10 female, 1 male</p>	
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			<p>discharged a fortnight ago. Royal Crichton Asylum, Dumfries: 1 male. Gateshead Fell Asylum, Newcastle: 1 female. Total 12 female and 1 male. 4 chargeable to Berwick; 7 to Tweedmouth; 1 to Norham and 1 to the "Establishment" [the Union?].</p> <p>1 female in the Peckham Asylum near London, she has never been inspected. Alexander Kirkwood recommends that 2 belonging to Tweedmouth and 1 belonging to the Union be removed. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/264-268	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 August 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Nesbit; George Winlaw; Alexander Crossman; John Morton; John Laing; Ninian Sanderson; James Wilson; John Paxton. 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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Total amount of invoices appearing in the Master's book for provisions, necessaries and clothing was presented.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); William Ross (butcher meat); George Wood (coals); Simon Trainer (potatoes); George</p>	29 Aug. 1853

			<p>Weatherhead (groceries); Thomas Cockburn & Son (porter); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); Robert Crisp (clothing); Robert Rutherford (draperies); John Main (tailor); Alexander Marshall (milk); Mary Downs (herring).</p> <p>Contribution orders signed upon the Overseers of the various parishes for the sums payable on the dates stated.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board to be requested to sanction the appointment of Dr. Turnbull as Medical Officer of the Parish of Cornhill.</p> <p>Suggestions put forward in Alexander Kirkwood's report regarding removal of pauper lunatics from various asylums to be adopted.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/269-274	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 September 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; James Wilson; John Laing; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Dr. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Ross (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); Simon Trainer (potatoes); George Wood (coals); George Weatherhead (groceries); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Peter</p>	12 Sept. 1853

			<p>Wilson (shoes); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); Alexander Marshall (milk); Mary Downs (herring); Mary Cockburn (herring); Robert Crisp (clothing).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a prospect from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland sums charged and assessed as the portion of the various parishes towards the General County Rate.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Keaty, 45, of Chapel Street, suffering from English cholera, prescribed bread and beef (2 identical entries); John Bennett, 33, of [White Da... Head], suffering from phthisis and destitution, prescribed bread and beef and order for Workhouse; [Ann Cly...], 30, of Soup Kitchen Yard, in childbed, prescribed bread and beef. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Mary Conelly, of Weatherly Square, widow, no sickness stated, prescribed 3s worth of necessaries. Signed by Robert Charles Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, pitman, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Report from T. B. Brown, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, regarding his inspection of the Workhouse School, and commenting on the state of the school.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a circular from the Poor Law Board regarding the new Vaccination Extension Act. To be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk also reported that the contracts for provisions would expire on the 24 inst.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/275-277	Minute of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 September 1853. Extraordinary meeting.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Smith; John Laing; John Embleton; Alexander Crossman; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; Dr. Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr. Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Paxton [John Paxton] and Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The requisition calling the extraordinary meeting made by John Paxton and Robert Cairns, both Guardians, was read. It called for measures to be adopted in case of outbursts of cholera.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had written the Poor Law Board for instructions and had received a letter of reply outlining how to deal with such a situation. The letter also refers to the enclosed circular which applies to all places where there is no local Board of Health.</p> <p>Resolved that the Relieving Officers and Medical Officers are directed to report any nuisances which may exist in their districts, and that further steps to be postponed till the Privy Council has issued their order.</p>	17 Sept. 1853
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Item	GBR 42/278-288	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 September 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith, George Smith, Ninian Sanderson; John Wilson; Robert Cairns; Ebenezer Black; Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; John Nesbit; Alexander Crossman; John Morton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; J. Wilson [James Wilson]; Paxton [John Paxton] and Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B. Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Ross (butcher meat); William Wilson (plumber); George Wood (coals); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Rutherford (draper); Robert Gibson (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); Thomas Cockburn & Son (porter); Peter Wilson (shoes); Alexander Marshall (milk); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); Mary Cockburn (herrings).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); William Nesbit (Schoolmaster, ¼ salary); Isabella Nesbit (Schoolmistress, ¼ salary); W. and E. Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (postage); J. B. Atkinson (postage); John Anderson (postage); Joseph Scott (postage); Thomas Harle (porter, ¼ salary); Mary Harle (Nurse, ¼ salary); Adam Swan (Barber, ¼ salary); James Blackett Atkinson (removal expenses of Jane Moor from the asylum).</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of Martha Forster in the Peckham House,</p>	26 Sept. 1853
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		<p>Surrey presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Michael Conelly, 10, mother widow, of Weatherly Square, suffering from intermittent fever, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert Charles Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood. Elizabeth Hastings, of Tweedmouth, in confinement, prescribed bread, tea etc; Jane Elliott, of Spittal, in confinement, prescribed mutton; M. Richardson, 12, of Tweedmouth, suffering from convulsions, prescribed mutton; The above signed by Andrew Morison. John Gray, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidney, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee announced that they had advertised and received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions etc.</p> <p>Considerations re the new Vaccination Act. Resolved that existing arrangements for Berwick, Tweedmouth and Islandshire districts for providing vaccination cannot be improved, but the 2 Norhamshire Medical Districts should be changed as stated for the East and West Divisions.</p> <p>Sanctioning by the Poor Law Board of the appointment of Dr. Turnbull and John Paxton as Medical Officers of the West Division of the Norhamshire District.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that the General Board of Health in London had issued directions and regulations under the authority of the Nuisance Removal and Disease Prevention Act 1848, and that this applied to the Berwick Union, but he had not yet received a copy of it. He had, however, obtained a copy of it from the Clerk to the Local Board of Health. Due to the existence of nuisances in Norhamshire it appeared that the services of an</p>	
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			<p>inspector of nuisances was required. Resolved that Alexander Davidson of Norham be appointed to the above-mentioned post.</p> <p>Letter from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Berwick regarding a fire at Grangeburn Mill. As the mill is only insured for £300 and the probable cost will amount to about £500 the Guardians are asked to contact the Poor Law Commission as to how the £200 can be raised. Signed by Churchwardens: Robert Gibson; James Brown; L. T. Fleming and James Clark and Overseers: George Young; Thomas Graham; John Rennison and Thomas Cairns.</p> <p>Letter from Alexander Kirkwood, Medical Officer of the Workhouse, regarding a change in the weekly diet at the Workhouse. Agreed that the Poor Law Board be requested to sanction the change.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/288-290	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 September 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians Joseph Fleming; John Nesbit; John Morton; Ninian Sanderson; Robert Cairns; George Winlaw; John Wilson; Alexander Crossman; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that the meeting had been called under Article 36 of the General Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Commissioners to consider measures adopted under the direction and regulations of the General Board of Health, and that the matter should be given their immediate attention.</p> <p>Resolved that the Medical Officers and their deputies be authorised to attend to people attacked with diarrhoea or cholera who are not paupers, and be remunerated for their attendance and cost of medicine, and that the local druggists be ordered to supply the necessary medicine.</p>	29 Sept. 1853

