

GBR 50 : Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 50	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following people served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union. Guardians were elected each year in April.</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):</p> <p>William Allan (Norham, farmer, Newburn Norham, 1871); James Richardson Black (Grindon, farmer, 1870, 1871); George Bone (Ancroft, farmer, Cheswick Building, 1870, 1871); John Brown (Berwick, farmer, Gainslaw Hill, 1870, 1871); John Brown (Horncliffe, farmer, Horncliffe, 1870, 1871); Robert Brown (Berwick, farmer, Samson Seal, 1870, 1871); Robert Cairns (Berwick, hosier, Church Street, 1870, 1871); William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer, Norham East Mains, 1870, 1871); Adam Darling (Felkington, merchant, Governor's House, Berwick, 1870, 1871); John Dunbar (Loanend, farmer, Bankhead, 1870, 1871); John Embleton (Holy Island, farmer, Broom House, 1870); Thomas Friar (Duddo, gentleman, Grindon Ridge, 1870, 1871); John Henderson (Berwick, merchant, Ravensdowne, 1870, 1871); David Hume (Kylloe, farmer, Berrington, 1871); James Hogg (Kylloe, farmer, Buckton, 1870, 1871); Richard Makins (Tweedmouth, farmer, Murton, 1870); John Marshall (Tweedmouth, farmer, 1870, 1871); Andrew Mitchell (Berwick, Letham Shank, 1870, 1871); William Moor (Longridge, farmer, 1870, 1871); James Robert Nicholson (Thornton, farmer, 1870, 1871); George Reuben (Shoreswood, farmer, Lumsden, 1870, 1871); Thomas Sanderson (Berwick, farmer, Cocklaw, 1870, 1871);</p>	4 April 1870 – 8 April 1872

		<p>Alexander Smith (Berwick, farmer, Letham, 1870, 1871); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer, Norham, 1870); William Smith (Cornhill, landed proprietor, Meklington House, 1870, 1871); David Tait (Ancroft, farmer, Windmill Hill, 1870, 1871); John Tait junior (Twizel, farmer, Reffington, 1870, 1871); Charles Tennant (Tweedmouth, pipe manufacturer, 1870, 1871); Andrew Thompson (Berwick, ironmonger, Marygate, 1870); Andrew Thompson (Holy Island, ironmonger and farmer, 1871); Robert Towerson (Tweedmouth, farmer, 1870, 1871); John Watt (Tweedmouth, farmer, Spittal Hall, 1870, 1871); James White (Ancroft, farrier, Ancroft, 1871); Matthew Young (Berwick, merchant, Palace, 1870, 1871);</p> <p>Medical Officers (with District): John Paxton (East Norhamshire District; Matthew James Turnbull (West Norhamshire District; Robert Carr Fluker (Berwick District); Colville Brown (Berwick Workhouse); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); Thomas Hunter (Islandshire District, appointed 20 March 1871); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District, suspended on 6 February 1871 based on alleged neglect of a patient, resigned 6 March 1871) Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District, appointed 3 April 1871, re-appointed 18 March 1872); James Lumbie (Islandshire District, replaced Thomas Hunter 13 November 1871, re-appointed from 18 March 1872 until 25 March 1873). The medical officers were appointed on permanent contracts. Exceptions were medical officers not fully qualified, and were therefore appointed on a one year contract.</p> <p>Relieving Officers (with District and years appointed): John Crosby (Berwick District); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District).</p>	
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			<p>Master of the Workhouse during the period covered by this volume: Thomas Hood Mitchell.</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 50/1-10	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 April 1870	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Brown; Alexander Smith (Norham); John Brown; John Marshall; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Dunbar; James Hogg; Matthew Young; Thomas Sanderson; John Tait; Robert Brown; Rev Thomas Proctor; J G Rowe.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Simpson & others (sundry accounts against garden and pigs); Scremerston Coal Company; Madeline Dickson (broker); James Renton (farmer); William Wilson</p>	4 April 1870

			<p>(boot and shoemaker); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); George Archbold (plumber); George Douglas (farmer); J Moor & Co (ironmonger); George Park (blacksmith); Young & Son (grocers); James Unthank (tailor); George Bach (mason).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: John Crosby (removing lunatic from asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: James Marshall (annual allowance for use of rooms as vaccination stations).</p> <p>General account: David Wills (printer); Alexander Paton (stationer); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (¼ year's postage and sundry payments); E Willoby (justices' clerks fees); John Crosby (½ year's postages); Joseph Scott (½ year's postages).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to the following for the quarter ended at Lady Day last: William Nesbit (Workhouse schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (Workhouse schoolmistress); Agnes McLeod (matron of the Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (Workhouse porter); Mary Harle (Workhouse nurse); Robert Fair (Workhouse hairdresser).</p> <p>Cheque ordered to be granted to Mr & Mrs Nesbit [William Nesbit and Isabella Nesbit], being the amount of compensation agreed to be paid to them in consideration of their resigning their appointments as Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Workhouse School.</p> <p>Cheque to be given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] Master of the Workhouse, to pay the petty charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing account.</p> <p>Ordered that the garden account be debited with the value of the house slops given to the pigs.</p> <p>Resolved, on the application of the Guardians of the South Shields Union, to accept the chargeability, without an Order of Justices, of James Moore, a pauper lunatic belonging to the Parish of Holy Island, and now confined in the Durham County</p>	
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			<p>Asylum, and to repay to the South Shields Union one year's maintenance of James Moore in the Durham Asylum.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Robert Summerville, 40, of Chapel Street, suffering from scalding, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Reed, 64, carpenter, of Norham, suffering from carbuncle and eczema, nothing prescribed; Mary Ann Tait, 16, (no residence stated), suffering from acute rheumatism, nothing prescribed; Catherine Fee, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Philip Higgins, of Weatherly Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries, will resume his employment in another week (2 entries); J L McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); John Young, of Chapel Street, (illness not stated), prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Adam Lyons, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Francis Elliott, 61, fisher, of Spittal, Elliott sates that he is unable to work owing to pains. If anything is given it should be for the fortnight only.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson], Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statement received from all the Collectors of the Poor Rates within the Union.</p> <p>The special committee acting in the matter of the proposed alterations in the Workhouse reported that they had had a meeting with the Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Mr Grey, architect, and that they had considered in detail the several matters alluded to in the Poor Law Board's letter. Resolved that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted and carried into effect, and that the working plans and specifications be at once prepared by the architect, and that advertisements for tenders be made.</p> <p>Ordered that the common seal be fixed to the contracts for supplying the Workhouse with bread and meat, also to the medical contracts entered into with Drs Turnbull Matthew James Turnbull] and Davidson [Thomas Davidson].</p>	
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			<p>The Assessment Committee requested the Guardians' sanction to their employing a competent person to value certain large and important works In Tweedmouth, Spittal and Berwick. Sanction given by the Guardians as well as approval of the Committee to pay the Clerk for his services during the past year.</p> <p>Entry in the Visitors' Book from Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector, regarding his inspection of the Workhouse. He found it in a satisfactory state, except for the inconvenient situation of the clothing store. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Resolved to apply to the Visitors of the County Asylum to permit Jane Nicholson, a pauper lunatic, to be placed under the care of her husband as he has satisfied the Guardians that she would be properly looked after.</p> <p>Resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of the Guardians on 11 instant for the purpose of issuing contribution orders upon the several parishes in the union.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/11-12	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 April 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown. Chairman: Rev John G Rowe.</p> <p>Contribution orders signed upon the overseers of the several parishes in their Union, and requiring them to pay the sums estimated to be required for the half year now commenced.</p>	11 April 1870
Item	GBR 50/13-23.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 April 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Watt; Charles Tennant; Andrew Mitchell; John Henderson; George Bone; William Cleghorn; James Hogg; Matthew Young; William Moor; John Brown; Robert Towerson; Thomas Sanderson; John Dunbar; David Tait; James R Black [James Richardson Black], Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John G Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton</p>	18 April 1870

			<p>[John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Resolved that Adam Darling take the chair until a chairman be duly elected for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Election of Guardians: elected were: Ancroft: George Bone, Cheswick Building, farmer; David Tait, Windmill Hill, farmer. Berwick: Andrew Thompson, Marygate, ironmonger; Alexander Smith, Letham, farmer; Matthew Young, Palace Street, merchant; Robert Cairns, Church Street, hosier; John Henderson, Ravensdowne, merchant; Robert Brown, Samson Seal, farmer; John Brown, Gainslaw Hill, farmer; Thomas Sanderson, Cocklaw, farmer; Andrew Mitchell, Letham Shank, farmer. Cornhill: William Smith, Melkington House, landed proprietor. Duddo: Thomas Friar. Felkington: Adam Darling, Governor's Yard, Berwick, merchant. Grindon: James Richardson Black, Grindon Farm. Holy Island: John Embleton, Broom House, farmer; Horncliffe: John Brown, Horncliffe, farmer. Kyloe: James Hogg, Buckton, farmer. Loanend: John Dunbar, Bankhead, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: Alexander Smith, Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: John Marshall, Tweedmouth, farmer; Richard Makins, Murton, farmer; John Watt, Spittal Hall, farmer; Robert Towerson, Tweedmouth, farmer; Charles Tennant, Tweedmouth, tobacco and pipe manufacturer. Twizel: John Tait, junior, Reffington, farmer.</p> <p>On the motion of Alexander Smith (Letham), seconded by Rev Thomas Proctor, it was unanimously resolved that Andrew Thompson be appointed chairman for the ensuing year.</p> <p>On the motion of Matthew Young it was resolved that Alexander Smith, junior, and Richard Makins be appointed vice-chairmen for the ensuing year. Alexander Smith, junior to have the preference.</p> <p>The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year: Assessment Committee: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); Adam Darling; Matthew Young; James Hogg; John Henderson;</p>	
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		<p>James R Black. Ex officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Watson Askew.</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Henderson; Alexander Smith, junior; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; Thomas Sanderson; Charles Tennant.</p> <p>Nuisances Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); John R Black; George R Lumsden; Richard Makins; John Embleton; Thomas Friar; George Bone; Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Crossman.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; Matthew Young.</p> <p>The attention of the Guardians was called to the practice of the Workhouse Committee, on occasion, supplying clothing to inmates and their children who are about to leave the Workhouse to support themselves. Resolved that the Workhouse Committee was authorised to do this.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to the following: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse). Salaries also to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Ordered that E Willoby [Edward Willoby], Clerk, be paid for his trouble and expenses</p>	
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		<p>in conducting the election of guardians for the present year, and also for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee during the past year. Payment sanctioned by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee and payment ordered to: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Peter Portland (grocer); James Gray (wine merchant); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); Margaret Cairns (hosier); Robert Rutherford (draper); E & W Paxton (drapers); Peter Waite and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Robert Wood (butcher); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); Adam T Gunn (draper); Robert Dickinson (boot and shoemaker); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer).</p> <p>Lunatics account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 28 pauper lunatics), the like of three others for part of the quarter; Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Dr C Brown [Colville Brown], Certificate of lunacy of George T Archbold); John Crosby (removing George T Archbold to County Asylum).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District).</p> <p>Collectors poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kylee); Samuel Boak (Duddo); John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: James Gray (wine merchant).</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee for the education of the</p>	
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		<p>out-door pauper children ordered to be paid:</p> <p>Boys' National School, 28 children. Girls' National School, 31 children. St Mary's National School, 8 children. Boys' British School, 13 children. Girls' British School, 17 Children. Infant British School, 3 children. St Cuthbert's Catholic School, 11 children. Boys' National School Tweedmouth, 10 children. Girls' National School, Tweedmouth, 7 children. Presbyterian School Tweedmouth, 8 children. Mr Wood's School Tweedmouth, 1 child. Spittal British School, 30 children. East Ord School, 2 children. Ord Moor School, 1 child. Ancroft National School, 5 children. Beal School, 2 children. Cheswick School, 7 children. Cornhill National School, 7 children. Duddo School, 7 children. Holy Island National School, 4 children. Horncliffe British School, 4 children. Norham Boys' School, 6 children. Norham Girls' School, 4 children. Scremerston National School, 11 children. Shoreswood School, 5 children. John Blyth, Old Bewick, 1 child. Total number of children 250.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; John Johnson, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; John Johnson, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and 1 pint of cod liver oil; Mary Menkee, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Ann Bennet, of Church Street, suffering from a sore</p>	
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			<p>throat, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Renwick, of West End, suffering [not stated], prescribed necessaries; Janet Murray, 19, labourer, of Kiln Hill, suffering from general debility, "assuming that this person is in need of necessaries, will also require several medicines"; James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker and Turnbull.</p> <p>The Clerk produced circulars received from the Hartlepool and Ulverston Unions urging the Guardians of this Union to join in petitioning Parliament to amend the laws of rating. Resolved that the petition already prepared and sealed but not yet sent, should now be sent to Lord Burg with a request that he will present it to the House of Commons.</p> <p>Clerk authorised and directed to take the necessary proceedings to obtain an order of the Justices to remove Mary Hogget and child to their last place of legal settlement.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had considered the entry made by the Poor Law Inspector in the Visitors Book regarding the alleged inconvenient situation of the clothing store. Resolved to postpone until after the intended alterations in the Workhouse wards are completed. This was accepted by the Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/24-28.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 May 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; John Brown (Gainslaw); George Bone; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith, junior.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	2 May 1870

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; William Wilson & Son (ironmongers); James Renton (milkseller); Young & Son (grocers); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); George Turner (Berwick District).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Pringle, labourer, of Spittal, suffering from spitting of blood, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Hope, of Spittal, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries, (2 identical entries); [Isabella Syne], of Tweedmouth, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (3 identical entries); Ann Bennett, of Church Street, suffering from a sore throat, prescribed necessaries; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef, "he did not get the beef on Thursday, it was my mistake not having it on his order"; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from cough etc., prescribed necessaries and cod liver oil; James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull and Wilson.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board approving of the course taken by the Guardians with reference to the alterations suggested by the Poor Law Board in the plan for improving the Workhouse accommodation. Also letter from the Superintendent of the County Asylum with reference to the application by the Guardians to have John Nicholson handed over to the care of her husband in which letter the Superintendent of the Asylum states that as the patient is improving, and her removal would be prejudicial to her, the Visiting Committee could not consent to her being removed from the Asylum.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk also presented a letter from the South Shields Union requesting that an authority might be given to the Superintendent of the Durham County Asylum to charge to this Union the maintenance of James Moore who was recently accepted by this Union. The Guardians found it desirable that if practicable the lunatic should be transferred to the Northumberland County Asylum.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted a notice of the ensuing Poor Law audit, and also a copy of a supplemental valuation list for the Parish of Berwick.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/29-35	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 May 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Towerson; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; Adam Darling; John Watt; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Marshall; David Tait; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Robert Brown; John Dunbar; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Renton (farmer); James Grey (wine merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); John Tait (farmer); Morrison & Marshall (draper); Peter Pentland (grocer); John Veitch (grocer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Royal Victoria Asylum for the Blind, Newcastle (1/4 year's maintenance of James W Knox).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District registration fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District registration fees).</p>	16 May 1870

			<p>Registration expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District registration fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District registration fees); Edward Willoby (1 year's allowance for use of offices etc. as per agreement).</p> <p>Garden account: Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of garden due 12 May).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians of this Union to pay to the Treasurer of the said county on or before 23 May instant the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General County Rate. Ordered that the amount be now paid and charged against the several parishes in the Union,</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Blake, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Hettle, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed a pot of brandy; James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from cough etc., prescribed 1 pint of port wine and 1½ lbs of beef (3 identical entries); Ann Bennett, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Tully, of Ravensdowne, suffering from abscess, prescribed 1 lb of linseed meal; Thomas Whitaker, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil (2 identical entries); Isabella Syne, of Tweedmouth, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson].</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that tenders for executing the work necessary for converting the Workhouse School building and playgrounds into wards and airing yards for imbecile and other Workhouse inmates have been received. The lowest offer - £412 18s 0d – was £112 18s 0d above Mr Gray's estimate. Ordered that the Committee should confer with Mr Gray, and if they are then satisfied of the propriety of accepting the tender, they be empowered to do so. This was accepted by the</p>	
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			<p>Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee also reported that they had ordered some articles of clothing to be given to five male paupers who have for some months past been inmates of the Workhouse hospital. They also recommend that a new enamelled bath be provided for the use of the vagrants. The Master of the Workhouse was instructed to obtain an estimate for this.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had applied to the Superintendent of the County Asylum, and that he had undertaken to effect the removal of James Moore from the Durham Asylum.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a letter from the Glendale Union requesting the Guardians to accept the chargeability of Jane Forsythe, widow, who it was alleged was legally settled in the township of Thornton. Mr Scott [Joseph Scott] to enquire into this and report back at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/36-42	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 May 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; George Bone; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Henderson; Robert Brown; John Watt; John Dunbar; Charles Tennant; David Tait; Thomas Sanderson; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Thomas Whitaker, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil (2 identical entries); Jessie McGregor, 20, of Crawford's Alley, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Eliza Moon, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness;</p>	30 May 1870