			<p>Moved by Dr Clarke that Alexander Kirkwood and Robert Fluker be instructed to make an inspection as to the sanitary state of Berwick, and that Andrew Morison and James Wilson be instructed to do the same for Tweedmouth and Spittal. The motion was lost. For voted Dr Clarke; James Wilson; Ninian Sanderson and Alexander Crossman. Against voted Joseph Fleming, John Morton; John Nesbit; Robert Cairns and George Winlaw.</p> <p>Resolved: James Proudfoot; William Allison and John Carr be appointed for Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal to assist Mr. Anderson, Inspector of Nuisances. Also resolved that Mr. Anderson be informed that Alexander Kirkwood; Robert Fluker and Andrew Morison and James Wilson (Tweedmouth and Spittal) have been instructed to treat people attacked with diarrhoea and cholera in their districts, and that Mr. Anderson be authorised to employ John Brown, plasterer, to whitewash and clean dwellings of persons where cholera may have occurred.</p> <p>Resolved that Alexander Winter of Sea Side Tile Works, Scremerston, be appointed Inspector of Nuisances for the Islandshire District.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/291-298	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 October 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Nesbit; William Dodds; George Smith; Joseph Fleming; Robert Dickson; Nicholas Bell; John Embleton; James Wilson; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; Matthew James Turnbull and John Paxton. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	10 Oct. 1853

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: George Weatherhead (sugar etc.); Robert Weatherburn (oatmeal); Ralph Dodds (tea etc); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Common charges: Charles Knight (books).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 6 midwifery cases. Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, fracture. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 2 midwifery cases.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 15 cases. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 34 cases. Ancroft, Andrew Morison, 6 cases. Kyloe, James Wilson, 9 cases. Norham, John Paxton, 7 cases, Norham Mains, 6 cases, Horncliffe, 3 cases, Loanend, 5 cases, Twizel, 4 cases, Felkington, 1 case.</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum was presented and payment ordered for Berwick: Robert Scott, extras; Alice Douglass; Hannah Jamison; Mary Scott and Elizabeth Trotter. Tweedmouth: John Octon; Ann Bell; Agnes Dalgliesh; Isabella Lough; Elizabeth Lee and Maria Hall.</p> <p>Account for the maintenance of Margaret Crisp in the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum was presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payment ordered to Alexander Kirkwood for visiting and examining the lunatics belonging to the Berwick Union at present in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum; The Crichton Royal Institution Dumfries and the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for William Willoby and Edward Willoby</p>	
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			<p>(clerks); James Blackett Atkinson (relieving officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); Andrew Mallock (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Andrew Morison (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); James Blackett Atkinson (workhouse master); John Moore (assistant master) and Jane Purdie(matron).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Barney Shanley, 45, of Weatherly Square, suffering from severe diarrhoea from insufficient food, prescribed bread, 8 lbs. of meat, ½ lb. daily; Eliza Drysdale, 43, of Church Street, suffering from general disease of skin, prescribed beef and bread; Edward Conally of Air's Property, Church Street, suffering from bilious vomiting, prescribed bread, beef and rice; Mary O'Neil, of Wallace Green, in childbed, prescribed bread etc. The Above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. John Gray, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Letter received by the Workhouse Committee from Mary Harle, Nurse in the sick ward at the Workhouse, asking for a doubling of her annual salary from £4 to £8. Recommended and adopted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Dr. Clarke moved that the minutes of the last meeting regarding the medical inspection should be given to the reporters together with the names of those voting for and against. The motion was lost. For voted the Chairman; Dr. Clarke, George Smith and Robert Dickson. Against voted John Nesbit; Nicholas Bell; John Embleton; William Dodds; James Wilson; John Morton and Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>Resolved that the medical officers be requested to examine and certify the existence of nuisances in the Union.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Guardians that the present condition of out-door</p>	
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			paupers with a view of considering whether an increase should be made in their allowances due to the high prices of provisions. To be discussed at the next meeting.	
Item	GBR 42/299-304	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 October 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Charles. McDonald; Ebenezer Black; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; Robert Dickson; Robert Cairns; Nicholas Bell; William Dodds; James R. Nicholson; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; John Morton. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payments ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: [Robert Towerson] (butcher meat); Robert Rutherford (draper); John Winter (bread); George & John Young (draperies); James Blackett Atkinson (pork); George Henderson (porter etc.); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Ralph Dodds (groceries);</p>	24 Oct. 1853

		<p>William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); Alexander Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (starch); John Dodds (body belt).</p> <p>Common charges: Robert Rutherford (draperies); George & John Young (draperies); Charles Knight (books).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Ann Bennett, 29, of Manner's Property, Castlegate, in childbed, prescribed bread, tea etc.; Eliza Drysdale, of Church Street, suffering from general disease of skin, prescribed 8 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef. (2 identical entries); William Brown, of Ness, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed beef and bread. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Mary Smith, 49, widow, of Chapel Street, suffering from general debility, prescribed beef. Signed by Robert C. Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood. Margaret Winlaw, 32, of Tweedmouth, suffering from heart disease, prescribed mutton; Jane Elliott, of Spittal, suffering from inflammation of breast, prescribed beef and tea; Mary Rule, 46, of Tweedmouth, suffering from inflammation of knee, prescribed mutton. The above signed by Andrew Morison. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Margaret Dodds, of Shoreswood, convalescent from fever, prescribed 2 lbs. mutton weekly for a fortnight; George Sanderson, of Norham, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef and 2 lbs. of mutton. The above signed by John Paxton. Elizabeth Stevenson, 64, hawker of fish, of Holy Island, suffering from sickness, prescribed porter. Signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Inspector of Nuisances for the Norhamshire District reported that Og Easton [sic] of Norham had not removed a nuisance on his premises. The Clerk was ordered to write to Og. Easton and warn about a penalty being imposed in case of continued disobedience. Inspector of Nuisances for the Islandshire District presented his report.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/304-306	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 November 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Henry Clarke. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood and Robert Fluker. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk informed that the meeting had been called under the Article 36 of the General Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Commissioners to consider letters received from the Medical Officers of the Berwick District and the Clerk to the Berwick Local Board of Health.</p> <p>Letter from Alexander Kirkwood and Robert C. Fluker reporting a considerable increase in cases of diarrhoea. A fourth fatal case of cholera has been attended to by Robert Fluker.</p> <p>Letter received from James Weddell, Clerk to the Local Board of Health, reporting that the Local Board of Health has unanimously resolved that a house to house visitation throughout Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal should be carried out. Resolved that the above suggestion be carried out by Alexander Kirkwood and his deputy Robert Fluker, and that the same be done by Andrew Morison in the Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>Also resolved that persons applying for medicine due to attacks or threatened with attacks of diarrhoea should be recommended to seek advice from a medical man. If unable to pay for this they should be directed to apply to one of the Medical Officers of the Union. [Annotation in pencil]</p>	4 Nov. 1853
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Item	GBR 42/307-313	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 November 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Alexander Crossman; John Laing; James Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; John C. McDonald; Robert Dickson; Robert Carr; John Wilson; Joseph Fleming; John Paxton; George Winlaw; James Mitchell; James Grey; Alexander Christison; Henry George Charles Clarke. Medical officers: James Wilson; Andrew Morison; Alexander Kirkwood and Robert Fluker. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and of the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Towerson (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Co.; Alexander Bruce (bread); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Peter Wilson (shoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); Ralph Dodds (groceries); Alexander Marshall (milk); George Henderson (vinegar).</p> <p>Common charges to: Charles Knight (books).</p> <p>Registration fees to be paid to James Blackett Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Rule, 46, of Tweedmouth, suffering from disease of knee,</p>	7 Nov. 1853
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			<p>prescribed mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison. John Bell, 31, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility from previous illness; Jane Bell, 29, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from inflammation of ovaries, both prescribed bread and mutton. Signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Margaret Winlaw, 32, of Tweedmouth, suffering from disease of chest, prescribed wine and mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison. Janet M. Ewin, 39, of Parade, suffering from breast cancer, prescribed bread, beef and coals. (2 entries, second entry prescribed bread and beef). Signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Elizabeth Stevenson, 65, of Holy Island, suffering from debility, prescribed 4 bottles of porter. Signed by James Wilson. John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed a bottle of porter. Signed by John Paxton. William Duff, pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from curvature of spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; George Sanderson, tailor, of Norham, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight. The above signed by John Paxton. Cisely Glass, deliver to pauper Cisely Glass a pint of whiskey. Signed by James Alexander, Medical Officer. Esther Gilchrist, 43, of Castlegate, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed 2s worth of bread and meat; Eliza Drysdale, of Church Street, suffering from eczema, prescribed 8 lbs. of bread and 4 lbs. of beef or mutton. (2 identical entries); Alexander Howe, prescribed a gill of whiskey; Isabella Johnston, 15, of Eastern Lane, suffering from a disease of heart and dropsy, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread, 2 lbs. of meat and a glass of wine daily. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Alexander Kirkwood and Robert Fluker presented their report on the present sanitary conditions of their districts. Resolved that house to house visitation in the Berwick District be left to the discretion of Alexander Kirkwood and Robert Fluker, and that no visitation be made in the Tweedmouth District. The Clerk was directed to write the Board of Ordnance for the use of the hospital in Berwick in case a house of refuge should be necessary.</p> <p>A motion to look into the difference between the allowance to out-door</p>	
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			<p>paupers and the present high prices of provisions was rejected. John Wilson moved, seconded by James Grey, that the business should be conducted in the usual manner and that the Relieving Officers were requested to bring forward cases which they deem necessary.</p> <p>Appointment of Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer of the Norhamshire District, as Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Cornhill was confirmed by the Poor Law Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/314-320	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 November 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Nicholas Bell; George Winlaw; James Wilson; Robert Cairns, George Smith; John Wilson; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Christison; Robert Dickson; Joseph Fleming; Henry George Charles Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: James Wilson; Alexander Kirkwood; Robert Fluker. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payments ordered to: Peter Wilson (shoes); Robert Towerson (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); George Wood (coals); Robert Johnson & Co. (coals); Robert Rutherford (draperies); George Henderson (porter); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe</p>	21 Nov. 1853

			<p>(groceries); Ralph Dodds (groceries); John Main (tailor); Alexander Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (treacle).</p> <p>Common charges: Anthony Cuthbertson (removal expenses); Thomas Sample (old rope); Charles Knight (books etc.).</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh, Crichton Royal and Gateshead Fell Asylums were presented and payment ordered: Berwick, John Howe, Royal Edinburgh Asylum. Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe, Crichton Royal Institution; Margaret Chrisp, Gateshead Fell Asylum; 3½ weeks board for Margaret Chrisp and conveyance of her to Berwick.</p> <p>Payment to Inspectors of Nuisances ordered: Alexander Davidson; Alexander Winter; James Proudfoot; William Allison; John Carr.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Stevenson, 65, of Holy Island, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of porter. Signed by James Wilson. John Dodds, shoemaker, of Cornhill, suffering from consumption; likely to prove fatal, nothing prescribed. Signed by Matthew James Turnbull. Mary Nelson, 80, of Spittal, suffering from palsy, prescribed mutton; Jane Elliott, 40, of Spittal, suffering from debility, prescribed mutton; John Cambell, 35, of Spittal, suffering from a cold, prescribed bread, tea etc.; Margaret Winlaw 32, of Tweedmouth, suffering from disease of chest, prescribed mutton; Mary Rule, 46, of Tweedmouth, suffering from disease of chest, prescribed mutton. The above signed by Andrew Morison. Janet M. Ewin, of Parade, suffering from breast cancer, prescribed bread and meat; Michael Butler, 33, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from carbuncle on leg, prescribed 2s worth of bread, Michael Butler, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from carbuncle of knee, prescribed 2s worth of bread and meat.; Esther Gilchrist, 33, of Castlegate, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed 2s worth of bread and meat (2 identical entries); Eliza Drysdale, of Church Street, suffering from general eczema, prescribed 8</p>	
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			<p>lbs. of bread, 3 lbs. of beef or mutton. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board re the proposed alteration and additions to the Workhouse. The Poor Law Board decline to sanction the alterations and additions proposed, but repeat their proposal to build a new workhouse on a new piece of land.</p> <p>Another letter from the Poor Law Board re alterations in the districts of vaccination as recommended by the Registrar General. Resolved that the Guardians think that the vaccination districts that already exist are sufficient to meet the requirements. The letter also draws the Guardians' attention to the fact that the medical officers must visit every person of unsound mind and every idiot within their district and report the results once every quarter.</p> <p>Ordered that the services of Messrs. James Proudfoot, William Allison and John Carr, the Assistants to the Inspector of Nuisances for Berwick, be discontinued.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/321-327	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 December 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Charles McDonald; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; John Nesbit; James Wilson; Alexander Christison; Alexander Crossman; Joseph Fleming; George Smith; John Laing; Henry George Charles Clarke. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; Robert Fluker. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James</p>	5 Dec. 1853