		<p>prescribed necessaries; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Blakie, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lb of beef (2 identical entries); James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 lb of sago and 1 pint of port wine; Eliza Moon, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Jane Pierse, of Castlegate, pregnant, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Pringle, of Spittal, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Shiel, 17, of Thornton, suffering from phthisis pulmonalis, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Copies of supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylloe, Norham and Norham Mains were laid before the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had held a meeting with Mr Gray, architect. James Henderson stated that he would reduce his offer if certain flooring particularly named in the specifications was dispensed with. The Committee found it undesirable to do this and accepted the original offer. Mr Gray explained that the additional bath, fireplace etc. required to comply with the suggestions of the Poor Law Board – certain alterations in the manner of heating baths made by Dr Brown – and the additional flooring which the architect had found necessary, will account, to a large extent, for the difference between his estimate and the amount of the lowest offer. The Committee were satisfied with the explanation and accepted the following tenders, being the lowest of those received:</p> <table data-bbox="786 1050 1512 1268"> <tr> <td>William Craik, Tweedmouth, mason</td> <td>£212</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Henderson, Berwick, carpenter & Joiner</td> <td>£120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Nicholson & Son, Berwick, plumber</td> <td>£42 18s</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Weatherston, Berwick, slater & Plasterer</td> <td>£38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£412 18s</td> </tr> </table> <p>The contractors to be informed of this. The relevant passage of the Guardians' minutes to be sent to the Poor Law Board for their information and approval. On the</p>	William Craik, Tweedmouth, mason	£212	James Henderson, Berwick, carpenter & Joiner	£120	R Nicholson & Son, Berwick, plumber	£42 18s	Joseph Weatherston, Berwick, slater & Plasterer	£38	Total	£412 18s	
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			<p>motion of Rev Thomas Proctor, seconded by Adam Darling, it was resolved to adopt the report and act upon their suggestion and communicate the whole proceedings of the Guardians in this matter to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>With reference to the case of Jane Forsythe, widow, whom the Guardians have been asked by the Glendale Union to accept without an order of removal. Mr Scott [Joseph Scott] requested further time for making enquiries which was granted.</p> <p>Application from the Alnwick Union requesting the Guardians to accept without an order of removal of chargeability of Mary Douglas, who it was alleged has a settlement in the township of Thornton. Mr Scott was unable to obtain any confirmation of the allegation made. Resolved that the Guardians decline the pauper.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse submitted an estimate from Robert Sidey, of Tweedmouth, for providing a suitable bath for the use of the vagrants. Offer accepted.</p> <p>Entries made in the Workhouse Medical Officer's Report Book on 24 instant regarding defects in regard to drainage, offensive stench proceeding from some of the drains. Injurious to the health of the inmates even though it does not produce fever. Recommendation: that the drains be examined and overhauled to do away with all offensive emanation. The Master of the Workhouse did not think that the drains were stopped but that the bad smell was due to the long spell of dry weather, the limited supply of water and the prevalence of winds from the sea. The Master to apply to the Town Surveyor for the use of the fire hose and that the drains be well flushed with water.</p> <p>Alexander Steven, wireworker, Western Lane, was interviewed by the Guardians respecting his still declining to renew his contribution of 4s per week towards the cost of the maintenance of his son Thomas in the County Asylum. Mr Steven offered 2s 6d per week due to his present circumstances, to be increased at the end of the year if his circumstances should change. Offer accepted.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher);</p>	
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			<p>James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer).</p> <p>General account: Isabella Anderson (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station).</p>	
Item	GBR 50/43-53	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 June 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Brown; Robert Cairns; James Hogg; David Tait; Charles Tennant; Robert Towerson; John Henderson; Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; George Bone; John Watt; John Dunbar; John Marshall; Thomas Sanderson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Lames Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Young & Son (grocers); James Unthank (tailor); George Douglas (farmer); John Fender (farmer); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer); John Veitch (grocer); T G Turner (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: Northumberland County Asylum (expenses removing James Moore from Durham to Morpeth Asylum).</p> <p>Cheque for the amount of instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for him to transmit to his London agents to be paid to the Commissioners' account.</p>	13 June 1870

			<p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians of this Union to pay to the Treasurer of the said county on or before 15 June instant the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a Local Police Rate. Amount ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: James C Mc Donald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed necessaries; James C Mc Donald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 pint of wine at Mr Grey's; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 lb of sago and 1 pint of port wine; Isabella Tully, of Ravensdowne; convalescent from an abscess in the neck, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Whitaker, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Jane Pierse, of Castlegate, pregnant, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Blakie, of Church Street, suffering from biliousness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Alexander Givens, of Narrow Lane, suffering from lumbago, prescribed necessaries; Samuel Johnston, of Chapel Street, 42, mat-maker, suffering from ulceration of foot, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were produced from all the Collectors of Poor Rates within the Union.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of minutes of the Guardians' proceedings in the matter of the alterations at the Workhouse and sanctioning the expenditure for the execution of the works in question.</p> <p>The Clerk produced further communication dated 6 June 1870 received from the Poor Law Board which were ordered to be entered upon the minutes and considered at the meeting to be held on 11 July next. It said that the Poor Law Board had received and considered a memorial from the ratepayers of Ancroft and Kylloe asking</p>	
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			<p>the Board to take steps to enable those parishes to have a larger representation on the Board of Guardians of Berwick. The Poor Law Board are disposed to think that there are grounds for assigning to them an additional guardian. There are at present 30 elected and three ex-officio Guardians for the Union, and the Poor Law Board think that number should not be increased. It appears that two of the parishes have at present a larger number of guardians than the circumstances of the case justify viz. Berwick and Tweedmouth, the former with a rateable value of £34,618 having nine guardians, and the latter a rateable value of £20,676 having five guardians. Although the population of the parishes is considerable, the number of guardians assigned to them is in excess of their due proportion having regard to the rateable value and extent of other parishes in the Union. The Poor Law Board suggest reducing the number of elected guardians for Berwick from nine to eight and for the parish of Tweedmouth from five to four, and assign the guardians thus obtained to the parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe. The Poor Law Board want to hear the Guardians' opinion before issuing an order. Copy of the memorial to the Poor Law Board from the ratepayers of the parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe. They refer to an order dated 26 October 1836 stating that the number of guardians should be 30. Nine elected by the Parish of Berwick, five by the Parish of Tweedmouth, two by the Parish of Ancroft and one each by the other 14 parishes and townships in the Union. The average expenditure then was a total of £8,442, the proportion for Ancroft being £619 and for Kyloe £604, while for Berwick it was £3638 and for Tweedmouth it was £1577. In an order dated 16 October 1857 the amounts were a total of £5506. Ancroft £272 and Kyloe £254 and Berwick £2475 and Tweedmouth £1292.</p> <p>So long as these averages formed the basis of the contribution to the Common Fund of the Union, and each parish continued to support its own settled poor, the petitioners had no reason to be dissatisfied with the number of guardians by which they were represented. By the operation of the Union Chargeability Act the position of the Parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe has been seriously changed, and the petitioners have been called upon to contribute a very much larger share of the expenditure of the Union. The total rateable value of the Union is now £134,469 and the rateable value of Ancroft is £19,904 and of Kyloe £14,106 together £33,920 and equal to a quarter of the whole Union, but these parishes have only three guardians, or one tenth of the entire number of guardians. As nearly all the funds which are now under the control of the Guardians are contributed by the several parishes according to their rateable value irrespective of population. Such rateable value has a fair claim to be</p>	
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		<p>taken into consideration in determining the number of guardians which each parish should be entitled to elect.</p> <p>The petitioners then draw attention to the 6th section of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1868, which authorises the uniting of small parishes with other parishes for the purpose of the election of guardians. The Parish of Norham is of limited population and divided into 11 poor law townships, each of which is entitled to elect one guardian; yet their total rateable value is not more than £28,626 being £5,305 less than the joint rateable value of Ancroft and Kyloe, they elect 11 guardians and Ancroft and Kyloe elect only three. Seven of the townships in the Parish of Norham viz. Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham Mains and Thornton are in population and rateable value within the terms of the Act referred to earlier. Each of the 11 townships in the Parish of Norham is below the average annual rateable value of the Union. The memorial signed by George Hogg, Kyloe and John Jackson, Fenwick Granary and 22 others.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for supplying the poor with bread, meat etc. will expire on 25 instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders for supplying these articles and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that the annual meetings for the examinations of the paupers residing in the Berwick District be held on Tuesday 21 instant at the Board Room at 10 o'clock and on Wednesday 22 instant at Tweedmouth Vestry at 11 o'clock and at Spittal Vestry at 3 o'clock, and that at the next Board meeting the Guardians proceed to fix the meetings in the country for the like paupers.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers submitted their reports of cases still remaining unvaccinated.</p> <p>Mr Scot [Joseph Scott] submitted the result of the further enquiries made into the circumstances of the alleged settlement of Jane Forsythe, widow, in the township of Thornton. The Guardians resolved that they are satisfied that the pauper is settled within and now removable to this Union by the Guardians of the Glendale Union and they consent to receive her without an order of removal</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove Mary Berkley,</p>	
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			widow, aged 72, to Scotland where she was born, she has today become chargeable to this Union and is now removable therefrom.	
Item	GBR 50/54-60.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians Meeting held on 27 June 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; William Cleghorn; Adam Darling; John Watt; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; George Bone; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Alexander Smith junior.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, Mr E Willoby [Edward Willoby], the Guardians appointed his son and partner Mr W Willoby [William Willoby] to act as his substitute at this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); William Craik (mason); James Unthank (tailor); John Stoddart (grocer).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron of the Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (Workhouse porter); Mary Harle (Workhouse nurse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>William Craik ordered to be paid for mason work done in the alterations now being made in the Workhouse. Certified by Mr Gray, architect.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs</p>	27 June 1870

			<p>Blakey, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and 1½ lbs of sago and a packet of cornflour (3 entries); James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ pint of rum; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed a packet of corn flour; John Johnston, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed a pint of claret; Samuel Johnston, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to foot, prescribed necessaries; Sarah McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatic fever, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (3 identical entries); John Roper, shoemaker, of Church Street, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); James Rain, of East Newbiggin, suffering from disease of spine, nothing prescribed; Mrs Blakey, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and a packet of corn flour.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson [Thomas Davidson], Fluker and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>A supplementary monthly statement for the Parish of Berwick was presented as well as copies of a new valuation list for the township of Grindon and a supplementary valuation list for the township of Loanend.</p> <p>Tenders received by the Workhouse Committee for supplying the Union with bread, meat etc. during the ensuing quarter and they recommended the Guardians to accept the following: James Dixon – rounds and hanks of beef. Houghs of beef. Legs of mutton. Elias Pearson – in-door fine bread. In-door second bread. Out-door second bread. Out-door flour. Out-door oatmeal. Thomas Graham – six sacks of oatmeal. Tenders accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Report regarding the annual examination and inspection of poor persons in receipt of relief from the Union and residing in the Parish of Berwick, was held at the Board Room on Tuesday last 21 June.</p> <p>Guardians present: Rev John G Rowe, Chairman; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown and Dr Fluker. 225 cases were investigated, representing 372 persons, 47 of whom were unable to appear before the Committee.</p>	
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Item	GBR 50/61-72	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 July 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; James Hogg; Alexander Smith (Norham); John Marshall; Robert Towerson; John Tait; Robert Brown; John Watt; Matthew Young; David Tait; George Bone; Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; John Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant. Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>The value of provisions consumed in the Workhouse during the quarter ended at Midsummer by the paupers and the Officers of the Workhouse was stated.</p> <p>Salaries were ordered to be paid to the following officers of the Union: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer and collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries also to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were</p>	11 July 1870

			<p>presented and payment ordered to: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Sidey (plumber); Thomas Landreth & others (rates and sundries against garden and pigs); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Robert Thompson (cartwright); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Young & Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); John Veitch (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 28 pauper lunatics and the like of 2 others for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Durham County Asylum (maintenance of James Moore, a pauper lunatic, from 4 April to 24 May); John Crosby (removing George P Armstrong from asylum).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Deaf and Dumb Institution, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (1/2 year's maintenance and education of William Purvis).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); George Turner (Berwick District – Registrar's fees); John Crosby (1 year's salary as vaccination officer to 24 June); Joseph Scott (1 year's salary as vaccination officer to 24 June).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe).</p> <p>General account: Local Board of Health District (rates on Workhouse); Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse); Edward Willoby (Justices clerk fees); E Willoby (1/4 year's postage and sundries); Robert C Fluker (certificate of permanent disability of Scotch pauper); John Crosby (removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Out-relief account: school fees for quarter ending 20 June 1870: Boys' National School, Berwick; Infant National School, Berwick; St Mary's National School, Berwick; Boys' British School, Berwick; Girls' British School, Berwick; St Cuthbert's Catholic</p>	
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		<p>Thomas Proctor, to accept the above-mentioned proposal. James Hogg moved, seconded by George Bone, that the Guardians suggest that the parishes of Ancroft and Kyoel should each have two more guardians than at present, to be obtained by taking three from Berwick and one from Tweedmouth parish. Robert Brown moved, seconded by John Watt that the number of guardians elected should remain as at present. This proposal was withdrawn after some discussion.</p> <p>A vote was taken:</p> <table data-bbox="786 469 1518 587"> <tr> <td>For Mr Smith's motion:</td> <td>For Mr Hogg's motion:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 The Chairman</td> <td>1 James Hogg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Alexander Smith, junior</td> <td>2 George Bone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Rev Thomas Proctor</td> <td>3 David Tait</td> </tr> </table> <p>4 Robert Cairns 5 Thomas Sanderson 6 John Dunbar 7 John Marshall 8 John Brown 9 Robert Brown 10 Andrew Mitchell 11 Charles Tennant 12 John Watt 13 Matthew Young 14 Alexander Smith (Norham)</p> <p>Mr Smith's motion was supported by all but the Guardians for the Parishes of Ancroft and Kyoel. The Clerk was directed to inform the Poor Law Board of the result of the vote.</p> <p>Resolved that the Chairman; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe; James Hogg; John Marshall; Alexander Smith (Letham); Matthew Young; George Bone be named a committee to superintend the arrangements for and inspection of the boarded-out children.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board on the subject of securities given by three of the Union officers, pointing out that four of the sureties were guardians and the objection to such being the case, the Clerk was directed to reply that only two of the four persons referred to were guardians and that these two had been sureties for many</p>	For Mr Smith's motion:	For Mr Hogg's motion:	1 The Chairman	1 James Hogg	2 Alexander Smith, junior	2 George Bone	3 Rev Thomas Proctor	3 David Tait	
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		<p>years.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the half-yearly return from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the state and condition of the lunatics belonging to the Union and now maintained in that asylum.</p> <p>Annual meeting for the examination and inspection of the persons in receipt of relief from this Union and residing in the County Districts were held as follows: Islandshire District, Monday 4 July at the Plough Inn, Beal. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; James Hogg; David Tait; George Bone. 12 cases were investigated representing 13 poor persons. At the Cat Inn, Cheswick. Present the same gentlemen as above. 28 cases were investigated representing 49 poor persons. Norhamshire District, Tuesday 5 July at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill. Guardians present were: Rev Thomas Proctor; Matthew Young; John Henderson. 16 cases were investigated representing 27 poor persons. At the Victoria Inn, Norham. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Alexander Smith; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]. 60 cases were investigated representing 92 poor persons. At the Fisher's Arms, Horncliffe. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Brown; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell. 21 cases were investigated representing 32 poor persons. An increase of six cases and eight poor persons. Recommendations were made in 20 cases.</p> <p>Common seal affixed to the contracts for supplying the Union with bread, meat etc. during the current quarter.</p> <p>Returns received from the Registrar of Birth and Deaths in the County Districts of the names of the children whose birth were registered by them, but in respect of whom they had not received certificates of successful vaccination. Returns referred to Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Vaccination Officer, to enquire and report.</p> <p>The Registrar for the Berwick District not having sent in his return, the Clerk was directed to apply to him to do so.</p> <p>Application received from the Guardians of the Newcastle Union requesting the</p>	
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			<p>Guardians to accept the chargeability of Margaret Mordue, whom it was alleged was legally settled in the Parish of Ancroft, and now movable thereto. Mr Scott reported that he had been unable to obtain evidence in support of the allegations made, and was therefore decided to accept the pauper.</p> <p>The Clerk produced an Order of the Justices directing the removal of George Lillico from the Morpeth Union to this Union. It appeared that the pauper had himself gained a settlement by hiring and service in the Parish of Ancroft, and that there were reasonable grounds upon which to appeal against the order in question.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse reported that Dr Brown [Colville Brown] had reported that two Workhouse inmates, [James Sinton] and Margaret Ogilvie were suffering from a disease of a contagious character and were not in a proper state to leave the Workhouse without danger to themselves to others. Ordered that in terms of the Poor Law Amendment Act 1867, the Master be directed to detain these paupers in the Workhouse until Dr Brown shall certify, in writing, that they may be discharged therefrom.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/73-79.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 July 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith junior; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Watt; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; Adam Darling Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; John Brown; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith junior.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Grahame (meal dealer); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); L & T Fleming (curriers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p>	25 July 1870

			<p>Vaccination expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District, registrar's fee).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District, registrar's fee).</p> <p>General account: E Willoby [Edward Willoby], (payments at annual meetings for examinations of paupers).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the said county, on or before 30 July instant, the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a Local Police Rate. Amount ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and a packet of corn flour; Margaret Morgan, of Hatters Lane, suffering from a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and a packet of corn flour; John Johnson, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed ½ pint of rum (2 identical entries); Mrs McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); John Roper, of Church Street, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Ann Jamieson, of Ness Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Mrs Blakey, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and a packet of corn flour (4 identical entries); Robina Mathieson, 28, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Circular and a new General Order produced relative to the publication of the Guardians' accounts and the allowance of expenses of deputations of Guardians and their Officers, also, letters to the Guardians one sanctioning the Guardians giving</p>	
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			<p>non-resident relief to Elizabeth Percy, the other intimating the intention of the Poor Law Board to issue an order altering the number of guardians to be annually elected by certain of the parishes of the Union as proposed by the Guardians.</p> <p>Half quarterly report from the Workhouse Medical Officer. As the several defects named by him were in the course of being rendered by the alterations now going on in the Workhouse the Guardians did not find it necessary to take steps regarding this.</p> <p>The Clerk produced return from the Registrar of Births and Deaths of the Berwick District of the names of the children whose births were registered by him but for whom he had not received certificates of successful vaccination. Return referred to Mr Crosby [John Crosby], Vaccination Officer, to enquire and report.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had received an application from Mr Pearson, of Lowick, tailor and clothier, to be allowed to take Thomas Eggleston, 12, and now an inmate of the Workhouse, and to maintain and educate him for one year and then to be apprentices to him for a period of five years to learn the trade of a tailor. The Workhouse Committee recommended the Guardians to accept this, with the alteration that the boy should be apprenticed within ten months of leaving the Workhouse and be apprenticed for a period of six years, and that the boy should at once be provided with a suitable outfit. The Guardians concur in the Committee's proposal with the exception that the apprenticeship should be for five years in accordance with the practice adopted in this Union. The Guardians also mention that as the village of Lowick is about two miles outside the border of this Union in the Glendale Union, the Poor Law Board should be requested to sanction the Guardians sending this boy to that place and providing him with an outfit.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee also reported an application from Bridget Butler, and inmate of the Workhouse, to supply her with certain articles of clothing for the use of herself and child on the occasion of her going into service of Andrew Mickle at Cheswick Buildings.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], relative to the case of Clarke, but as no application was now made to the Guardians by or on behalf of that person they were not required to make any order in the matter further than directing the Clerk to</p>	
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			<p>inform Dr Turnbull that the opinion of the Rev Mr Fyler, in this or any other case will not be preferred by the Guardians to that of the Guardian's own officers.</p> <p>Proceedings to be taken before the Justices against George Archbold, of Tweedmouth, fisherman and basket-maker, to obtain an order upon him to contribute at least 2s 6d per week towards the cost of the maintenance of his son, who is now an inmate of the Workhouse and unable to earn his own living.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that Jane Heslop, now maintained in the Northumberland County Asylum, at the expense of this Union, is entitled to certain monies under the will of her late father. The trustees named in the will are now both deceased, and that the representatives of the surviving trustee wish the Guardians to name someone to be appointed trustee who would look after the interests of the Union in this matter. Resolved that the Collector of the Guardians be requested and authorised to act as trustee under the will of the late Mr Heslop [Thomas Heslop], and that he endeavour to get the other parties interested in the will to name a person to act as the other trustee and that the Clerk be authorised to prepare the necessary document for appointing two new trustees under the will.</p> <p>Rev Thomas Proctor gave notice that at the next meeting he will move that the Guardians proceed to elect a vice-chairman in the place of the late Richard Makins.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/80-85	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 August 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; John Watt; David Tait; Matthew Young; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; John Brown; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Adam Darling; George Bone; James Hogg; John Henderson; John Marshall; Charles Tennant; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith, junior.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph</p>	8 Aug. 1870

		<p>Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Renton (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (druggist); T G Turner (grocer); John Veitch (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Money paid to William Craik, mason, for mason work done under his contract in the alterations now being made in the Workhouse, certified by Mr Gray.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that Mr Hedley, of Sunderland, had furnished them with the valuations he had made at their request of certain properties in the Parish of Tweedmouth. Account for the amount submitted to the Guardians with recommendation that a cheque be granted to Mr Hedley for the amount.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Blakey, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and a packet of corn flour (4 identical entries); James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Sarah McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 entries); John Roper and wife, of Church Street, suffering from bronchitis and in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); William Moor, of High Street, suffering from fracture of thigh etc., prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 entries) "I think it would answer this man better to have one pound of beef twice in the week, ay Saturday and Wednesday"; Robina Mathieson, of Chapel Street, in child birth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Jane Cook, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; May Smith, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; William Lynch, 38, of Church Street, suffering from dislocation of shoulder, prescribed necessaries; George Bone, of Tweedmouth, [no sickness stated], prescribed</p>	
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		<p>necessaries; Gavin Tait, of Tweedmouth, [no sickness stated], prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Davidson; Turnbull and Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Horncliffe, Holy Island, Kyloe and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Rev Thomas Proctor moved, seconded by John Henderson, that Adam Darling be elected vice-chairman of the Board in the place of the late Richard Makins. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the proposal of the Guardians to allow Thomas Eggleston, an orphan aged 12, to leave the Workhouse to go and live with Mr Pearson to learn the trade of a tailor, and to their granting an outfit of clothing to the boy on his quitting the Workhouse.</p> <p>John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, submitted his report of his enquiries into the cases of non-vaccination, from which it appeared that it was not necessary for the Guardians at present to institute any legal procedures.</p> <p>The committee dealing with the boarding out of pauper children reported that they had decided that the Guardians should supply the children with the necessary clothing on leaving the Workhouse, but that subsequent clothing should be supplied by the adopted parents paid for out of the fixed periodical payment given to them. The committee also submitted their arrangements for inspection of the boarded-out children which arrangements were similar to those made on a previous occasion. The proposals of the committee were approved of and adopted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Mr Scott [Joseph Scott] submitted a communication from Dr Wilson respecting the case of Ann Wood residing in Ancroft, with a copy of a letter from the Commissioners in Lunacy desiring that notice should be given to Mr Scott to take steps to get the pauper removed to a lunatic asylum. Mr Scott had given notice to a justice of the peace who had fixed 4 o'clock this afternoon for the examination of the pauper and</p>	
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			that the Magistrate arranged for Dr Maclagan to assist in such examination.	
Item	GBR 50/86-91	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 August 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; John Dunbar; George Bone; Rev John G Rowe; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had ben inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cairns (hosier); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Renton (farmer); John Richardson & [?] (outfit); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); William Caverhill (ironmonger).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, registrar's fees).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: James Paxton (Horncliffe).</p> <p>General account: George Macaskie (advertising account); G F Steven (advertising account); Waddie & Co (stationery).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Gavin Tait, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Mrs McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Mrs Blakey, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (4 identical entries); Mary Ann Tait, 16, of Norham, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a month; William Thompson, 34, labourer, of</p>	22 Aug. 1870

			<p>Norham, suffering from hypertrophy of heart, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a month.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Davidson [Thomas Davidson] and Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were produced from the collectors of poor rates for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the Parish of Cornhill was presented.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board altering the number of guardians to be hereafter elected for the Parishes of Ancroft, Berwick' Kyloe and Tweedmouth, also a circular from the Poor Law Board relative to a suggestion made by the Commissioners of Lunacy that upon entering and leaving the Workhouse all pauper lunatics should be carefully examined by the Medical Officer. A directive to be issued. The suggestion was approved of by the Guardians and the Medical Officer was directed to carry out such examinations and record them in a book provided for that purpose.</p> <p>Application received from the Guardians of the Glendale Union requesting this Union to accept the chargeability of Weddell [John Weddell], of Wark, and wife who it was alleged were legally settled in the Parish of Ancroft. Mr Scott [Joseph Scott] was instructed to examine the paupers as to the alleged settlement and report back.</p> <p>Mr Scott reported that the pauper Ann Wood had been examined by a magistrate and a physician and based on the physician's advice the magistrate had declined to make an order for the pauper to be removed to an asylum.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of Rev John G Rowe, that the Master of the Workhouse be directed to apply for permission to place a couple of boxes at the Berwick Railway Station in which to collect pamphlets and newspapers from railway passengers for the use of the inmates of the Workhouse, and if permission is given to provide and fit up the boxes.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/92-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	5 Sept. 1870

	96.	Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 September 1870.	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; John Watt; Robert Cairns; George Bone; John Henderson; Adam Darling; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait; Charles Tennant; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Peter Pentland (grocer); John Veitch (grocer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of James W Knox).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Blakey, of Church Street' suffering from debility .prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Mrs McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Peter Trainer, of Hatters Lane, suffering from injury to face, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick' Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the ensuing half year. The Committee recommended the Guardians to approve of it.</p>	
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Item	GBR 50/97-102.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 September 1870	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; John Dunbar; David Tait; George Tait; George Bone; Robert Towerson; John Brown (Horncliffe); Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Brown (Gainslaw); James Hogg; John Henderson; John Marshall; Alexander Smith (Letham); Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] the Guardians assented to his son and partner, W Willoby [William Willoby] acting for him at this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passes by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Elias Pearson (baker); James Dixon (butcher); James Gray (spirit merchant); Thomas Pearson (tailor); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Renton (farmer); James Unthank (tailor); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>General account: John Crosby (removing a pauper to Wooler).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians of this Union to pay to the</p>	19 Sept. 1870

		<p>Treasurer of the said county on or before 19 September the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General County Rate. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>John Henderson, carpenter, to be paid for carpenter and joiner work done under the contract in the alterations now being made in the Workhouse. Certified by Mr Grey, architect.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); John Roper, of Church Street, suffering from ophthalmia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Peter Trainer, of Hatters Lane, suffering from injury to lip "will be able to go on with his work next week" (2 entries); Margaret Henderby, of Greens, suffering from ulcer, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Morgan, of Hatters Lane, suffering from debility "I would recommend that you give this young woman an order for admittance to the hospital at the Workhouse".</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Cornhill and Horncliffe.</p> <p>Deputation of Guardians appointed to visit the Northumberland County Asylum and inspect the lunatics maintained there at the expense of this Union. Appointed were: the Chairman; Alexander Smith junior; one of the Vice-chairmen; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Brown, Medical Officer of the Workhouse requested to accompany the deputation to advise them and report their proceedings to the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that contracts for provisions and clothing will expire on the first proximo. Workhouse Committee authorised to advertise for and select tenders for supplying these articles from and after that date and report the result of their selection to the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that James Radford, District Auditor, has given notice of his</p>	
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			intention to audit accounts of the Union for the current half year on 22 next.	
Item	GBR 50/103-109.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 October 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Dunbar; Adam Darling; David Tait; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; John Watt; John Henderson; George Bone; John Marshall; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; Thomas Friar; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected,</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas ordered to be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron of Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (porter of the Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at the Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at the Workhouse).</p> <p>Cheque to be given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (Master of the Workhouse) to pay the petty charges of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Thomas Landreth and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Sidey (plumber); John son & Co (brewers); William C Caverhill (ironmonger); James Renton (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); George Douglas (farmer); James Unthank (tailor); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Park (blacksmith); Mary Ann Jamieson (seamstress); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer); John Veitch (grocer).</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books and forms); Proprietor of Berwick Advertiser</p>	3 Oct. 1870

		<p>(printing and advertising); Alexander Henderson (stationer); J & R Thompson (fire insurance premium); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (justices clerks fees); E Willoby (¼ year's postage and sundry payments); Joseph Crosby (½ year's postage); Joseph Scott (½ year's postage).</p> <p>Account of the value of the provisions consumed by the pauper and the Officers of the Workhouse during the quarter ended at Michaelmas was stated. Also stated the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing account and the garden account.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Bridget Clarke, 24, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kylee and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Tender received for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, clothing etc. and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc. Tenders accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Contribution orders were signed and issued to the overseers of the several parishes within the Union.</p> <p>Application from Mr Albert John Dixon, of Landport, Hampshire, requesting permission to remove his father, John Dixon, from the Workhouse. Decision deferred to the next meeting as the Medical Officer of the Workhouse was absent.</p> <p>John Crosby authorised to proceed before the Justices against John Beech, late of Berwick, mechanist, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family whereby the latter</p>	
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			have this day become chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.	
Item	GBR 50/110-117.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 October 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; John Dunbar; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Robert Cairns; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); John Watt; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; Rev Thomas Proctor. Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer and collector to Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of Workhouse); Salaries also to be paid to : Joseph Scott (collector of poor rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of poor rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of poor rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: lunatics account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 28 pauper lunatics, the like of one other for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Andrew Thompson (expenses of annual visit of committee to County Asylum); Dr Colville Brown (fee for accompanying committee and reporting on state of patients).</p>	17 Oct. 1870

			<p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe); John Husband (Berwick); John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains); James Paxton (Horncliffe).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son, cod liver oil.</p> <p>Out-relief account: Guardians of Morpeth Union (relief advanced to George Lillico under suspended order up to 29 September last).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George A Turnbull, Islandshire District.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Henry Lewis, 45, of Wallace Green, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; Mary Ann Jamieson, of Ness Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1 lb of beef; Margaret Henderby, of Greens, suffering from ulcer, prescribed 1 lb of beef; William Mayher, of Hatters Lane, suffering from ophthalmia, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Malarky, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson, Fluker and Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Guardians again considered the application from Albert John Dixon for permission to remove his father from the Workhouse. Dr Brown said that the pauper had expressed his desire to return to his wife in Woolmarket. Dr Brown said the pauper was competent to judge for himself and was fit to leave the Workhouse to be placed under proper care and that failing such care he should remain in the</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse two weeks longer to complete his recovery. Resolved that the pauper be retained until the next meeting of the Guardians. The Clerk directed to inform his son of this decision.</p> <p>Report from D Brown regarding the recent visit of the Deputation of the Guardians to the County Asylum was read. The lunatics are clean, tidy and well cared for. There are 28 inmates, 12 males and 16 females. Jane Nicholson is sufficiently well to go home. Ten inmates could, with the sanction of the Lunatic Commissioners, be moved to the Workhouse. They are: James Swinhoe – quiet, melancholic, never violent, been ten years in the Asylum, incurable; John Octon – epileptic, only excited after fits, usually quiet, incurable, ten years in the Asylum; Robert Peffer – suffering from general paralysis, incurable but usually quiet; James Finharty – an idiotic boy, destructive to clothes and filthy, a very troublesome case; William Bertram – quiet, inoffensive, might be kept in the Workhouse, on trial before going to friends; Martha Foster – sometimes excited and raving but not rude; Isabella Mace – quiet, sensible and well-behaved; Isabella Lough – sometimes talkative but not rude. These three cases have been ten years in the Asylum; Jane Smith – quiet, rather melancholic, never rude; Elizabeth McNab – epileptic, violent after fits, usually easily restrained. The Committee recommend the following to stay in the Asylum: James Emery; James Moore; James Trotter; Joseph Sporratt; Mary Mather; Jane Heslop; Agnes Howe and Elizabeth Burgeon. They are considered hopeful cases. The others are more doubtful, but, if considered incurable, and if they are quiet, might eventually be brought to our institution.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted a copy of a sheriff's warrant for the removal of Joan Alder and her two children from the Parish of Eccles in Scotland to this Union where Joan Alder last resided for three years, but as it appeared that she was not born in England, the Clerk intimated that the warrant was illegal and it was decided to inform Messrs Melrose & Porteus, of Coldstream, who had forwarded the copy of the warrant.</p> <p>Permission given by the North British Railway Company to erect two boxes at the Berwick Railway Station for newspapers to be used by the Workhouse inmates.</p> <p>John Crosby authorised to proceed before the Justices against John Campbell, now or late of Berwick, labourer, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family, whereby</p>	
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			the latter have become chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.	
Item	GBR 50/118-123.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 October 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Henderson; George Bone; Charles Tennant; John Watt; Robert Towerson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; David Tait; Robert Brown; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Brown (Horncliffe); Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Grahame (meal seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Russel (draper); James Grey (wine merchant); G & J Young (drapers); John Davidson (grocer); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James Dixon (butcher); E & W Paxton (drapers); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); Bogue & Inglis (drapers); George Brown (undertaker); Border Brewery Company; John brown (farmer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (removing Jane Nicholson from Asylum).</p> <p>Garden account: Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company (lime account).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of James W Knox).</p> <p>School fees for quarter ended 30 September: Boys' National School, Berwick, 26 children.</p>	31 Oct. 1870