			<p>Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Winter (bread); Robert Towerson (butcher meat); R. Johnson & Co. (coals); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Simon Trainer (potatoes); William Cowe (groceries); William Ross (potatoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); Ann Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (treacle).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a precept from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to pay towards the general county rate at 3 farthings in the pound.</p> <p>Ordered that the remainder of the salaries of the 3 police officers as Assistants to the Inspector of Nuisances for Berwick be paid to: James Proudfoot (1 week); William Allison (1 week); John Carr (1 week).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Black, 19, of Boot's Property, Chapel Street, in childbed. Prescribed bread (2 identical entries); William Dunn, of Hatters Lane, suffering from injury of breast, prescribed bread, beef etc.; William Lyon, shoemaker, of Chapel Street, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread, 1 lb. of beef and 1 lb. of rice; Jane Gillis, of Boot's Property, Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed 8 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Mary Lough, 49, of Spittal, suffering from a cold, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; Mary Chisholm, 39, of ?, suffering from hernia, prescribed 2½ lbs. of mutton; Ean Smith, 64, of Tweedmouth, suffering from disease of face, prescribed mutton. The above signed by Andrew Morison. Andrew Dunn, of Felkington, suffering from chronic bronchitis, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; John Grey, of Greenlawalls, pitman, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter</p>	
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		<p>weekly for a fortnight (2 identical entries); William Duff, of Shoreswood, suffering from disease of spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight (2 identical entries).The above signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>The Guardians' consideration to the Poor Law Board's refusal to sanction the proposal for alterations and additions to the Workhouse was seen as an arbitrary exercise of the powers conferred upon them, and the Guardians therefore declined to adjust the suggestions of the Poor Law Board to build a new workhouse on a new piece of land.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board re the proposed increase in the salary of the nurse Mary Harle was laid before the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for butcher meat, bread and oatmeal would shortly expire, and the Workhouse Committee was ordered to advertise for fresh contracts for three months.</p> <p>Letter from John Paxton regarding the greater prevalence of diarrhoea in his district. He reports of 4 cases and 1 outside his district. In all four cases all the symptoms of cholera were developed. All these cases have recovered. He mentions that he has applied several times to the Inspector of Nuisances for an order to attend cases of diarrhoea in cases where the patients are unable to pay due to poverty. He expresses the hope that the Guardians will have the will and powers to pay for such cases.</p> <p>The Inspector of Nuisances attended the meeting and made their reports. Ordered that their services be discontinued in a fortnight.</p> <p>Order referred to the Workhouse Committee regarding better ventilation of the Girls' School Room.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/328-332	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 December 1853.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; John Morton; Robert Cairns; George Smith; Henry George Charles Clarke. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; Robert Fluker; Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Remaining half of John Sidey's apprentice fee ordered to be paid to his master John Grieve, tailor, of Wooler.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Bryan Swift, 52, of Donaldson's Lodge, suffering from a compound fracture, prescribed ½ of mutton daily for a fortnight. Signed by Matthew James Turnbull. Andrew Dunn, pitman, of Felkington, suffering from chronic bronchitis, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; William Duff, pitman, of Shoreswood, suffering from disease of spine, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton; John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Walter Emery, 45, of Felkington, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed nothing. The above signed by John Paxton. Margaret Elliott, 54, of Tweedmouth suffering from a cold, prescribed mutton. Signed by Andrew Morison. Thomas Blunden, 30, of Samson's House, Wallace Green, suffering from an abscess, fit to tease oakum, nothing prescribed; Patrick Blunden, of Samson's House, Wallace Green, suffering from an abscess, prescribed bread and meat; Mary McInnes, of Samson's</p>	19 Dec. 1853
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		<p>House, Wallace Green, suffering from cholera, prescribed 1 pint of brandy, (2 identical entries); James McInnes, of Samson's House, Wallace Green, suffering from severe diarrhoea, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; Bridget McGuire, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from scrofulous inflammation of bowels, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; [F..... Robertson], 91, of Hatters Lane, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; James Burn, 65, shoemaker, of Hatters Lane, suffering from fever, prescribed beef and 1 pint of wine. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. William Conolly, 13, of Weatherly Square, suffering from vomiting and secondary fever, prescribed beef and bread. Signed by Robert Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Letter from the Inspector of Poor of the Parish of Whitsome, forwarded to the Guardians by the Poor Law Board regarding who should pay for the treatment of a Scottish pauper resident in the Parish of Ancroft, and who had dislocated his leg. The Parish of Whitsome claims that it should be paid for out of the extra money made available by the Treasury for cases like this, but the Guardians claim that such a case as this is not covered by this money, and that the Scottish parish should pay for the treatment.</p> <p>Request from the Poor Law Board regarding the performance of Mr and Mrs Nesbit as Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Union Workhouse. The Guardians replied that both have given full satisfaction in the execution of their jobs.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding a letter received from the Rev. A. McDermott complaining of the conduct of James Blackett Atkinson, Relieving Officer. Resolved that the letter be taken into consideration at the next meeting, and also that Mr Atkinson is either supplied with a copy of the letter or has a chance to peruse it, so that he can present his reply to the charges at the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>Resolved that the Workhouse Committee be appointed as a special committee for the purpose of dealing with complaints of nuisance.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had advertised and received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with butcher meat, bread and oatmeal. The tender was approved by the Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/333-338	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 January 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; John Charles McDonald; John Morton; Robert Cairns; William Cleghorn. Medical officers: James Wilson; Alexander Kirkwood; Robert 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 for the Relieving Officers James Blackett Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Financial Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); R. Towerson (butcher meat); William Ross (butcher meat); George Wood (coals); R. Johnson & Co. (coals); Peter Wilson (shoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Simon Trainer (potatoes); R. Mathison (tubs); John Main (tailor); Ann Marshall (milk); William Cowe (groceries); George Henderson (porter); George Weatherhead (starch); William Bogue (clothes linen).</p>	2 Jan. 1854