			<p>Girls' National School, Berwick, 30 - Infant National School, Berwick, 15 - St Mary's National School, Berwick, 11 - Boys' British School, Berwick, 9 - Girls' British School, Berwick, 18 - Infant British School, Berwick, 3 - St Cuthbert's Catholic School, 9 - Boys' National School, Tweedmouth, 10 children. Girls' National School, Tweedmouth, 8 - Presbyterian School, Tweedmouth, 7 - Spittal British School, Tweedmouth, 26 - East Ord Spittal, 2 children. Ord Moor School, 1 child. School fees for ½ year ended 30 September: Thomas Moody, Harperidge, 4 children. Richard Forsythe, Norham, 5 children. Isabella Walker, Norham, 4 children. Elizabeth Dodds, Etal, 2 children. John Blythe, Old Bewick, 1 child. Henry Ford, Cheswick, 6 children. Robert Darling, Ancroft Moor, 2 children. John Brown, Duddo, 6 children. John Patrick, Fenwick, 1 child. William Bell, Holy Island, 4 children. Robert Walker, Scremerston, 12 children. Joseph Brown, Shoreswood, 4 children. George Davidson, Thornton, 2 children. John Dobbie, Horncliffe, 4 children. Robert Hardy, Cornhill, 7 children. George A Turnbull, Ancroft, 2 children.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Malarky, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Henderson, of Greens, suffering from ulcer, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef.</p>	
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			<p>Note from the Clerk to the County Asylum of the discharge of Jane Nicholson, a pauper lunatic, on a monthly trial.</p> <p>Letter from Captain Dakyns, Bailiff of Holy Island, drawing the Guardians' attention to the state of the public pump at Holy Island. Arrangements made for inspection and repair.</p> <p>John Dixon, out-pensioner, was now permitted to leave the Workhouse and return to his home in Woolmarket. He has recovered and repaid the Guardians for his support while in the Workhouse. His son has withdrawn his offer to remove his father to Landpoint and support him there.</p> <p>The Guardians attention was called to the losses entailed upon the ratepayers by the practices of relief being advanced by way of loan to the Borough freemen. This money is in some cases not repaid when the meadow money become due. Resolved that the Town Council be requested to assist the Guardians in this matter by making a law authorising the Town Clerk to retain and hand over to the Guardians the changing and meadow papers of all freemen who may have been in receipt of relief and have not repaid such relief prior to their meadow money being due.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/124-128.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 November 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Dunbar; Thomas Sanderson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; Matthew Young; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; John Watt; Robert Brown; John Henderson; David Tait; John Marshall; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were</p>	14 Nov. 1870

		<p>presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Margaret Cairns (hosier); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); William Purves (boot and shoemaker); Border Brewery Company; Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Ralph Dodds (grocer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott, (Norhamshire District, registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, registrar's fees).</p> <p>General account: Andrew Ronaldson, (expenses of police in cases of John Campbell and David Glasgow).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Bridget Blondin, 53, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>Mr Scott [Joseph Scott] presented report of the state of the pump at Holy Island. He recommended that a new pump be put in as the old one is in a very bad state, and that the top cover be secured so that it cannot be removed, and that a policeman or some other official be required to take charge of the place altogether as the pump trough and surroundings are at the present in a most filthy state.</p> <p>Mr Scott authorised to have a new pump installed. The Clerk to apply to the Chief Constable of the County to authorise the Superintendent of the District to instruct the Officer at Holy Island to take a general supervision of this pump, and to take care it is used in a proper manner.</p> <p>Letter received from the Porter of the Workhouse regarding his intention to get</p>	
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			<p>married and asking for permission for his intended wife to reside with him in the Porter's Lodge. Application granted.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse authorised to employ the male inmates of the Workhouse in sawing wood for firewood for domestic purposes. The Workhouse to make arrangements for the sale of the firewood.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/129-135.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 November 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Watt; James Hogg; David Tait; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Henderson; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; George Bone; Matthew Young; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Dunbar; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Also present was Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of garden); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); George Barclay (per?); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (furniture bought at farm sale); Henry Robinson & others (pers?) ditto (sundries for garden and pigs); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; George Brown (undertaker); Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John Blakey (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Robert C Fluker (certifying as to insanity of Jane Nicholson, late an inmate of County Asylum).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, registrar's fees).</p>	24 Nov. 1870

			<p>General account: John Renwick (old rope); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland two precepts requiring the Guardians of this Union to pay to the Treasurer of the said county as follows: on or before 5 December the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General County Rate, and on or before 10 December the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General Police Rate. The two amounts ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: John Roper, shoemaker, of Church Street, suffering from ophthalmia, "the man's eyes are worse and he must again discontinue work to get him an allowance"; James Black, of Shoreswood Colliery, suffering from miner's asthma, nothing prescribed; Eleanor Locke, of Ancroft, suffering from debility, prescribed mutton; Gavin Tait, of Church Lane, suffering from consumption, prescribed beef or mutton (2 identical entries); B Harth, of (The Tentons?), suffering from consumption, prescribed wine and beef; James White, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Henderson, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Sinclair, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries. Note at the end "I hereby certify that Charles Maguire, of Berrington Back Hill is suffering from debility and is unable to support himself" Signed by T Davidson [Thomas Davidson], Medical Officer.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker and Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Copy of a supplemental valuation list for the Parish of Berwick presented.</p> <p>Letter from John Husband, Collector of Rates, Berwick, proposing to substitute a bond with two sureties for his present policy with the European Guarantee Association and naming Ninian Sanderson, farmer and Richard Wood, butcher as such two sureties. His proposal approved of.</p>	
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			Letter from Major General Allgood, Chief Constable of the County of Northumberland, stating in reply to the application made to him, that he had no objection to order the policemen stationed at Holy Island to keep an eye on the pump, but he declined to keep him responsible for any damage being done as a special care of the pump would interfere with his other duties.	
Item	GBR 50/136-141	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 December 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Mathew Young; John Henderson; Robert Cairns; Thomas Sanderson; John Watt; Charles Tennant; Adam Darling; George Bone; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Caverhill (ironmonger); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Ralph Dodds (grocer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>General account: Local Board of Health (general district rate and special district rate).</p> <p>Order of Justices received from the Morpeth Union on removing the suspension of the execution of an order for the removal of George Lillico who is now dead, and directing money to be paid to the Morpeth Union in replacement of the expenses incurred by that union.</p>	12 Dec. 1870

			<p>Medical certificates were received for the following for whom relief was ordered: James Anderson, of Folly, (no sickness stated), prescribed 1 bottle of sherry; Rachael Sebbit, of Kenston, (no sickness stated), prescribed cod liver oil; Christian Stamp, of Holy Island, (no sickness stated), prescribed cod liver oil; Gavin Tait, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed mutton (2 identical entries); [Benjamin Hartle], engineer, of The Tenters, suffering from consumption, prescribed beef or mutton and wine (3 entries); Mary Arnot, of South Ord, suffering from inflammation of bowels, nothing prescribed; John Murray, sawyer, 24, of Kiln Hill, suffering from sickness, nothing prescribed; Margaret Hanley, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Mossman, of Crawford's Alley, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Michael Butler, of Chapel Street, suffering from fracture of leg, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Henderson, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Malachi Clayton, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to back, is unable to follow his employment, prescribed necessaries; Ann Gilchrist, of Norham, suffering from debility, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; and Fluker.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef, bread etc. will expire on 31 instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders to supply these articles and report back.</p> <p>A copy of a sheriff's warrant received from the Inspector of Poor of St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, directing the removal to this Union of Mrs Ann Clerk, then a pauper lunatic in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. The Clerk reported that the pauper had been removed accordingly and was now an inmate of the Workhouse of this Union. The property in Church Street possessed by her late husband was now held by her son to whom the Clerk was directed to apply and ascertain if he will undertake the repayment of the cost of maintaining Mrs Clark while she remains chargeable to this Union.</p>	
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			<p>Resolved to hold a special meeting of Guardians on 27 instant in lieu of the 26 which is a general holiday.</p> <p>Letter from George A Turnbull, Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Islandshire, saying he is resigning as he is moving to County Durham. Mr Turnbull's resignation was accepted. New registrar to be appointed at the next meeting. Advertisements to be inserted in the local newspapers.</p> <p>Resolved that the inmates of the Workhouse be given beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff on 25 December.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised and directed to apply to the Justices for an order to remove Hannah Pitt, widow, and her four children, now chargeable to this Union, to their last place of legal settlement, believed to be in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union and also for a warrant to remove Agnes Montgomery to the Kingdom of Scotland in which she was born, and that the Clerk apply to the Alnwick Union requesting they accept Eliza Bell and her child.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/142-146.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 December 1870.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; Robert Towerson; Robert Cairns; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Watt; Charles Tennant; John Henderson; David Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton</p>	27 Dec. 1870

		<p>(farmer); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Out-relief-account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1/4 year's maintenance and education of William Purves).</p> <p>Cheque for instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for him to transmit to his Lindon agent to be paid to the Commissioners' account in the manner required by them.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Christmas last ordered to be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron of Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (porter at Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Benjamin Hartle, of The Tenters, suffering from consumption, prescribed mutton, beef and rum; T Hope, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed wine; Gavin Tait, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed mutton; Gavin Tait, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed wine and meat; Margaret Harley, of Chapel Street, (no sickness stated), prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); John Finharty, of Chapel Street, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries; John Wallace, of Hay's Lodging House, "in consequence of an abscess is unable to do any labour at the moment".</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker; Wilson; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Appointment of Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Islandshire in place of George A Turnbull, who has resigned. Appointed was Robert Walker, of Scremerston.</p> <p>Tenders received by the Workhouse Committee for supplying the Union with meat, bread etc. during the ensuing quarter from: Thomas Darling: Rounds and flanks of beef, houghs of beef, legs of mutton. Elias Pearson: In-door fine bread, in-door second bread, out-door second bread, out-door oatmeal, out-door flour.</p>	
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			<p>Recommendation by the Workhouse Committee adopted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Application from the Guardians of the Alnwick Union requiring the Guardians to accept that an order of the chargeability of Isabella Wrestle, widow, and her five children. An order of Justices was made in November 1869 directing the removal to this Union of the paupers and also of the then husband of Isabella Wrestle. The order was not executed owing to the death of her husband and the paupers were now removable to this Union. Resolved that the Guardians consent under their common seal to receive these paupers without an order of removal.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised and directed to take such proceedings before the Justices as he may find necessary to obtain an order requiring the eldest son of Ann Clark to contribute towards the support of his mother, who is an inmate of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The inmates of the Workhouse to be treated on the New Year holiday to a dinner of beef and plum pudding. Messrs Johnson & Co had offered to supply ale. Offer accepted.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/147-154.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 January 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; John Brown; David Tait; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Robert Brown; John Watt; John Dunbar; Matthew Young; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Christmas last ordered to be paid to the following Officers of the Union: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer and collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson</p>	9 Jan. 1871

			<p>(medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse). Salaries also to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Robert Sidey (plumber); Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Patterson (plasterer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); George Brown (undertaker); John Russel (mason); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Ralph Dodds (grocer); Robert Johnston (carter); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer); William Caverhill & others (sundries for garden and pigs).</p> <p>Lunatics account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 27 lunatics and the like for one other for part of the quarter). Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry J William (Ancroft and Kyoie).</p> <p>General account: E Willoby (justices clerk fees and postages and sundry payments).</p> <p>Value of provisions consumed in the Workhouse during the quarter ended at Christmas last by the paupers and the officers of the Workhouse stated.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Gavin Tait, of Church Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed mutton and beef (2 identical entries); Benyamin Hearle, of the Tenters, suffering from consumption, prescribed meat, beef and rum (3 entries); John Maxwell, of Church Street, suffering from injury to leg from a metal pipe falling on it, prescribed necessaries; Alexander Robertson, 28, of Eastern Lane, suffering from injury to leg from a fall, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Brady, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility from inflammation of lungs, prescribed necessaries; Philip Higgins, of Weatherly Square, suffering from chronic asthma, prescribed necessaries; Ann Scott, of Chapel Street, suffering from fracture of leg, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Catherine Gardiner, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from spitting blood, prescribed necessaries; Michael Butler, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson and Fluker.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>Half-yearly return received from the several Registrars in the Union of births registered by them but in respect of whom they had not received certificates of successful vaccination. The returns were referred to the Vaccination Officers to enquire into and report upon.</p> <p>Circular received from the Education Department of the Privy Council on the subject of the election of school boards for country parishes.</p> <p>The Medical Officer of the Workhouse submitted his half-yearly statement. The two defects named in it would be remedied when the alterations now being made in the Workhouse were complete.</p> <p>Application from the Relieving Officer for non-resident relief to be granted to John Lockey and wife while residing in the Morpeth Union was not acceded to as the Guardians deemed it probable that these paupers were now removable from that</p>	
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			<p>union.</p> <p>Ordered that John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, take proceedings before the Justices against John Crawford, of Berwick, shoemaker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family whereby they have now become chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p>																					
Item	GBR 50/155-163.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 January 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Watt; John Dunbar; John Brown; Thomas Sanderson; James Hogg; John Henderson; George Bone; Robert Brown; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; John Tait; John Marshall; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; David Tait; Robert Towerson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered: out-relief account: school fees for quarter ended 31 December 1870:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Berwick Boys' National School</td> <td>26 children</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Girls' National School</td> <td>24 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Infant National School</td> <td>14 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick St Mary's National School</td> <td>12 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Boys' British School</td> <td>8 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Girls' British School</td> <td>18 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick St Cuthbert's R. C. School</td> <td>11 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tweedmouth Boys' National School</td> <td>9 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tweedmouth Girls' National School</td> <td>9 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tweedmouth Presbyterian School</td> <td>10 -</td> </tr> </table>	Berwick Boys' National School	26 children	Berwick Girls' National School	24 -	Berwick Infant National School	14 -	Berwick St Mary's National School	12 -	Berwick Boys' British School	8 -	Berwick Girls' British School	18 -	Berwick St Cuthbert's R. C. School	11 -	Tweedmouth Boys' National School	9 -	Tweedmouth Girls' National School	9 -	Tweedmouth Presbyterian School	10 -	23 Jan. 1871
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			such steps as may appear expedient to them. A statement of the case to be given to Dr Wilson and his attendance at the next meeting was requested.	
Item	GBR 50/164-170.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 February 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Marshall; Robert Brown; Robert Towerson; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; George Bone; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Matthew Young; William Moor; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Amounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Henderson (carpenter); James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); R R Thompson (chaff); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Guardians of Morpeth Union (relief advanced to Mary Rutter under suspended order up to 25 December 1870).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (expenses attending the keeping of William White and removal to County Asylum).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p>	6 Feb. 1871

		<p>General account: Parish of Berwick (poor rates on Workhouse); Andrew Ronaldson (police expense in the case of Mr Clark).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: John Toll, of Wallace Green, suffering from fever, prescribed one pint of port wine (2 identical entries); Margaret Doyle, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; John Maxwell, of Church Street, suffering from injury to groin, prescribed necessaries; Alexander Robertson, of Eastern Lane, suffering from injury to leg, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Ann Scott, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, prescribed necessaries; Michael Butler, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Ann Benson, of Black Bull Yard, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Whittaker, of Chapel Street, suffering from a cough etc., prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from consumption, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Gavin Tait, of Church Lane, suffering from consumption, prescribed beef (2 identical entries); Jane Reid, washer-woman, of West End, suffering from fracture of wrist, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Janet Murray, of Kiln Hill, suffering from consumption, prescribed mutton; B Hartly [Benjamin Hartly], of The Tenters, suffering from consumption, prescribed beef and rum 92 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker; Paxton and Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board and a new order having reference to the acceptance of policies as sureties for union officials.</p> <p>Letter from Robert Walker appointing David H Allan, grocer, Scremerston, as Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Islandshire, and requesting the Guardians' approval, which the Guardians granted.</p> <p>The Guardians considered application from the Alnwick Union for this Union to</p>	
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			<p>accept, without an order of removal, of Catherine Forster and her four children. The relieving officers submitted the information obtained by them. The Guardians did not consider the information satisfactory and they decided to decline to accept the paupers.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed to apply to the Guardians of the Belford Union to accept Jane Rutherford, widow, without an order of removal, she having some time ago been in receipt of non-resident relief from that union and is now removable thereto.</p> <p>Mr Crosby [John Crosby] submitted a report as Vaccination Officer. The report on the whole satisfactory, but owing to the prevalence of smallpox in London and other places it was deemed advisable to instruct Mr Crosby to urge the parents of children remaining un-vaccinated to lose no time in getting it done.</p> <p>The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting having reference to the case of Elizabeth Quin and the notice of motion given by David Tait, one of the Guardians of the Parish of Ancroft. In spite of Dr Wilson having been requested to attend the meeting he was not present and there had been no communication from him.</p> <p>Mr Tait submitted that the case of Elizabeth Quin was fully reported in the minutes and drew the Guardians' attention to Dr Wilson's conduct prior to the Board meeting on 9 January, and listed a number of cases of paupers who are actually in receipt of relief under medical certificate:</p> <p>Martha Tait, Cheswick – old infirm and paralytic. Seen by Dr Wilson in September. Not visited since.</p> <p>Eleanor Lockie, Ancroft – visited but once a month.</p> <p>Ellen Elliott, Ancroft, 42 – heart disease, not regularly visited, seen at beginning of November and end of December.</p> <p>Elizabeth Scoular, Ancroft, 55 – alleged to be suffering from a bad leg. Promised medicine never arrived.</p> <p>Andrew Oliver, Allerdean, 34 – discharged from Workhouse in July under Dr Wilson's charge. Seen 3 times since July by Dr Wilson who declined to visit pauper when requested by Rev Mr McLean of Allerdean.</p> <p>Mr Tait added that both amongst the ratepayers and the paupers in the parish of Ancroft there was a general feeling of dissatisfaction at the manner in which Dr</p>	
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			<p>Wilson performed his duties.</p> <p>Mr Marshall, Guardian for Tweedmouth, reported that his attention had been drawn to the case of Mrs Gilchrist, an aged sick pauper. Dr Wilson, when first sent for by the pauper's son-in-law declined to come. Dr Wilson called in later but then did not call in for several weeks.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by George Bone, that Dr Wilson had neglected to comply with the Guardians' request to attend this meeting and had not sent any communication or offered any explanation to them regarding his alleged neglect in the case of Elizabeth Quin, and after further allegations made at this meeting he was therefore suspended from the discharge of his duties as Medical Officer of the Tweedmouth District. The Clerk was directed to report the suspension and the reason behind it to the Poor Law Board. Also resolved that Dr Maclagan, Dr Wilson's deputy, act as interim Medical Officer, and in the case of him not being able to do so, Dr Jamieson to be employed for this purpose.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/171-183.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 February 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Brown; John Watt; Alexander Smith (Letham); David Tait; William Cleghorn; Robert Towerson; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; George Bone; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Matthew Young; John Marshall; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Jamieson [Jamieson?]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); David Dippie & others (sundries for garden and pigs); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Ninian</p>	20 Feb. 1871

		<p>Sanderson (farmer); John Cairns (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Ralph Dodds (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: John Crosby (removing Elizabeth Richardson to County Asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: James Paxton (Horncliffe).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Michael Butler, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Ann Scott, of Chapel Street, suffering from a fractured leg, prescribed necessaries; John Toll, of Wallace Green, suffering from fever, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Mrs Hattle, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Jane Riddell, 53, of Chapel Street, suffering from a bruised hand, prescribed necessaries; James Lyons, 17, of Eastern Lane, suffering from abscess, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Mary Cook, 33, of Letham Shank, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Christian Robertson, of Golden Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker and Jamieson.</p> <p>Communication from Stephen Sanderson regarding the suspension of James Wilson from the discharge of his duties as Medical Officer of the Tweedmouth District. He states that the Guardians have acted properly under the circumstances known to them. He said that he had received a statement from Dr Wilson that same morning, and the reason for not forwarding it straightaway was that he was unaware that the Guardians were to meet today. Dr Wilson's statement enclosed. Dr Wilson states that he has taken care that either himself or another medical officer had attended the patient Elizabeth Quin. Dr Jamieson's remark that "the case should have been seen</p>	
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			<p>before” was based on Joseph Scott’s, Relieving Officer, incorrect statement that Dr Wilson had not seen the patient for nearly a month. Dr Wilson does regret that none of his visits of 31 December are entered in the weekly medical returns. Dr Wilson makes further observations based on a copy of the minutes of the last Board meeting regarding a number of his patients viz. Martha Tait, 81, Cheswick, who claims relief on account of age and not under medical certificate. She has not applied for medicine or visits since September. Eleanor Lockie, 77, Ancroft, suffering from age and debility. Not seen since August, when no further visits were deemed necessary. She is not receiving relief under medical certificate. Ellen Elliott, 42, Ancroft. Seen about a year and a half ago on account of disease of heart. Last visited recently for a trifling chronic ailment. Elizabeth Scoular, 56, Ancroft. Received relief for a chronic ulcer of leg. Never heard of any application for medicine made at this house. Andrew Oliver, 34, West Allerdean. In Dr Wilson’s opinion a hypochondriac. Was admitted to the Workhouse Infirmary in June. Discharged himself after a few days and walked home. Has been to Dr Wilson’s residence and has obtained medicine. In autumn he was well enough to lift potatoes, and Dr Wilson says that he has never declined to visit the pauper. He has seen the patient several times during the last six weeks and has supplied the pauper with medicine, and he has never received any complaint either from the patient mentioned or the Relieving Officer regarding Mrs Gilchrist, 79, High Gate. A messenger came to Dr Wilson’s house at 10 p.m. He was told that the patient had been ailing for a fortnight, and said that he would call in the morning. The woman’s son-in-law came shortly after and said that he thought that the case was urgent. Dr Wilson attended at once and repeated his visit. The woman was suffering from debility. Dr Wilson mentions regarding his suspension that it had been his intention to resign from the Office of Medical Officer since August due to ill health and an increasing work-load and no arrangements for assistance being made. He then goes though the cases of patients already named and he finishes by saying that everything he has mentioned in his statement can be proved by his books and by the evidence of creditable witnesses.</p> <p>Letter from Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector, regarding instructions he had received from the Poor Law Board to hold an official enquiry into the charges prepared against Dr Wilson by the Guardians. Enquiry to be held on 1 March. The necessary summaries to be issued.</p>	
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Item	GBR 50/184-192.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 March 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; Robert Towerson; John Tait, junior; James Hogg; David Tait; John Dunbar; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; Thomas Sanderson; John Watt; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; George Bone; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Alexander Smith, junior.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph</p>	6 March 1871

			<p>Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Sidey (plumber); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Caverhill (ironmonger); Thomas Wilson (broker); Border Brewery Company; John Cairns (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); John Blakey (grocer);.</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>A cheque for instalment and interest due on loan borrowed for the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for him to transmit to his London agent to be paid to the Commissioner's account.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians of this Union to pay to the Treasurer of the said county on or before 1 March instant the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General County Rate. Amount ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes in this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed one bottle of cod liver oil; John Toll, of Wallace Green, suffering from fever, recovered, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); James Lyons, of Eastern Lane, suffering from abscess, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef; James Lyons, of Eastern Lane, suffering from abscess, prescribed two lbs of linseed meal and 1½ lbs of beef; [Mary Cockl], of Letham Shank, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; John Roper, of Wallace Green, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Ellen Heston, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Ross, 36, of Wallace Green, suffering from cough etc.. prescribed necessaries.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Jamieson and Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>Laid before the Guardians copies of supplemental valuation lists for the Parishes of Cornhill, Norham, Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Wilson [James Wilson] tendering his resignation as Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>Dr Wilson's resignation accepted. New appointment to take place at the next meeting. To be advertised in the local newspapers.</p> <p>Two further letters received from Dr Wilson. One saying that he wishes to act as Public Vaccinator for the Tweedmouth District, the other contains further remarks on the recent proceedings of the Guardians. As Dr Wilson has resigned the Guardians see no reason to reply to these letters.</p> <p>Terms for the appointment of medical officers for the District of Islandshire and West Norhamshire after 25 instant agreed upon. District of Islandshire to consist, as before, of the parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe and the township of Haggerston in the parish of Ancroft. Area 11,908 acres, population 2,109. District of Norhamshire to consist, as before, of the parish of Cornhill. Area 430 acres. Population 853. Salaries set at: Islandshire £25 per annum. West Norhamshire £8 per annum, exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Appointment of medical officers to take place at the next meeting, and advertisements to be placed in the newspapers together with the advertisement for a medical officer for the Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>Rev John G Rowe proposed that the public vaccinators of the Union be required to re-vaccinate without charge all persons presenting themselves for that purpose in accordance with the regulation of the Lords of the Privy Council, and at the rate of</p>	
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			<p>remuneration fixed by the Vaccination Act of 1867. Placards informing the public of this to be out up in places within the Union. Andrew Mitchell seconded the resolution and it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that they had examined the Clerk's calculations of the sum estimated to be required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the ensuing half year. Calculations approved by the Guardians.</p> <p>Contracts for provision and clothing will expire on 25 instant. The Workhouse Committee authorised to receive and select tenders.</p> <p>Salaries of the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth. The Guardians of Berwick and Tweedmouth requested to consider and report back.</p> <p>Letter from J C Weddell, Clerk to the Local Board of Health, enclosing a copy of the Officer of Health's report regarding the alleged nuisance and outbreak of fever on Mr Rankin's property in Wallace Green. In the absence of the Chairman, who had inspected the site, it was decided to defer a decision to the next meeting.</p> <p>Ordered that John Crosby be authorised to take the necessary proceedings to obtain letters of administration to the effects of Melville Currie, late of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, widow deceased, one of whose children and next of kin is now chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union. The two Vice-chairmen were named as sureties to join with Mr Crosby in the required administration bond.</p> <p>John Crosby authorised to apply to the Justices for a summons against James Hope junior, of Tweedmouth, plumber, requiring him to appear and say why he should not contribute at least 2s 6d per week towards the support of James Hope, his father, who I snow chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk produced to the Guardians a copy of a Sheriff's warrant directing the removal from the city of Glasgow to this Union of Elizabeth O'Niel or Flacherty and her children.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	20 March 1871

	50,193-201.	Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 March 1871.	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; John Marshall; Robert Towerson; John Dunbar; George Bone; David Tait; Matthew Young; Thomas Friar; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; John Watt; John Brown; Alexander Smith; William Cleghorn; James Hogg; Adam Darling; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Jamieson; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Cairns (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Ralph Dodds (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Andrew Barclay (dealer); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer); Alice Darlington (for a long settle?).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (removing lunatics to and from Asylum).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; James Lyons, of Eastern Lane, suffering from abscess, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; John Toal, of Wallace Green, suffering from fever (convalescent), prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Mary Walker, 17, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and necessaries; Catherine Fee, of Chapel Street, suffering from whitlow "thumbs", prescribed necessaries; John Roper, of Wallace Green, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson; Fluker; Jamieson; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p>	
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			<p>vaccination contracts for the Districts of Tweedmouth and Islandshire.</p> <p>Report from the committee of Guardians appointed to take into consideration the salaries or remuneration to be paid to the collectors of poor rates for the Parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth. Resolved not to change the salaries and the Poor Law Board to be requested to sanction this.</p> <p>Resolved to petition Parliament in favour of the bill now before the House of Commons for conferring certain powers of detention in the cases of persons frequently discharging themselves from the Workhouse. The petition asks for a clause to be added to the bill to prevent any pauper, not a wanderer or wayfarer, after his or her admission to the Workhouse, not to be allowed to leave again till after his or her case has been reported at the first meeting of the Guardians, to avoid people using the Workhouse as a free lodging house. They also mention the problem of casual paupers who destroy their clothes, and they suggest that some kind of punishment, possibly imprisonment, to be introduced in such cases.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing, and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc. Tenders accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that they had considered the salary to E Willoby [Edward Willoby], their Clerk, for his services during the year ending on 25 instant. Recommended t leave the pay unchanged at £20. Approved by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk read an entry in the Visitors' Book by the Poor Law Inspector stating that he had found everything in a satisfactory state on his visit to the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/202-210.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 April 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith; John Marshall; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; John Watt; George Bone; David Tait; John Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker];</p>	3 April 1871

			<p>Jamieson [Allan Jamieson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (baker); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; John Cairns (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Purvis & Son (boot and shoemaker); George Brown (undertaker); William Grey & others (sundry garden account); Robert Sidey (plumber); George Douglas (farmer); George Park (blacksmith); John Russell (mason); William Caverhill (ironmonger); James Renton (chaff).</p> <p>General account: Proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (printer); Alexander Henderson (stationer); George Macaskie (advertising account); Knight & Co (books and forms); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (1/4 year's postage and sundry payments); John Crosby (1/2 year's postages); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postages); E Willoby (Justices clerk's fees).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron of the Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (porter at Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>Cheque to be given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, to pay the petty charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Value of the provisions consumed in the Workhouse by the paupers and the officers of the Workhouse was stated.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Winifred Taylor, of Wallace Green, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef;</p>	
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			<p>Guardians relative to obtaining from the Town Clerk the meadow and stint papers of freemen, or widows of freemen, who may have been in receipt of parish relief, to prevent them from obtaining payment of meadow and stint money and thereby defraying the parish. The only way this request can be dealt with legally is by the Town Clerk furnishing the Guardians with a list of names of all freemen and widows who may have been in receipt of relief, accompanied by the authority, in writing, of such freemen and widows to the Town Clerk to give these papers to the Guardians and that on this being done the Town Clerk be requires to act in accordance therewith. In the event of anyone receiving relief refusing to give such authority, the Town Clerk is given authority to supply the Guardians with the names of the tenants and rent of the meadows so that the Guardians can take steps to obtain payment of such rent under section 16 of 12 & 13 Vic c103. The report approved of and adopted and ordered accordingly by the Meadow and Stint Committee.</p> <p>Application from the Guardians of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Union. Resolved to receive without an order of removal of Margaret Waite, 49, wife of Alexander Waite of Berwick, private hotel keeper, she being now chargeable to the Newcastle Union and removable therefrom.</p> <p>Common seal to be affixed to the medical contracts entered into with Drs Hunter and Turnbull, and to the contracts for supplying bread and meat.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/211-212.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 April 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Brown; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt. Chairman: Andrew Thompson. ?</p> <p>Contribution orders were signed upon the several parishes within the Union, requiring them to pay by two equal instalments on 29 instant and 15 July respectively the sums estimated to be required to meet the expenditure for the half year now commenced, which sums were submitted to the Guardians and approved of at a meeting held on 6 April.</p> <p>The Guardians proceeded to consider the terms of the vaccination contracts to be entered into with the newly appointed medical officers for the districts of Islandshire and Tweedmouth. After conferring with Dr Davidson [Thomas Davidson] as to the</p>	10 April 1871

			<p>terms of his contract for Tweedmouth District and ascertaining that Dr Hunter [Thomas Hunter] had made no suggestion with regard to his contract for Islandshire. Resolved to enter into contracts with these gentlemen at fees unchanged as well as the stations, with the exception of that in Tweedmouth which it was agreed to fix at the house of William Allison, Well Square, Tweedmouth, as it is convenient for both Tweedmouth and Spittal. Mr Allison to be paid for the use of his house.</p> <p>Common seal to be fixes to these vaccination contracts as well as the medical contracts entered into with Dr Davidson for the Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised to apply to the Justices for warrants to remove [William Fram] and Michael McDonald and Ann his wife, Workhouse inmates, to Ireland if the Medical Officer of the Workhouse certifies that they are permanently disabled and may safely be removed to Ireland.</p>	
Item	GBR 50213-222.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 April 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; John Watt; John Marshall; [William Allan?]; John Brown (Gainslaw); Adam Darling; David Tait; George Brown; Alexander Smith junior; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; Robert Towerson; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Henderson; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; James W Smith [James White Smith]; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Resolved that Adam Darling take the chair until a chairman be duly elected for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Election of Guardians: Ancroft: George Bone, Cheswick Buildings, farmer; David Tait, Windmill Hill, farmer; James White, Ancroft, farrier. Berwick: Alexander Smith; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; Robert Brown; John Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Andrew Mitchell. Cornhill: William Smith, Melkington House, landed proprietor and farmer; Duddo: Thomas Friar, Grindon Ridge, gentleman. Felkington: Adam Darling, Governor's House, Berwick, merchant. Grindon: James Richardson Black. Holy</p>	17 April 1871