			<p>Common charges: John Thompson (quarter rent of Workhouse); Drummond & Son (for shovels etc. for Register Office); David Gibson (1/2 years rent of Register Office); Charles Knight (forms); William Allison (removal expenses); Anthony Cuthbertson (removal expenses).</p> <p>Account presented and payment ordered for: Berwick, Martha Forster in the Peckham House Asylum.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Alice Douglass and Mary Scott, belonging to the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to Alexander Davidson and Alexander Winter, Inspectors of Nuisances.</p> <p>Cheques were given to the Relieving Officers for relief given by them.</p> <p>Letter from Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson and Andrew Morison stating that the introduction of the Compulsory Vaccination Act entails upon them greater labour than is remunerated by the fees allowed in their existing agreement. Resolved that this be taken into consideration at the next meeting.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/339-346	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 January 1854	<p>Present at the meeting: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; John Charles McDonald; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; Alexander Christison; John Wilson; Robert Dickson; Alexander Crossman; George Smith; Robert Cairns; James Grey; John Morton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; j Wilson [James Wilson]; Alexander Kirkwood; John Paxton; Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Henderson (porter etc.); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Crisp (clothing); Ralph Dodds (groceries); John Moor (brooms); Peter Wilson (shoes); Robert Cairns & Son (hosieries); John Elliot (chemist). Common charges: James Marshall (insurance); John Young (stones); George Lauder (bookbinding).</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum were presented and payment ordered for: Berwick: Hannah Jamison; Elizabeth Trotter; [John Cowe]. Tweedmouth: John Octon; Ann Bell; Agnes Dalgleish; Isabella Lough. Norham: Maria Hall.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: William and Edward Willoby (clerks); James Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott (relieving officers); Andrew</p>	16 Jan. 1854
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			<p>Mallock [(treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood; Andrew Morison; James Wilson; John Paxton and Matthew James Turnbull (medical officers); James Atkinson (workhouse master); John Moor (assistant master); Jane Purdie (matron); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Harle (nurse); Andrew Swan (barber).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: (no first name) Conally, of Weatherly Square, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of wine; [No first name Caramy], of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a sprained ankle, capable of teasing oakum, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Jane Carr of Weatherly Square, suffering from rheumatic paralysis, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef; Ann Mullen, 36, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility from insufficient food, prescribed bread and meat; Peter Butler, 23, of Hatters Lane, suffering from abscess of testicle, prescribed bread and arrowroot. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidney, prescribed 6 bottles of porter (2 identical entries). Signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>Letter from James Atkinson, Relieving Officer, in reply to charges made against him by the Rev. W McDermott for neglect of duty towards Peter Egan, 39, his wife Catherine, 35, and their four children Thomas, 13, Bridget, 10, Maria, 8, and Patrick, 4, who died December 13, 1853. He claims that he has always carefully carried out his duties. The Guardians expressed their great confidence in Mr Atkinson and the way in which he has carried out his duties. Copies of Mr Atkinson's letter to be sent to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Application from Messrs Kirkwood, Morison and Wilson re fees for vaccination. Resolved that notice be given that the present contracts be rescinded and new contracts entered into.</p> <p>Letter from Alexander Kirkwood re Peter Cato, a native of the south of England, found in the street by the police. He was suffering from consumption</p>	
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			and was extremely emaciated, and due to the below freezing temperature he would he would have died if he had not been found. He was taken to the Union Workhouse, much exhausted and scarcely able to give an account of himself. On him was found a removal order signed by two magistrates in Edinburgh. Ordered that the case be referred to the Overseers of Berwick for possible proceedings against the authorities of Edinburgh.	
Item	GBR 42/347-353	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 January 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Ninian Sanderson; John Nesbit; John Embleton; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; John Wilson; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Crossman; H G C Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson and Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Grahame (oatmeal); John Winter (bread); Robert Johnson & Co. (coals); George Woods (coals); Andrew Thompson (gas lustre); Simon Trainer (potatoes); James Purves (blue drugget); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Ralph Dodds (groceries); Ann</p>	30 Jan. 1854

			<p>Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (treacle).</p> <p>Common charges: Robert Proudfoot (removal expenses); Robert Home (annual allowance for coals etc. used in Register Office); George Mckaskie (advertising); John Elliot (medicine); Robert Wilson (medicine).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Norham: John Paxton, 2 cases; Horncliffe: John Paxton, 6 cases; Loanend: John Paxton, 2 cases; Thornton: John Paxton, 6 cases; Grindon: John Paxton, 1 case; Duddo: John Paxton, 6 cases; Felkington: John Paxton, 6 cases; Longridge: John Paxton, 1 case; Shoreswood: John Paxton, 21 cases; Twizel: John Paxton, 4 cases; Cornhill: Dr Turnbull, 13 cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Workhouse: A Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case; Berwick: A Kirkwood, 5 midwifery cases.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of urinary organs, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton; Catherine Egan, of Wallace Green, in childbed, prescribed bread, arrowroot and beef; Isabella McDonald, 30, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility from previous illness, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; William Palmer, 49, of Hatters Lane, suffering from fracture of tibia, recommended an increased allowance for ten days or a fortnight; James Trainer, 65, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; Barnard Farrell, of Ford's House Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; James Burn, 13, of Wallace Green, suffering from dislocation of wrist, prescribed support for himself and his mother. The above signed by A Kirkwood.</p> <p>Report from Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, re his visit to the Workhouse on 25 January 1854. He points out that although the number of inmates does</p>	
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			<p>not exceed the authorized number of 150 for the Workhouse, overcrowding is still a problem. He concluded that this points towards the fact that the best solution would be to build a new workhouse. He also points out the problem of doors not being locked between the male and female wards. Report referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board saying that Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, has been instructed to hold an inquiry into the charges which the Rev. McDermott has raised against James B Atkinson, Relieving Officer, and report back to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>John Anderson, Inspector of Nuisances, was authorized to lay a complaint before the Justices of Berwick against John Sampson of Berwick for a violation of the Regulations issued by the General Board of Health to the Union.</p> <p>Application from the Churchwarden, Overseers and Parishioners of Berwick to obtain consent of the Poor Law Board to let Grangeburn Mill and land was approved of.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/354-362	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 February 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Crossman; George Winlaw; John Nesbit; John Wilson; James Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; Robert Dickson; Robert Cairns; John Morton; H G C Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: James Wilson and Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	13 Feb. 1854

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Ross (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); Robert Rutherford (draperies); G & J Young (draperies); George Henderson (spirit merchant); John Main (tailor); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Moor (black leather brushes); Alexander Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); J & W Nicholson (cleaning block).</p> <p>Common charges: John Rennison (printing, stationery, school books etc.); John Thompson (poor rate); John Thompson (district rate); Andrew Robson (advertising).</p> <p>Account for printing voting papers for the last contested election of Guardians presented and payment ordered to John Rennison (printing of voting papers).</p> <p>Payment ordered for stationery and printing for the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act to John Rennison (printing)</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick: A Kirkwood, 27 cases; Kylee: J Wilson, 25 cases; Holy Island: J Wilson, 14 cases; Ancroft: J Wilson, 7 cases; Tweedmouth: A Morison, 56 cases; Ancroft: A Morison, 12 cases.</p> <p>Registration fees for the quarter ended Christmas last were ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Extra medical fees presented and payment ordered to Dr Turnbull, Cornhill, for compound fracture.</p> <p>Account presented and payment ordered for maintenance of James Swinhoe, Tweedmouth, in the Crichton Royal Institution.</p>	
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			<p>Payment ordered for the maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, belonging to the Parish of Cornhill, a pauper lunatic in the Bensham Asylum, Newcastle.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Maria Trainer, 50, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; Maria Trainer, 50, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; Bridget Gallochar, 18, of Wallace Green, suffering from sore throat, prescribed bread; John Hooks, 7, of Wallace Green, suffering from measles, prescribed bread and arrowroot; Catherine Egan, of Wallace Green, in childbed, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef (2 identical entries); Mary Green, of Chapel Street, suffering from lumbago, prescribed 2 lbs. of bread; John Burn, 33, of Chapel Street, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef (3 identical entries). The above signed by A Kirkwood. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of the kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Mary Oliver, 20, of Grindon Ridge, suffering from gangrene of leg, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef and 1 bottle of wine. The above signed by J Paxton. Sarah Bell, 50, of Tweedmouth, suffering from rheumatism, nothing prescribed. Signed by A Morison.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee drawing the Guardians' attention to the present overcrowding at the Workhouse which makes it difficult to run it properly. They propose a number of alterations. Resolved that the Workhouse Committee be authorized to proceed with the proposed alterations.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the proposed increased salary of the Nurse. They cannot accept the proposed increase. The Board also state that they cannot accept the Porter's and the Nurse's children living in the Workhouse. The reason for this being that they were not told at the time of her appointment that she had two illegitimate children depending on her. If the Board had known this they would not have sanctioned the appointment.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that the Poor Law Board stated that the Guardians are bound to provide medical aid to a person being in the Union if destitution requires such aid, even if the person is a native of Scotland and received relief from a parochial authority there.</p> <p>Vaccination contracts with Messrs Kirkwood; Wilson and Morison [Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; Andrew Morison] were signed.</p> <p>Letter to be sent to the Poor Law Board asking for their sanction of a fee to be paid to Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Cornhill, for setting the arm of John Loftus, as this took place before his appointment.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to write to John Paxton, Medical Officer of the East Norhamshire district to inform him that he must submit the medical returns regularly before each Board meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/363-368	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 February 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Smith; George Winlaw; John Embleton; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Dickson; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; James Wilson; Robert Cairns; James Grey; John Nesbit; H G C Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	27 Feb. 1854

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); William Ross (beef); Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Co.; John Winter (oatmeal); Thomas Grahame (oatmeal); R Johnson & Co. (coals); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); Robert Dodds (groceries); Alexander Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries).</p> <p>Common charges: George Brown (one year's rent of the Workhouse garden); John Thompson (removal expenses).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Ancroft: Andrew Morison.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board's sanction of payment to Dr Turnbull for the treatment of John Loftus.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidney, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Alexander Robertson, 58, Ord, suffering from inflammation of eye, nothing prescribed. Signed by Andrew Morison. Mary McAndrew, 7, of Wallace Green, suffering from measles, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 1 lb. of arrowroot; Isabella Robertson, 57, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef; Mary Ann Stephenson, 22, Brewery Yard, suffering from rheumatic fever, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 1 lb. of arrowroot and 1 lb. of beef (2 entries). The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians on the subject of children (illegitimate) of the Porter and the Nurse. He had been told by them that the children would be boarded out as soon as the youngest, who was in a delicate state of</p>	
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			<p>health, was fit to be removed.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians about a request from the inhabitants of the Parish of Holy Island to have a salary allowed to John Anderson as Assistant Overseer of that Parish having been forwarded by the Poor Law Board. Letter received from the Poor Law Board saying that they wish to know if the Guardians think that the proposal is reasonable and on what ground they base their decision. Ordered that the Guardians think that John Anderson should be paid the amount and that the inhabitants of Holy Island are content to tax themselves for the amount of the salary.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the appointments of medical officers and the contracts for vaccination would expire on 25 March, and that the term for the new appointments had to be considered. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/369-376	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 March 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Laing; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; John McGregor; James Wilson; George Smith; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Friar; Joseph Fleming; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; Robert Cairns. Medical officers: James Wilson and Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	13 March 1854

		<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Sample (old rope); John Rennison (books etc.); John Wilson (letter books); Charles Knight (new removal bills).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Norham: John Paxton, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Payment of salary and poundage to Joseph Scott, Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates for the Parish of Cornhill.</p> <p>Accounts presented and payment ordered to John Anderson for registering persons of whose successful vaccination certificates have been transmitted to him by medical officers: Ancroft, 9 cases; Holy Island, 5 cases; Kyoeloe, 2 cases.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a precept from the Clerk of the Peace of Northumberland requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the sums set opposite the names of the parishes of this union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidney, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Mary Kidd, of Felkington, suffering from debility, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton. The above signed by John Paxton. Ann Stamps of Holy Island, suffering from wound of finger, was well when visited, nothing prescribed. Signed by James Wilson. Isabella Jones, 31, of Tweedmouth, suffering from inflammation of face, prescribed bread, tea etc. Signed by Andrew Morison. Alexander Robertson, 58, labourer, of Ord, suffering from inflammation of eye, prescribed bread. Signed by Andrew Morison. Phillis Dent, 15, servant, of [High Street], suffering from amenorrhoea, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef or mutton. Bridget Hooks, 2.5, of Wallace Green, suffering from measles, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef.</p>	
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			<p>The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Resolved regarding the appointments of the Union medical officers: appointment to be made for one year – 25 March –to 25 March 1855, and that the union is divided into five districts. 1. The Berwick District. 2. The Tweedmouth District. 3. The Islandshire District. 4. The Norhamshire District, East Division. 5. The Norhamshire District, West Division.</p> <p>Also considered the terms on which the vaccinations should be appointed, and letters from the Poor Law Board were laid before the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed to inform the Poor Law Board that arrangements made for vaccination purposes by the Guardians were in accordance with rules stated by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Resolved: period for contracts for vaccinators. The divisions for vaccination purposes to be conterminous with the medical districts. Also resolved that appointments of medical officers and public vaccinators to take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that contracts for provisions etc. would soon expire, and the Workhouse Committee was asked to advertise for and receive new contracts.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to write to the Poor Law Board to enquire if they can expect any further communication regarding the subject of additions and alterations to the Workhouse from them.</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/377-384	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 March 1854	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; George Winlaw; William Cleghorn; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; John Nesbit; James Wilson; Alexander Crossman; George Smith; Thomas Friar; Joseph Fleming; John Norton; Alexander Christison. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood and James Wilson. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Ross (butcher meat); John Winter (bread etc.); Robert Johnson & Co. (coals); George Wood (coals); P Wilson (shoes); Simon Trainer (potatoes); William Cowe (groceries); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); George Henderson (porter); John Main (tailor); Ralph Dodds (groceries); R Rutherford (draperies); G & J Young (draperies); George Weatherhead (groceries); Alexander Marshall (milk); John Dodds (saddle).</p> <p>Common charges: William Nesbit, Schoolmaster (quarter's salary); Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress (quarter's salary); Thomas Harle, Porter (quarter's salary); Mary Harle, Nurse (quarter's salary); Adam Swan, Barber (quarter's salary); John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); William Willoby and Edward Willoby (justice clerks fees); William Willoby and Edward Willoby (postage); James B Atkinson (postage); John Anderson (postage); Joseph Scott (postage); John Davidson (medicine); Young & Elliott (stones); Alexander Marshall (stones); Charles Knight (official circular); John Elliott (medicine).</p>	27 March 1854
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			<p>Maintenance fees for Martha Forster, a pauper lunatic in the Peckham House Asylum presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account presented and payment ordered for removing nuisances under the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act of: Norham, Alexander Davidson.</p> <p>Payment to James B Atkinson [James Atkinson] for paying the common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Statement of the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books was presented.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had advertised for and received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions etc. Tenders approved by the Board.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidney, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Alexander Robertson, labourer, of Ord, 58, suffering from inflammation of eye, prescribed mutton, bread etc. Signed by James Wilson. Susan Knox, of Wallace Green, suffering from a carbuncle, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef, porter has been discontinued; Sarah Turnbull of Dodds Square, suffering from marasmus, prescribed 1 lb. of arrowroot and 1 lb. of beef; Patrick Breenan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from measles, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 1 lb. of arrowroot; George Johnson, 48, porter, of Wallace Green, suffering from delirious lunacy, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Appointment of medical officers:</p>	
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Item	GBR 42/385-390	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 April 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Nesbit; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; John Morton; Robert Cairns; George Smith; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; George Winlaw; H G C Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; Matthew James Turnbull; Andrew Morison; John Paxton. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson 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 Ross (butcher meat); John</p>	10 April 1854