			<p>Island: Andrew Thompson, Bewick, ironmonger and farmer. Horncliffe: John Brown, Horncliffe, farmer. Kylee: James Hogg, Buckton, farmer; David Hume, Berrington, farmer. Loanend: John Dunbar, Bankhead, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: William Allan, Newburn, Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden, Shoreswood, farmer. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: John Marshall, Tweedmouth, farmer; John Watt, Spittal Hall, farmer; Robert Towerson, Tweedmouth, farmer; Charles Tennant, Tweedmouth, tobacco and pipe manufacturer. Twizel: John Tait junior, Reffington, farmer.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of John Henderson, seconded by Alexander Smith junior, that Andrew Thompson be appointed chairman for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Alexander Smith junior appointed one of the vice-chairmen and Adam Darling appointed the other vice-chairman for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Committees appointed for the ensuing year: Assessment Committee: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith junior; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; James Hogg; John Henderson; James R Black; David Tait. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Watson Askew. Workhouse and Finance Committee: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; Alexander Smith junior; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; Rev Thomas Proctor; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; Thomas Sanderson; Charles Tennant; George Bone; David Tait. Nuisance Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; James R Black; George R Lumsden; James W Smith; Thomas Friar; George Bone; Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Crossman. Lunatic Asylum Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; Matthew Young.</p> <p>The hour of meeting of the Guardians' changed from 12 to 2 o'clock.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	
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			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crowby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for which the following officers are entitled were ordered to be paid to: John Crosby (relieving officer, collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer to February 6, the day of his suspension); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries also to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>The Clerk, E Willoby [Edward Willoby], to be paid for his trouble and expenses in conducting the election of Guardians for the present year and his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee during the past year this having been sanctioned by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Wood (baker); James Russell (draper); Robert Rutherford (draper); Thomas Turner (grocer); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James Grey (wine merchant); James Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Bugue & Inglis (drapers); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); John Mitchell (hosier); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Veitch (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatics account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 27 pauper lunatics, the like of three others for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Dr C Brown (two certificates of lunacy).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); M J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p>	
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			<p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry J Williams (Ancroft); John Gilchrist (Norham Mains).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: James Grey (wine merchant); W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>Letter from Allan Jamieson with his account for medical attendance on the sick paupers in the Tweedmouth District. He refers to a similar case 19 years ago under circumstances similar to this during a temporary vacancy of medical officer. The rates adopted were allowed by the Berwick Dispensary for country visits. The Clerk produced the account referred to. Resolved that the sanction of the Poor Law Board be requested to pay Dr Jamieson the amount of his account.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Ellen Docherty, 17, of Crawford's Alley, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Taylor, 31, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Allan, of Ancroft Moor, suffering from phthisis, incurable, quite unable to attend any duties; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment and salary of Dr Davidson as Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove Mary Mencke and child to Scotland, they being now chargeable to and removable from this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk ordered to write to Dr Davidson and inform him that the Guardians are</p>	
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			going through the relief cases arising in his medical district, and have observed that the attendance upon and orders given for sick paupers are chiefly made by his Deputy, and that the entries made by his Deputy are not in proper form, being in black ink instead of red. Dr Davidson to be given copy of articles 200 and 206 of the Consolidated Order, and he should be told that sick paupers in his district should receive his personal attendance, and that when that is not the case, for the reasons given in the 200 th article, the entries in the District Medical Relief Book, should be made in red ink as required by law.	
Item	GBR 50/223-238.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 May 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; David Tait; William Allan; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; George Bone; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; David Hume; John Brown; Adam Darling; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] the Guardians appointed his son and partner, William Willoby to act as his substitute at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presents and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Cairns (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of James W Knox, due 22 April).</p>	1 May 1871

			<p>Fees for education of pauper children in the past half year – quarterly account:</p> <p>Berwick Boys' National School 30 children</p> <p>Berwick Girls' National School 29 -</p> <p>Berwick Infant National School 17 -</p> <p>St Mary's National School 10 -</p> <p>Berwick Boys' British School 9 -</p> <p>Berwick Girls' British School 19 -</p> <p>Berwick Infant British School 3 -</p> <p>St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic School 12 -</p> <p>Tweedmouth Boys' National School 11 -</p> <p>Tweedmouth Girls' National School 11 -</p> <p>Tweedmouth Presbyterian National School 10 -</p> <p>Spittal British School 27 -</p> <p>Half-yearly accounts:</p> <p>East Ord School 2 children</p> <p>Ancroft National School 5 -</p> <p>Ancroft Moor National School 2 -</p> <p>Cheswick School 5 -</p> <p>Cornhill National School 12 -</p> <p>Duddo School 6 -</p> <p>Fenwick School 1 child</p> <p>Holy Island School 3 children</p> <p>Norham Boys' School 6 -</p> <p>Norham Girls' School 4 -</p> <p>Scremerston National School 11 -</p> <p>Shoreswood School 4 -</p> <p>Horncliffe British School 3 -</p> <p>Thornton School 2 -</p> <p>Extra medical fees: W A Jamieson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: James Marshall & others (annual allowance for use of room as vaccination station).</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Taylor, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hutson, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; James Cummings, of Weatherly Square, suffering from injury to leg, prescribed necessaries; James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft; Berwick; Kyloe and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the Guardians a supplemental valuation list for the Parish of Berwick as well as letters from the Poor Law Board approving the vaccination contracts entered into with Drs Davidson and Hunter, and a letter from Mr Gray, architect, stating that the alteration in the Workhouse will be completed in a few days after which he will prepare a rep-ort and statement for the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that, on visiting the Workhouse, their attention had been drawn to cases of dampness on the outer wall in various wards. They recommended that the walls should be stoothed. An estimate was made and the recommendation of the Committee was accepted.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised and directed to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove David M Blackhall and his wife to Scotland, and also for an order to remove Jane Rutherford to the Belford Union, these paupers being now respectively chargeable to this Union and removable therefrom.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/229-234.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 May 1871.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; Charles Tennant; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; David Hume; Robert Towerson; Robert Cairns; John Watt; John Brown; David Tait; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe.	15 May 1871

			<p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Bach (ironmonger); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); R R Thompson (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Out –relief account: Guardians of Morpeth Union (relief advanced to Mary Rutter under suspended order up to 25 May 1871).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>General account: Abraham Rutherford (removing Scotch and Irish paupers); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses incurred enquiring into settlement of Jane Rutherford); Gibson F Steven (advertising).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Poor Law Board offer no objection to the payment of Dr Jamieson’s account for attendance on sick paupers in the Tweedmouth District. Amount ordered to be paid.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay the sum to the Treasurer of the said county on or before 22 May instant, it being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a general county rate. Amount ordered to be paid and charged against the parishes of this Union.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: James Cummings, of Weatherly Square, suffering from injury to leg, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jane Hutson, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Andrew Flood, of Pakes Hole, suffering from cough etc, prescribed cod liver oil; Simon Johnson, 36, foundry-man, of Spittal, suffering from sickness. He has been suffering from disease of spine but he is much relieved and will be able to go to his work this week. He has been quite unable to attend to his usual work ever since I first visited him, prescribed beef, cod liver oil and corn flower; David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from phthisis, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Davidson [Thomas Davidson] and Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were produced from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Holy Island; Norham; Norham Mains.</p> <p>Dr Davidson's deputy, Dr Campbell, had left town and he was therefore directed to name another gentleman to act as his deputy.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/235-243.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 May 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; George Bone; Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Dunbar; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of</p>	29 May 1871

			<p>Workhouse garden); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Blakey and others (sundries for garden and pigs); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); Robert Walker (Islandshire Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District); Robert Walker (Islandshire District); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (1 year's rent of Register office).</p> <p>General account: Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).</p> <p>Parish of Holy Island: David Fender (providing and fitting up new public pump); Allan Tyler (taking old pump etc to pieces); Henry Patterson (conveying pump to Berwick and new pump to Holy Island).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Andrew Flood, of Shoregate, "is still unable to follow his employment"; William Smith, 59, pitman, of Norham, suffering from miner's asthma and diarrhoea, "completely disabled from work"; Andrew Flood, of Shoregate, suffering from sickness, prescribed a pint of cod liver oil; James Cummins, of Weatherly Square, suffering from injury to leg, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Cowan, 51, of Grieve's Stead, suffering from debility, nothing prescribed; Elizabeth Taylor, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jane Shepherd, 56, of Norham, suffering from debility, nothing prescribed; George Johnson, 46, of Twizel Tollgate, suffering from disease of heart and liver and dropsy, "entirely and requiring to be taped from the dropsy every four weeks"; Mrs Fell [Margaret Fell], of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Brady, of High Street, suffering from sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries.</p>	
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		<p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Dr Davidson named Dr Hunter [Thomas Hunter], of Lowick, as his Deputy for the Tweedmouth District. He also expressed his willingness to give the Relieving Officers authority in his absence, and at his expense, to employ any medical gentleman they think fit. The latter arrangement was approved of, and the Relieving Officers were directed to report to the Guardians the result of such arrangements.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a notice from the Clerk to the Glendale Union of a proposal by those Guardians to bind a poor boy, named William Potchin, apprentice to Joseph F Strother, saddler, Norham. Based on a report from Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, this was accepted.</p> <p>Letter produced from W J Gray, architect, reporting that the contracts for the alteration upon the Workhouse are now completed in terms of plans and specifications. The contractors' final accounts certified by Mr Gray were produced and examined: John Russel, builder; Joseph Weatherston, slater and plasterer; R Nicholson & Son, plumber etc; James Henderson, carpenter. The committee, after inspecting the buildings, recommended to the Guardians that the total amount of the several accounts should, with the sanction of the Poor Law Board, be paid to the several contractors.</p> <p>Report from Mr Gray regarding the completion of the alterations of the Workhouse. Resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee and request the sanction of the Poor Law Board, as well as their approval of the numbers and classes of inmates proposed to be allotted to each ward.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk inform the authorities of the County Asylum about the completion of the lunatic ward at the Workhouse, and request what notice will be required before the Guardians can remove any lunatics now maintained in the County Asylum.</p> <p>At the next meeting the Guardians to consider what additional officers it will be necessary to appoint to take care of the lunatic wards, and the salaries for such</p>	
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			<p>offices.</p> <p>Circular produced from the Secretary of the London Jewish Workhouse requesting to be informed of names of all Jewish paupers who from time to time may be received into this Union so that steps may be taken to remove them therefrom if necessary.</p> <p>Communication from Dr Maclagan on behalf of the Committee of the Union Coast Mission requesting leave from the Guardians to erect a building to be used as "mission premises" on the east end of the garden occupied by the Guardians in the Greenses. The Clerk to inform Dr Maclagan that they have no objection to this if the Committee, upon applying to the Corporation, can obtain a building lease on the usual terms.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/244-250.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 June 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Dunbar; David Hume; George Bone; Alexander Smith; Robert Brown; James Hogg; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; John Marshall; John Henderson; David Tait; William Cleghorn; John Brown (Horncliffe); William Allan; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Thomas G Turner (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p>	12 June 1871

			<p>Cheque for amount of instalment and interest on a loan from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for him to transmit the amount to his London agents to be paid to the Commissioners.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the said county on or before the 8 January instant, the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a Local Police Rate. Ordered to be paid and charged against the parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Andrew Flood, of Shore Gate, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and 1 pint of cod liver oil. (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil and necessaries (2 identical entries); James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil; David Purvis, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter [Thomas Hunter]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates from the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Copies of substituted and supplemental valuation lists recorded fro the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe and Norham.</p> <p>Considerations of removal of lunatics from the County Asylum to the Workhouse postponed due to the absence of any communication from the Poor Law Board regarding this matter.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for supplying the poor with bread, meat etc will expire on 24 instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
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			<p>Meetings for the annual examination of the paupers residing in the Norham and Islandshire District to be held as follows: Tuesday 20 instant at the Cat Inn, Cheswick at 11 o'clock, and at the Plough Inn, Beal, at 2 o'clock. On Wednesday 21 instant at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill, at half past nine, at the Victoria Inn, Norham, at 12 o'clock, and at the Fishers' Arms, Horncliffe, at 2 o'clock.</p> <p>The annual kettle of the Guardians and their officers and friends to be held at Heugh Shield at 3 o'clock.</p> <p>Application received from the Alnwick Union requesting the Guardians to accept the chargeability, without an order, of George Laidler and his wife, and of James Turnbull and wife, who were respectively alleged to have gained settlement by hiring and service in this Union. Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], had made enquiries but not obtained evidence to corroborate the allegations made by the Alnwick Union, and as it also appeared that in these allegations it had been overlooked that the last settlements were most probably gained in the years in which the parties were married, and not in the preceding years to which alone reference is made. The Guardians declined to accept the paupers.</p> <p>Letter from William Dickson, of Alnwick, stating that Samuel Adams was found wandering in this Union, and was brought to Alnwick on a charge of taking away a horse and that the charge could not be gone into as he was insane, and he has now been sent to the Asylum at the charge of this Union. Also enclosed an order by a county Justice, directing the Guardians of this Union to pay for expenses attending the examination of the alleged lunatic and his removal to an asylum. The Guardians were informed that Samuel Adams was brought from Scremerston to the Workhouse on Sunday 14 May suffering from an injury to his leg alleged to have been caused by a fall. He was dressed in the Alnwick Union Workhouse clothing and had shortly before absconded from that workhouse. On Monday 15 May, being the day of the meeting of the Guardians, a police officer came to the Workhouse, apprehended Adams on a charge of felony and took him away to Alnwick, thus affording the Guardians of this Union no time or opportunity of communicating to the Guardians of the Alnwick Union that one of their paupers was in this Workhouse, nor of ascertaining whether Adams was then of unsound mind or wit,</p>	
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			Resolved that under these circumstances steps should be taken to object to, and if necessary appeal against the order of the Justice, and that the Clerk in the meantime notify the Guardians' objection to the chargeability of this lunatic to Mr Dickson and to the Superintendent of the County Asylum, and also write to the Guardians of the Alnwick Union and point out to them that in the opinion of this meeting this alleged lunatic is a charge upon their union having been an inmate of their Workhouse within the week prior to the 14 May and a resident in their union for nine days prior to his being examined and an order being signed for his removal to an asylum.	
Item	GBR 50/251-257.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 June 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Robert Brown; Robert Cairns; Charles Tennant; John Dunbar; Thomas Sanderson; George Bone; Robert Towerson; David Hume; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Marshall; David Tait; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; 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 the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); W G Carr & Son (druggists); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Deaf & Dumb Institution, Newcastle upon Tyne (1/2 year's maintenance and education of William Purves).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (removing two pauper lunatics to North County Asylum).</p>	26 June 1871

		<p>General account: Local Board of Health (district rates on Workhouse; Parish of Berwick (poor rates on Workhouse); Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Midsummer last ordered to be paid to Agnes McLeod (matron of Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (porter at Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the payment of the balance due to the architect and the respective contractors for the alterations in the Workhouse wards. Payment ordered to William J Gray, architect; John Russel, mason; Joseph Weatherston, slater and plasterer; R Nicholson & Son, plumber and glaziers; James Henderson, carpenter.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; James C Mc Donald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Andrew Flood, of Shore Gate, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter [Thomas Hunter]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Union with bread, meat etc during the current quarter from: James Smith – rounds and flanks of beef, houghs of beef, legs of mutton. Elias Pearson – in-door fine bread; in-door second bread, out-door second bread; out-door flour, out-door oatmeal. Tenders accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The vaccination officers submitted their report of cases remaining un-vaccinated. The reports were considered satisfactory and did not require further proceedings to be</p>	
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			<p>taken.</p> <p>The clerk reported that there was still no communication from the Poor Law Board regarding removal of lunatic paupers from the County Asylum to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Report regarding the annual meetings for the examination and inspection of the persons in receipt of relief from this Union and residing in the country districts. Islandshire District, Tuesday 20 June 1871 at the Cat Inn, Cheswick. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James Hogg; George Bone. 30 cases were investigated, representing 53 poor persons.</p> <p>At the Plough Inn, Beal. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Andrew Thompson; James Hogg; David Hume; David Tait; George Bone. 11 cases were investigated, representing 12 poor persons.</p> <p>Norhamshire District, Wednesday 21 June 1871, at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Andrew Thompson; William Cleghorn; also present Dr M J Turnbull. Eight cases were investigated, representing 15 poor persons.</p> <p>At the Victoria Inn, Norham. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Andrew Thompson; George R Lumsden; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn; William Allan; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; also present Dr Paxton. 49 cases were investigated, representing 76 poor persons.</p> <p>At the Fishers' Arms, Horncliffe. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Andrew Thompson; William Allan; John Brown; George R Lumsden; John Brown, Horncliffe. 22 cases were investigated, representing 29 poor persons.</p> <p>Total number investigated 120, representing 186 poor people. Compared to last year it shows a decrease of 17 cases and 27 poor persons. Recommendations for alterations were made in 15 cases.</p> <p>The meetings for the annual examination of the paupers residing in the Berwick District to be held as follows: Parish of Berwick, on Monday 3 July at the Board Room, Workhouse, at 10 o'clock.</p> <p>Parish of Tweedmouth, on Tuesday 4 July at Tweedmouth Church Vestry, at 11 o'clock, and at Spittal Chapel Vestry at 3 o'clock.</p>	
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			<p>Notice from the County Asylum of the death of a Berwick patient Robert Peffers, and also the Auditor's annual report upon the state of the officers bonds.</p> <p>The Matron of the Workhouse requested permission to have her daughter, aged 11, to stay with her for about six weeks. Permission granted.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/258-266.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 July 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Roberts Brown; John Watt; John Brown, Horncliffe; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Matthew Young; George Bone; Robert Towerson; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; William Allan; John Tait; David Tait; Thomas Friar; John Marshall; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; 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>Salaries for which the following officers were entitled were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer, collector to Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); Thomas Hunter (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew James Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Midsummer last ordered to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert S Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); William Weatherston (plasterer); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); Berwick and</p>	10 July 1871