			<p>Winter (bread); Thomas Wilson (plumber); Robert Cres (tailor); John Moor (shoemaker); John Gray & Co. (masons); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Ralph Thompson (cartwright); C L Gilchrist (grocer); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); Alexander Marshall (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Strother (carpenter) (twice); Alexander Jeffrey (blacksmith); William Carr (medicines); Thomas Wilson (plumber, repairing pipes in Register Office).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick: 30 cases; Berwick 4 cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, fractures. Berwick, midwifery cases.</p> <p>Lunatic medical fees account for Alexander Kirkwood for visiting and certifying five lunatics in the Berwick District were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of kidneys, prescribed 1 bottle of porter; Allison Hall of Riffington, in childbed, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton for a fortnight. The above signed by John Paxton. Margaret Hattle, 23, of Tweed Street, in childbed, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of tea; Margaret Hattle, 23, of Tweed Street, in childbed, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 1 lb. of beef; Margaret Brannan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from measles, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 1 lb. of beef; William Thompson, 19, blacksmith, of Church Street, suffering from acute rheumatism, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Michael Conolly is unable to work and the family need support. Signed by Robert C Fluker, surgeon.</p> <p>Appointments executed for appointment of medical officers for their respective districts, and contracts were entered into for vaccinations.</p>	
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			John Trainer appointed as Barber of the Union Workhouse for 1 year .	
Item	GBR 42/391-398	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 April 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Thomas Pinkerton; David Logan; James Black; Alexander Crossman; George Winlaw; John Nesbit; George Smith; James Ross; Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; James Wilson; Adam Darling; Ninian Sanderson; William Cleghorn; James Robert Nicholson; Robert Ramsay jn. [Robert Ramsey]; John Morton. Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Election of Guardians of the poor for the several parishes in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. People elected were: Ancroft: Thomas Pinkerton, farmer, Ancroft Steads; John McGregor, farmer, Bridge Mill. Berwick: Ninian Sanderson, farmer, Conundrum; John Wilson, ironmonger, Bay View; James Gray, brewer, Silver Street; John Nesbitt; Joseph Fleming, leather merchant, Castlegate; George Winlaw, shoemaker, Marygate; David Logan, corn merchant, Hide Hill; John Morton, butcher, Marygate; Robert Cairns, hosier, Marygate; John Nesbit, farmer, 3rd Horse Close. Cornhill: James Black,</p>	24 April 1854

			<p>farmer, New Heaton. Duddo: Thomas Friar, gentleman, Grindon Ridge. Felkington: Robert Carr, farmer. Grindon: Ebenezer Black, farmer, Grindon. Holy Island: John Embleton, farmer, Brown House. Horncliffe: John Brown, farmer, Horncliffe. Kyloe: John Charles McDonald, farmer, Berrington. Loanend: George Smith, farmer, Loanend. Longridge: William Moor, farmer. Norham: Alexander Smith, farmer, Gallagate House. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains. Shoreswood: Adam Darling, merchant, Berwick. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, farmer. Tweedmouth: Robert Dickson, farmer; James Wilson, gentleman, Spring Hill; Alexander Crossman, merchant, Berwick; James Ross, farmer, Spittal; Robert Ramsay jn., ironfounder. Twizel: Richard Makins, farmer, Shellacres.</p> <p>List of candidates nominated for the election of guardians is given in the minutes.</p> <p>Alexander elected chairman for the year, and Joseph Fleming and Thomas Pinkerton were elected vice-chairmen.</p> <p>Elected to the Workhouse and Finance Committee were: Ninian Sanderson; John Wilson; James Gray; Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; David Logan; John Morton; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; John Nesbit; Robert Dickson; James Wilson; Alexander Crossman; James Ross and Robert Ramsay jn.</p> <p>School Committee: Chairman, Vice-chairmen; David Logan; John Nesbit; John Wilson; George Winlaw and James Gray.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	
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			<p>oatmeal for gruel and 2 lbs. of bread. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Thomas Kealty, 2, of Weatherstons Yard, Chapel Street, suffering from measles, father absent from town, mother has to attend to the child at home, prescribed necessaries; [Patrick ?], 9, of Weatherly Square, suffering from measles, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Letter from Poor Law Board regarding suggested alterations of the Union Workhouse with a view of rendering it more efficient for the purpose for which it is used. They repeat their declining of sanctioning the alterations suggested by the Guardians. Their sense of public duty does not justify them in sanctioning the proposal in terms of the ratepayers and the poor. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 42/399-407	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 May 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsay jr. [Robert Ramsey]; James Black; Thomas Friar; John Wilson; John Morton; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; Ninian Sanderson; James Wilson; James Robert Nicholson; Robert Dickson; Robert Cairns; George Smith; Adam Darling; George Winlaw. Also present: Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector. Medical officers: James Wilson; John Paxton, Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee</p>	8 May 1854

			<p>were presented and payment ordered to: Alexander Bruce (oatmeal); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Winter (bread); William Ross (beef etc.); Peter Wilson (shoemaker); R Rutherford (draperies); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Johnson & Co. (coals); C L Gilchrist (coals); Drummond & Son (bedsteads); G & J Young (draperies); George Henderson (wine, porter); Simon Trainer (potatoes); John Brown (plasterer); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor); Robert Gibson (milk); Alexander Marshall (milk); James Yule (wheelbarrow); R Chris (tailor); Eleanor Burgon (fish); Margaret Crombie (fish).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Sample (old rope).</p> <p>Extra medical fees ordered to be paid to: Establishment, John Paxton, amputation of leg. Establishment, John Paxton, 1 midwifery case. Norham, James Donaldson, fracture of leg. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Tweedmouth: Andrew Morison, 39 cases. Tweedmouth: Andrew Morison, 7 cases. Ancroft: Andrew Morison, 1 case. Ancroft: Andrew Morison, 6 cases. Holy Island: James Wilson, 12 cases. Kylee: James Wilson, 4 cases. Norham: John Paxton, 15 cases. Norham: John Paxton, 1 case. Norham Mains: John Paxton, 2 cases. Shoreswood: John Paxton, 3 cases. Thornton: John Paxton, 1 case. Cornhill: Matthew James Turnbull, 3 cases.</p> <p>Lunatic medical fees: Tweedmouth: Andrew Morison, visiting 1 lunatic. Felkington: Andrew Morison, visiting 1 lunatic. Ancroft: Andrew Morison, visiting 3 lunatics. Ancroft: James Wilson, visiting 1 lunatic. Kylee: James Wilson, visiting 4 lunatics. Kylee: John Paxton, visiting 2 lunatics. Longridge: John Paxton, visiting 1 lunatic. Twizel: John Paxton, visiting 1 lunatic.</p> <p>Account for medical officers' attendance on cholera patients were presented</p>	
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			<p>and payment ordered to: Alexander Kirkwood, 5 cases of cholera, 36 cases of diarrhoea, 8 days house to house visitation, inspecting houses. Robert C Fluker, 9 cases of cholera, 35 cases of diarrhoea, 8 days house to house visitation. Andrew Morison, 3 cases of diarrhoea. James Wilson, 4 cases of diarrhoea. John Paxton, 10 cases of diarrhoea including medicine, inspecting houses. Matthew James Turnbull, 8 cases of diarrhoea including medicine.</p> <p>Registration fees presented and payment ordered to: James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Accounts of Relieving Officers for registering persons for whom successful vaccination certificates have been transmitted by the medical officers were presented and payment ordered to: Berwick: James B Atkinson, 74 cases. Tweedmouth: James B Atkinson, 34 cases. Ancroft: John Anderson, 6 cases. Kylee: John Anderson, 4 cases. Cornhill: Joseph Scott, 10 cases. Duddo: Joseph Scott, 4 cases. Loanend: Joseph Scott, 2 cases. Longridge: Joseph Scott, 1 case. Norham: Joseph Scott, 17 cases. Norham Mains: Joseph Scott, 3 cases. Shoreswood: Joseph Scott, 1 case. Thornton: Joseph Scott, 1 case. Twizel: Joseph Scott, 3 cases.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Oliver, of Grindon Ridge, suffering from an amputation, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton weekly for a fortnight; Mary Marshall, of Greenlawalls, suffering from [puncture in arm], prescribed a bottle of wine; John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, 36, suffering from chronic disease of bladder and kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. The above signed by John Paxton. Mary Kinghorn, 38, of Tweedmouth, suffering from measles (annotated that some of the family have also had the measles), nothing prescribed; Elizabeth Temple, 30, Tweedmouth, in childbed, prescribed bread, tea etc. The above signed by Andrew Morison. Burn's children, 1,2 , 6 years of age, suffering from measles, prescribed bread and meat a week worth 2s; Patrick Diguin, of Chapel Street, suffering from marasmus sinking,</p>	
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		<p>prescribed gruel meal or an order for the Workhouse. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Peter Nolan, labourer, of High Street, suffering from surgery to ear due to pain in head, prescribed necessaries. (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>The meeting considered a letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the proposed new workhouse. The Guardians wish to know whether the Poor Law Board sanction the purchase of the Tithe Barn Yard for the purpose of extending the present workhouse. A select committee was set up for the purpose of alteration and additions to the Workhouse. It consisted of: The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; James Black; George Smith; John McGregor; John Nesbit; John Wilson; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; George Winlaw; James Grey; Ebenezer Black; Robert Ramsay.</p> <p>Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, suggested that the appointment of one or more inspectors of nuisances should be considered.</p> <p>Mr Hurst mentioned the indiscriminate mode pursued in the Workhouse regarding giving lodging and food to vagrants. To be referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Joseph Fleming announced that at the next meeting he would bring up the consideration of appointing district committees for the purpose of having before them the paupers receiving relief.</p> <p>Letter received from Mr Hawley, Poor Law Inspector, wishing to be informed of the name of a person to be examined as a witness before the Committee of the House of Commons, lately appointed to look into the operation of the existing laws relating to vagrancy and the removal of Irish and Scotch paupers. Edward Willoby was elected to be the witness.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of</p>	
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			James Trainer as Barber to the Union Workhouse.	
Item	GBR 42/408-412	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 May 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Alexander Crossman; James R Nicholson; Ninian Sanderson; James Black; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; James Wilson; John Brown; Robert Cairns; John Morton; George Smith. Medical officers: James Wilson, Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</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 James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account for the maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Crichton Royal Institution was presented and payment ordered for: Tweedmouth: James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Payment ordered for payment of the last half of apprentice fee of [James</p>	22 May 1854

			<p>Chartres] bound to Robert Kennedy of Ancroft, tailor.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, suffering from disease of the bladder, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Signed by John Paxton. Elizabeth Patterson, 22, in childbed, prescribed tea and sugar (2 identical entries); Elizabeth Patterson, in childbed, prescribed 1 pint of wine; [Andrew G.....], 55, of Chapel Street, suffering from [?], prescribed 4 lbs. of bread, 2 lbs. of beef and oatmeal (2 entries, 2nd entry prescribed 8 lb. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef); James Findlay, 44, of Woolmarket, suffering from wound of ankle, prescribed 4 lbs. of bread and 2 lbs. of beef. The above not signed by medical officer.</p> <p>Resolved regarding appointing one or more inspector of nuisances for the rural districts that it should be delayed.</p> <p>Committee appointed for the purpose of revising the lists and examining the paupers of districts comprising the Parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth was elected: The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; the Guardians of the Parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth: George Smith; James Black; William Moor; William Cleghorn; Adam Darling. For the parishes in the Norham District: The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; George Smith; James Black; George Winlaw; James Wilson; John Brown; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]. For the parishes in the Islandshire District: The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; John C McDonald; John Embleton; John Wilson; James Grey; James Wilson; Alexander Crossman.</p>	
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