		<p>Tweedmouth Gas Light Co; John White (carpenter); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); Local Board of Health and others (rates & sundries for garden); Mark Graham (mason); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr & Son (chemists).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 28 pauper lunatics, the like of 31 others for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Robert C Fluker (certifying to lunacy of James Forsyth); William A Jamieson (certifying lunacy of Eleanor Drummond).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); M J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: John Crosby (one year's salary as vaccination officer to 24 June); Joseph Scott (one year's salary as vaccination officer to 24 June); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); M J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District); Thomas Hunter (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry T Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe).</p> <p>General account: E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (justices clerk fees, and ¼ year's postages and sundry payments); T H Mitchell (removing pauper to Belford).</p> <p>Out-relief account: School fees for ¼ year ending 30 June 1871: Boys' National School, Berwick. Girls' National School, Berwick. Infant National School, Berwick. St Mary's National School, Berwick. Boys' British School, Berwick. Girls' British School, Berwick. St Cuthbert's Catholic School, Berwick. Boys' National School, Tweedmouth.</p>	
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			<p>Girls' National School, Tweedmouth. English Presbyterian School, Tweedmouth. British School, Spittal. Private School, East Ord.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: William Skelly, of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and $\frac{1}{4}$ of arrowroot and 1 bottle of port wine (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; David Purvis, of Castlegate, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Thomas Whittaker, 48, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthma, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil. If any more is wanted he will appear before the Guardians.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyoel and Tweedmouth received as well as supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Loanend and Twizel.</p> <p>The Clerk had a reply from the Poor Law Board respecting the appropriation of the wards of the Workhouse and he produced a reply saying that the Poor Law Inspector will confer with the Guardians regarding this.</p> <p>Letter from the Guardians of the Alnwick Union forwarding a resolution passed by them regarding Samuel Adams, an alleged lunatic. The justices had decided that the chargeability of this pauper is upon this Union, and the Guardians of the Alnwick Union do not consider it their duty to question such decision. The Clerk explained that the Justices' decision was incorrect and that the Asylum authorities had not as yet made any demand on this Union in respect of this lunatic, and it was therefore deemed expedient to defer for the present to take further proceedings in this case.</p> <p>Letter of resignation received from Samuel Boak from the office of Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates for the township of Duddo on account of old age and infirmity.</p>	
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			<p>The annual meeting for the examination and inspection of the poor persons in receipt of relief from this Union, and residing in the Parish of Berwick was held at the Board Room on Monday last, 3 July. Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Alexander Smith; Robert Brown; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young. Also present: Dr Fluker. 216 cases were investigated, representing 355 poor persons, 52 of whom were unable to appear before the Committee.</p> <p>The annual meetings for the like purpose in respect of the poor persons residing in the Parish of Tweedmouth were held on Tuesday last, 4 July at Tweedmouth Church Vestry. Guardians present: Rev Thomas Proctor; Messrs Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; Robert Cairns; John Watt; John Marshall; Robert Towerson; David Tait; George Bone. Also present: Dr Davidson. 137 cases were investigated, representing 196 poor persons 41 of whom were unable to appear before the Committee.</p> <p>At Spittal Chapel Vestry. Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson; Andrew Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Cairns; John Watt; John Marshall. 60 cases were investigated representing 89 poor persons 13 of whom were unable to appear before the Committee.</p> <p>A total of 413 cases were investigated representing 640 poor persons, a decrease of 13 cases and 20 poor persons.</p> <p>The Guardians recommended an increase of relief in 12 cases, in nine others a reduction or total discontinuation of relief was suggested, and in four others the attention of the officers was drawn thereto as suitable cases for further enquiry.</p> <p>The Registrar for Norham presented return of cases of children registered by him, for whom he had not received certificates of vaccination. Referred back to him for further enquiry and report.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/267-273.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 July 1871.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; William Moor; John Watt; Robert Brown; John Brown, Gainslaw; Alexander Smith; George Bone; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; William Allan; John Marshall; Adam Darling; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; David Hume; David Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev	24 July 1871

			<p>John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Also present: Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Burn (shoemaker); Thomas Wilson (broker).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Thomas Hunter (Islandshire District).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians of this Union to pay to the Treasurer of the said county on or before 29 July instant, the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union, towards a General Police Rate. Amount ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes of the Union.</p> <p>Cheque given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, to pay the petty charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Patrick Brady, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of thumbs, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Anderson, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; William Skelly; of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of port wine, ¼ lb of arrowroot and 1 bottle of cod liver oil; David Purvis, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Joseph Welks</p>	
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		<p>Thompson, 54, fisherman, of Spittal, suffering from catarrh, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the townships of Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Letter from the Overseers of the township of Duddo stating that they do not desire a successor to Mr Boak [Samuel Boak], due to the limited number of ratepayers in the township.</p> <p>Report of the Superintendent of the County Asylum upon the state and condition of the lunatics maintained therein at the expense of this Union, also a return from the Registrar for Islandshire of the births of children registered by him, but of whom he had not received certificate of successful vaccination. Referred to Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Vaccination Officer for enquiring and report back.</p> <p>Notice from the County Asylum of the death of Jane Jackson, one of the pauper lunatics chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>Application from the Rothbury Union requesting the Guardians to accept the chargeability of Daniel Knox, 63, a native of Berwick, and frequently an inmate of Berwick Workhouse. The Guardians consent under their common seal to receive him without an order of removal.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted two orders of removal together with notices of chargeability and grounds of removal received from the Alwick Union adjudging the last legal settlement of George Laidler and wife, and James Turnbull and wife, to be within this Union. Mr Scott's enquiry was as yet not complete.</p> <p>A copy of the Local Government Board Bill and a circular from Mr F Wm Knight, M.P., received by the Chairman. The Guardians had no objections to offer to the bill in question.</p> <p>The Poor Law Inspector informed the meeting that he had inspected the wards of the</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse and found the accommodation afforded by them to the Poor Law Board, and he expected that they would sanction the respective numbers to be allotted to each ward, and he expressed his satisfaction with the new lunatic wards.</p> <p>Referred to the Workhouse Committee to report on the salaries and other remunerations to be given to the officers to be appointed to take charge of the lunatic wards.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/274-281.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 August 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; George Bone; David Tait; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; John Watt; William Allan; James Hogg; Matthew Young; John Brown, Gainslaw; John Brown, Horncliffe; Thomas Sanderson; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Trustee of George Bach (ironmonger); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Joseph Scott (removing lunatic to County Asylum).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Patrick Brady, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of thumbs, prescribed necessaries; Matthew Schnell, of Church Street, suffering from chronic bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; William Skelly, of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness,</p>	7 Aug. 1871

			<p>prescribed 1 bottle of port wine, ¼ lb arrowroot, 1 bottle of cod liver oil (2 identical entries); John O'Neil, of Weatherly Square, suffering from dropsy, prescribed 1 pint of English gin; Mary Burgon, of Greens, suffering from disability from old age, prescribed 1 bottle of port wine.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker; Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Report presented by the Workhouse Committee regarding to pay to be given to the male and female attendants for the new lunatic wards. The Committee had been informed that the present porter and his wife intended to apply for the positions. They were interviewed and given the positions. The Committee recommended the purchase of 18 new iron bedsteads for the new lunatic ward, 2 ft 9 in broad. Dr Brown to work out a diet for the lunatic wards. The Guardians thought that the beds should be no less than 6 ft 3 in by 3 ft, and 24 beds instead of 18 should be provided. The Clerk authorised to advertise for enders for supplying beds, six of which to be racked, and for 1 dozen of common kitchen chairs, 1 dozen of fenders and 4 sets of fire irons. Dietary table to be sent to the Poor Law for their sanction.</p> <p>The Chairman and Vice-chairman, Rev Thomas Proctor and Dr Brown appointed as a committee to visit the pauper lunatics of this Union now in the County Asylum.</p> <p>Letter received from the Secretary to the Boys' National School, Berwick, dated August 2, 1871, with an application for permission to buy a quarter of an acre of parish land, part of the portion of the Grangeburn Mill land, bordering on the highway and the crossroad leading to Baldersbury, for the purpose of erecting a school for children living in the neighbourhood, who being under ten years old are unable to get to any existing school, the nearest being two or three miles away. The school would be under Government and protected by the stringent conscience clause of the Elementary Education Act of 1870. The Town Council have signified their approval by granting permission to apply for a site upon their land. The Committee of the National</p>	
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			<p>School's objective is to promote the education of the poorer inhabitants of the Borough, thereby fitting them to become ratepayers rather than burdens upon the rates. The Committee appeal to the Guardians to assist them in their endeavour to benefit the parish by co-operating with the Churchwardens and Overseers etc, whose assent is confidently expected in selling them the land as a low a price as possible. Signed A B Gowan, Hon. Sec.</p> <p>Application to be considered at the next meeting. Copy of the letter to be sent to the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Berwick, requesting him to submit it to the Churchwardens and Overseers to take steps as they see fit.</p> <p>Mr Scott reported his enquiries into the alleged settlement of George Laidlaw and his wife in this Union. As it appeared that the couple was legally entitles to a settlement in this Union the Guardians resolved to appeal against this order of removal.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had not yet received from Mr Turner his return of children registered by him but for whom he had not yet received certificates of vaccination. The Clerk directed to apply to Mr Turner for these immediately.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/282-289.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 August 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; William Moor; John Marshall; Charles Tennant; Thomas Sanderson; George Bone; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; William Allan; James Hogg; David Tait; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker);</p>	21 Aug. 1871

		<p>Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewer); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Walker (carter); Andrew Middlemiss (carter); Thomas G Turner (grocer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees); Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees); Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Newcastle-upon-Tyne Blind Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance etc of James W Knox).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Patrick Bradey, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of thumbs, prescribed necessaries; Thomas White, mariner, 48, and wife Isabella, of Coxon's Lane, suffering from sickness and in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from debility and sickness, prescribed necessaries; James McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Thomas Shiel, 71, of Holy Island, suffering from bronchitis etc, prescribed 1½ lbs of mutton weekly for a month; Jane Hutson, of Greens, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson and Fluker.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Cornhill and Horncliffe.</p> <p>Tenders produced for supplying the new lunatic wards with 24 beds (six racked), one dozen chairs, one dozen fenders and four sets of fire-irons .Tenders received from John Cockburn and William Caverhill accepted.</p> <p>Communication from the Poor Law Board fixing the maximum number of inmates to</p>	
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			<p>be accommodated in the Workhouse at 180, distributed through the several dormitories, and also limiting the vagabond ward to a maximum accommodation of ten each as before. Copy of the communication given to the Master of the Workhouse who was directed to obtain estimates for numbering the doors of the several wards, and submit estimates to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Election of male and female attendants for the new lunatic wards to be made at the meeting on 18 September. Advertisements to be placed in the Berwick newspapers.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board regarding the cost of travelling and refreshments incurred by guardians was submitted, and it appeared that the appointment of the committee at the last meeting to visit the County Asylum was irregular for want of due notice. Resolved to proceed at the next meeting to make such appointment, and the Clerk was directed to send each Guardian notice as required by the order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Circular regarding a copy of the Local Government Act 1871, informing the Guardians that the Poor Law Board have ceased to exist and its powers have been transferred to the Local Government Board, which was established on 19 instant.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board requesting the opinion of the Guardians on a petition regarding suggested amendments in the acts for granting superannuation allowances to union officers. Resolved to take the same into consideration at the next meeting. The Clerk to send a copy of the circular to each Guardian.</p> <p>Half-yearly return received from the Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Berwick District of the names of children whose births had been registered, but in respect of whom he had not received certificates of successful vaccinations. Referred to Mr Crosby [John Crosby] as Vaccination Officer to enquire and report back.</p> <p>Proportionally large arrears due from the townships of Duddo and Twizel. The Clerk was directed to write those townships and request payment forthwith, and to inform them that if payments were not made promptly in the future the Guardians appoint paid collectors for these townships.</p>	
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			<p>Order of removal received together with notice of chargeability and grounds of removal from the Woolwich Union and directing the removal to this Union of Sarah Cumberledge, widow, and her five children. It is alleged that she is the widow of George Cumberledge, late sergeant in the Royal Artillery and that he was born in this Union. Mr Crosby's report on the case not being wholly satisfactory the Clerk was directed to apply for a copy of deposition on which the order was made.</p> <p>The Matron of the Workhouse granted one week's holiday.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick drew the attention of the Guardians to a letter in the Times on the subject of employment of children in Lancastershire aged 10 to 18 years of age at good wages. He wanted the Relieving Officers to find possible "candidates" in their respective districts. David Tait moved as an amendment that the Guardians do nothing, seconded by George Bone. The motion of the Vicar was not seconded and the Chairman declared the amendment not to be carried.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/290-298.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 September 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Thomas Friar; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; John Tait; William Allan; David Tait; Alexander Smith; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; George Bone; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; John Marshall; James Hogg; John Watt; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Allan Brothers (wood merchant); George Douglas</p>	4 Sept. 1871

		<p>(farmer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (removing lunatics to and from asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>General account: Edward B Sargent, Woolwich Union (fees for copy deposition).</p> <p>Account received by the Workhouse and Finance Committee from the County Asylum for the maintenance of Samuel Adams in the quarter ended 30 June last. Statement submitted to the Committee of the peculiar circumstances of the case, as far as known to the officer of this Union, and he expressed the opinion that under no circumstances would the lunatic become a permanent charge on the Union. The Committee resolved to recommend to the Guardians to pay the amount of the Asylum account and also the amount adjudges to be paid by the Union and by the County Magistrate for the expenses attending the apprehension, examination and conveyance of the lunatic to the County Asylum, the order for which was produces to the Guardians on the 12 June last. Ordered that the Committee's recommendation be adopted, and the sums paid accordingly, and that the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary enquiries to ascertain the lunatic's last legal settlement.</p> <p>Lunatic account: Northumberland County Asylum (William Dickson, amounts of order of Justices).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Patrick Brady, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of thumbs, prescribed necessaries; William Skelly, of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of port wine; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Andrew Crebbis, of Black Bull Yard, suffering from piles etc, prescribed necessaries; Robert Sommerville, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to fingers, prescribed necessaries; William Skelly, of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>The Chairman, one of the Vice-chairmen and Rev Thomas Proctor appointed a deputation to visit the Northumberland County Asylum and inspect the lunatics maintained therein at the expense of this Union. Dr Brown, Medical Officer of the Workhouse was requested to accompany the deputation to advise them and report their proceedings to the Guardians.</p> <p>The Guardians took into consideration the terms of the petition addressed to the Poor Law Board by the Poor Law Officers of England and Wales, suggesting various attractions in the law for granting superannuation allowances to poor law officers.</p> <p>Motion proposed by David Tait – that all public officers ought to be fairly remunerated for their services. That they do not see anything especially dangerous in the nature of their duties they are called upon to perform. While acknowledging the expediency of every one, so far as they can, making some provision for old age, they do not see that officers of unions are placed in a more uncomfortable position for doing so by their own providence than any other class of their community. If the petition is granted it will be inflicting an injustice upon the rate payers and prove demoralising to the officers themselves.</p> <p>Rev Thomas Proctor submitted an amendment: The Guardians object to transferring the granting of superannuation allowances from the local board to the Poor Law Board. They think that a local board is best able to judge the claims of their own officers. They think that allowances should be granted only to officers who have devoted the whole of their time to the duties of their office. The law as it stands now affords every requisite facility for making provision for superannuation allowances to deserving officers.</p> <p>A vote was taken: For the amendment: Rev Thomas Proctor.</p>	
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			<p>The Chairman. Rev John G Rowe. Alexander Smith. Robert Cairns. Charles Tennant. Adam Darling. Thomas Friar. Total 8</p> <p>For the motion: David Tait. George Bone. Robert Brown. Adam Mitchell. John Tait junior. John Marshall. William Allan. James Hogg. Matthew Young. William Cleghorn. John Watt. Total 11.</p> <p>Mr Tait's motion was declared to be carried. The Clerk directed to forward the same to the Local Government Board as forming the observations of the Guardians on this subject.</p> <p>Application from the National School Trustees to purchase a piece of the parish land at Grangeburn Mill for a school site.</p> <p>Letter from the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Berwick [John Thompson] regarding a meeting the Overseers and Churchwardens had held with the rate payers, where it was unanimously agreed to grant the application of the Trustees of the National School. They agreed on a price of £25 clear of all expenses in conveyance.</p>	
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			<p>Alexander Smith moved that the application be granted. Robert Brown as an amendment that the application be not granted.</p> <p>A vote was taken: For the amendment: Robert Brown George Bone. John Watt. David Tait. Robert Cairns. Andrew Mitchell. William Allan. Matthew Young. For the motion:</p> <p>Alexander Smith. The Chairman. Adam Darling. Thomas Friar. James Hogg. William Cleghorn. Charles Tennant. John Tait junior. John Marshall. Rev Thomas Proctor. Rev John G Rowe.</p> <p>The motion was carried, and the application was granted on condition that they make the necessary arrangements with the lessee. The Clerk directed to forward copies of the proceeding of the Guardians on this matter to the Local Government Board and request their approval.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the copies of the deposition upon which the order was made and directing the removal from Woolwich Union to this Union of Sarah Cumberledge and family. He was directed to obtain some additional information from a relative of the pauper's deceased husband, residing in Newcastle.</p>	
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			<p>Notice from the County Asylum of the death of Elizabeth Burgeon, one of the lunatics chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>Mr Crosby [John Crosby], Vaccination Officer, reported the result of his inquiries into the cases returned by the Registrar at the last meeting. Referred to Mr Crosby for further inquiries.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/299-305.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 September 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Dunbar; Andrew Mitchell; David Hume; Charles Tennant; Matthew Yong; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; John Tait; Robert Brown; George Bone; John Watt; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence through illness of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] the Guardians assented to his son and partner William Willoby acting for him at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Renton (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); James Henderson (carpenter); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); James Unthank (tailor); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr & Son (druggists); John Davidson (druggist); William Richardson (grocer).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the said county, on or before 19 September the sum being the amount charged and assesses</p>	8 Sept. 1871

		<p>upon the parishes of this Union towards a general county rate. Ordered that the amount be paid and charged against the parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Hamilton, of Woolmarket, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed a pot of brandy; Ann Renwick, of Golden Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Ann Cook, agricultural labourer, of Goswick, suffering from typhoid fever, prescribed ½ bottle of port wine for one week.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker and Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Election of male and female attendants for the new lunatic wards. Applications received from Abram Rutherford and his wife Ann Rutherford. Both were appointed subject to the approval of the Local Government Board and the authorities of the County Asylum. Abram Rutherford to retain his office of Porter of the Workhouse, and the parties elected to be subject to be dismissed by the Guardians as being officers of the classes named in the article 188 of the General Consolidated Order.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board regarding the dietary the Guardians propose to adopt for lunatic inmates of the Workhouse. They say that it is now the usual practice in workhouses to have a dietary for the old and infirm inmates different from that for the able-bodied. The Guardians are requested to make a dietary in accordance with this practice. Blank form enclosed for this purpose. To be referred to the Workhouse Committee, with the assistance of the Medical Officer and Master of the Workhouse to prepare a dietary for the several classes of workhouse inmates in the form desired by the Local Government Board, and also a suitable table of rations to be worked out for the use of the lunatic attendants.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board regarding the proposed sale of a portion of the land belonging to the Parish of Berwick at Grangeburn Mill. They want to know what amount of compensation would be required by the tenant, and by whom or from what source it is proposed it would be paid. The Clerk directed to tell the Local Government Board that the purchasers, the National School, should compensate the tenant.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk reported about his inquiries into the settlement of Sarah Cumberledge and her family. Decided not to appeal against the order for the removal from the Woolwich Union.</p> <p>The Guardians approved of Thomas Eggleston, now in the Workhouse, entering into the service of Mr Turnbull, fishmonger, Selkirk. Master of the Workhouse authorised to provide an outfit.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the existing contracts for supplying the poor with provisions and clothing will expire 30 instant. The Workhouse Committee authorised to advertise for and select tenders for supplying these articles.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/306-317.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 October 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchel; John Dunbar; Robert Towerson; George Bone; William Allan; Alexander Smith; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Watt; David Hume; Matthew Young; John Brown; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence, through illness, of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby], the Guardians assented to his son and partner William Willoby acting for him at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas last to be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron of workhouse); Abram Rutherford (porter of Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>Cheque given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchel] (master of the Workhouse) to</p>	2 Oct. 1871

			<p>pay the petty charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Cockburn (carpenter); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Cola Co; John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); James Elliott & others (sundries for garden and pigs); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); John White (carpenter); William Caverhill (ironmonger); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); George Gilchrist (painter); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Wilson (broker); Robert Cockburn (blacksmith); Thomas Huntley (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Andrew Thompson (expenses of deputation visiting County Asylum and examining lunatics therein).</p> <p>General account: Alexander Paton (printer); Knight & Co (books and forms); T & R Thompson (fire insurance premium); George Macaskie (advertising); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); G & F Steven (advertising); Henry Plenderleith (stationer); E Willoby (1/4 year's postages and sundries payments); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postages etc); John Crosby (1/2 year's postages etc).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from phthisis, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Mabel Schoefeld, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Alexander Shiel, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee's tender for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, clothing etc and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc accepted.</p>	
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			<p>Tender for the making of 12 suits of clothes for the male inmates of the Workhouse from James Turnbull was accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted amended draft dietary tables for the several classes of inmates maintained in the Workhouse prepared by the Medical Officer and Master of the Workhouse. Table to be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Local Government Board pursuant to the General Dietary Order of the Poor Law Board dated 16 February 1848.</p> <p>Also resolved that the rations allowed to the Workhouse Porter and Nurse be increased, and the lunatic attendants be allowed the same rations.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment and salaries of Abram Rutherford and Ann his wife as male and female attendants of the inmates of the new lunatic ward.</p> <p>Report from the Medical Officer of the Workhouse [Colville Brown] regarding the committee's visit to the County Asylum too examine the inmates belonging to this Union. There are 30 – 12 males and 18 females – who all appear clean and well cared for. The ones thought suitable for the new lunatic ward at the Workhouse were first inspected. Agreed to recommend to remove eight viz – James Swinney; John Octon; James Finharty; William Bertram; Isabella Mace; Isabella Lough; Jane Smith and Margaret Moor. Also agreed to recommend that the other 22 patients remain, as they are either hopeful and recent or excitable cases. The Physician Superintendent had visited the Workhouse and he expressed himself so well satisfied with the arrangements made that he recommends the visiting justices to allow the removal of more cases than those mentioned above. Signed Colville Brown.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the expediency of exercising the powers conferred upon them by the 4th section of the Pauper Inmates Discharge and Regulations Act 1871, and resolved that Paupers of the classes 3, 4, 9 and 10, maintained in the Workhouse, shall be detained in the Workhouse after giving notice to quit it, for times mentioned in the said section, that is to say:</p>	
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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the pauper has not previously discharged himself from the Workhouse within one month before giving notice, 24 hours. 2. If he has discharged himself once or oftener within such month, 48 hours. 3. If he has discharged himself more than twice within two months before giving notice, 72 hours. <p>The Master of the Workhouse to be supplied with a copy of the new act and of the resolution made by the Guardians.</p> <p>Application from the Belford Union requesting the Guardians to accept, without an order, of the chargeability of Isabella Swan and her family. She is allegedly the lawful widow of William Swan who was born in and belongs to this Union. Referred to Mr Scott [Joseph Scott].</p> <p>Notice from James Radford of his intention to audit the accounts of this Union.</p> <p>John authorised and directed in the event of Mary Mencke and child being chargeable to this Union, to take proceedings before the Justices against her for wilfully making herself chargeable to this Union after having been legally removed therefrom, and also to take proceedings against William Davidson, late of Berwick, seaman, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family who have now become chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised and directed to apply to the Justices to remove to their respective places of legal settlement the following paupers now chargeable to this Union and removable therefrom: [Margaret Cowman], widow and her two children; Ann Miller, widow and her three children and John Gregg, his wife and five children.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/318-323.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 October 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; Robert Brown; George Bone; Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; John Marshall; David Tait; Alexander Smith; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andres Thompson.</p>	16 Oct. 1871

			<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for quarter ended Michaelmas last ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer, collector to Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); Thomas Hunter (medical officer); M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas last also to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Lunatic account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 28 pauper lunatics, the like of five other for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Colville Brown (fee for accompanying deputation to County Asylum); Robert C Fluker (medical certificate in the case of Eleanor J Drummond); Thomas Davidson (medical certificate in the case of Mary Wood).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); M J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District); Thomas Hunter (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District).</p>	
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			<p>Collectors' poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kylee); John Husband (Berwick); John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains); James Paxton (Horncliffe).</p> <p>General account: Andrew Ronaldson (police expenses attending apprehension of David Glasgow).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Calder, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; [Mary McIlvey], of Chapel Street, suffering from ophthalmia. This woman cannot see to sew at present. Nothing prescribed; Joseph Malcolm, fishmonger and labourer, of Norham, suffering from chronic inflammation of hip joint, wholly disabled, and likely to be for a considerable time, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter and Turnbull.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Holy Island, Horncliffe, Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board regarding new dietary for the Workhouse inmates. The Board had deemed it necessary to cause certain modifications in some parts of it with a view of bringing it more into conformity with the printed suggestions issued by the Poor Law Board some time ago.</p> <p>Common seal to be affixed to the contracts for supplying the in-door and out-door poor with bread and meat during the current quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/324-332.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 October 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; David Tait; George Bone; John Marshall; John Brown; Robert Towerson; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Thomas Sanderson; Charles Tennant; David Hume; William Moor; William Allan; Robert Brown; Matthew Young, Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	30 Oct. 1871

		<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Grahame (meal seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Mitchell (draper); James Russel (draper); John Davidson (grocer); Robert Rutherford (draper); G and I Young (draper); James Smith (butcher); Bogue & Inglis (drapers); William Alder (wine merchant); Elias Pearson (baker); E & W Paxton (drapers); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); John Blakey (beer seller); James Renton (farmer); Alexander J Gillie (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr & Son (druggists).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District, registration fees).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Thomas Hunter (Islandshire District); Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: William Alder (wine merchant).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of James W Knox, due on 22 instant).</p> <p>School fees for the quarter ended 29 September:</p> <table data-bbox="786 1018 1585 1327"> <tr> <td>Berwick Boys' National School</td> <td>32 children.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Girls' National School</td> <td>19 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Infant National School</td> <td>11 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick St Mary's National School</td> <td>8 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Boys' British School</td> <td>7 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Girls' British School</td> <td>17 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berwick Infant British School</td> <td>3 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic School</td> <td>11 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tweedmouth Boys' National School</td> <td>9 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tweedmouth Girls' National School</td> <td>13 -</td> </tr> </table>	Berwick Boys' National School	32 children.	Berwick Girls' National School	19 -	Berwick Infant National School	11 -	Berwick St Mary's National School	8 -	Berwick Boys' British School	7 -	Berwick Girls' British School	17 -	Berwick Infant British School	3 -	St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic School	11 -	Tweedmouth Boys' National School	9 -	Tweedmouth Girls' National School	13 -	
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			<p>Letter from the Clerk to the County Asylum stating that the six patients belonging to the Berwick Union – James Swinhoe; John Octon; James Finharty; Isabella Lough; Jane Smith and Margaret Moor – have been discharged for the purpose of removal to the Asylum at Berwick. The other two patients may be discharged at any subsequent meeting. The six patients mentioned above will all require clothing.</p> <p>The lunatic wards at the Workhouse were now furnished and ready for use. However, before removing the lunatics, it was necessary to obtain the forms of books specified in the schedule of the Lunatic Act of 1853 to enable the sixth condition of the Lunacy Commissioners viz the keeping of medical and other registers. When this is in place Mr Crosby [John Crosby] will go to Morpeth to remove the six patients to the Berwick Asylum.</p> <p>Resolved to elect a porter of the Workhouse at the next meeting to fill the place of Abraham Rutherford, who has been appointed as Male Lunatic attendant. The appointment as porter to be advertised twice in the local newspapers, and three times in the Scotsman and in the Newcastle Daily Chronicle.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of The Vaccination Act, 1871, and a request to be informed of the particulars of the appointments of vaccination officers in this Union. The Clerk directed to supply the required information, and to intimate that it is better to defer the reconsideration of the remuneration given to such officers until they have had some experience of the amount of duty to be performed under the new act.</p> <p>Thomas Hunter, the Medical Officer for the District of Islandshire, had moved from Lowick to Belford. Resolved that Thomas Hunter be requested to attend the next meeting of the Guardians to explain what may be required relative to the performance by him of the duties of his office.</p> <p>Rev John G Rowe, Vicar of Berwick, gave notice that he shall draw the attention of the Guardians to the irregular attendance at school of the children of the out-door poor, and shall move as follows: 1 No out-door relief be given to anyone having children under the age of 12, unless</p>	
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			<p>certified of attendance for the previous week of five days at school from the schoolmaster be produced to the relieving officer, or a satisfactory cause assigned for its non-production.</p> <p>2 No relief be given to any family with members under the age of 12 and at work, unless a certificate be produced of their regular attendance at a night school.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/333-344.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 November 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Moor; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; James Hogg; James R Black [James Richardson Black]; Thomas Sanderson; Robert Cairns; John Brown; John Watt; George Bone; David Hume; Robert Towerson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Davidson [Thomas Davidson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</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 John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Smail (draper); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Berwick Gas Light Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cairns (hosier); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker).</p> <p>Out-relief account: school fees for ½ year ended 29 September: Richard Forsyth, Norham, seven children; Isabella V Walker, Norham, five children; John Logan, Shoreswood, five children.</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott, Northamshire District, Registrar's fees.</p> <p>Registration expenses: Joseph Scott, Northamshire District, Registrar's fees.</p>	13 Nov. 1871

		<p>General account: John Crosby (removing paupers to Alnwick); John Crosby (removing paupers to Scotland); Proprietors of Newcastle Chronicle (advertising account).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (removing six lunatics from County Asylum to Berwick Workhouse).</p> <p>Garden account: Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of garden).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Robert Wade, of Castlegate, suffering from injuries to head, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); George Patterson, of Greens, suffering from smallpox, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); William Skelly, of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from spitting blood, prescribed 1 lb of beef; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 lb of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates from the parishes of Ancroft; Cornhill; Holy Island; Kyloe; Horncliffe; Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Appointment of porter at the Workhouse to replace Adam Rutherford. List of candidates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Thomas Fergie , [?], 22, railway porter. 2 James Blyth, Edinburgh, 42, out-pensioner. 3 James Kirton, Coldingham, 49, schoolmaster. 4 Frederick H Feltham, West Hartlepool, 49, male workhouse nurse. 5 William Allison, Berwick, 57, retired policeman. 6 John Davidson, Hawick, 23, male nurse. 7 Richard Young, Wooler, workhouse inmate. 8 George Main, Berwick, 38, tailor. 	
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			<p>and could easily have made mistakes. A special report to be sent to the Guardians.</p> <p>Report from James Radford, District Auditor. He regrets that he has had to report the discrepancies due from Mr Dick. He states that Mr Dick has done the best he could considering his advanced age, and that he has always had confidence in his honesty, and he expects that the Guardians will look upon the case mercifully.</p> <p>Letter from George Dick resigning from the Office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth due to age and loss of memory, after about 40 years of service. The sum of £37 5s 10 3/4d has been paid to the Treasurer and the overseers have the receipt.</p> <p>The Clerk to inform the Local Government Board and the Auditor of this. Resignation from Mr Dick accepted. Replacement to be appointed at the next meeting. Also to be considered whether it is practicable to grant a superannuation allowance to Mr Dick. The Local Government Board to be consulted on this.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list from the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Samuel Adams, a lunatic found wandering at large and now maintained in the County Asylum at the expense of this Union. Enquiries had been made, but without success, to ascertain the place of his last legal settlement. Resolved that the Clerk be authorised and directed to obtain an order from the Justices transferring the chargeability of the lunatic to the County of Northumberland and a repayment of expenses from the County Treasurer.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse reported that six lunatics had been received into the Workhouse from the County Asylum. Except for one very dirty case, no difficulty had been experienced. He found it desirable that the number should be increased as soon as possible. The Clerk was directed to apply to the Visitors of the County Asylum for their authority to remove the two other cases to the Workhouse, as well as any other that can be recommended for removal.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse authorises to have spring mortice latches affixed to the doors of the Lunatic Wards, and a gas meter, also authorised to reduce the price of</p>	
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			cut fire wood for sale at the Workhouse.	
Item	GBR 50/345-353.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 November 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; George Bone; David Tait; Charles Tennant; William Allan; Robert Towerson; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith; John Marshall; David Hume; Matthew Young; John Watt; William Moor; John Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Brown [Colville Brown]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James G Smith (butcher); Elia Pearson (baker); James Turnbull (tailor); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Adam Winlow (boot and shoe maker); John Blakey (spirit merchant); James Renton (farmer); Thomas Huntley (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Alexander Whiteford (fisherman).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (Berwick District. Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>General account: Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the said county, on or before 4 December next the sum being the amounts charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards the General County Rate. Ordered that the amounts be paid and charged against the parishes of this Union.</p>	27 Nov. 1871

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Edward McLaughlan, of Chapel Street, suffering from measles, prescribed necessaries; Isabella McDonald, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Robert Wade, of Castlegate, suffering from injuries to head; prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); George Patterson and two children, of Greens, suffering from smallpox, prescribed necessaries and one pint of port wine; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); David Purvis, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker; Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parish of Berwick.</p> <p>Motion from George Bone, seconded by David Tait, unanimously resolved that the fortnightly meeting of the Guardians commence one hour earlier – one o'clock – from this date until 1 March and at the same time from 1 November to 1 March in succeeding years. Meetings at other periods of the year to commence as now, at 2 o'clock.</p> <p>Resolved, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to remunerate the poor law collector, replacing George Dick, who has resigned, by a poundage of 4d in the pound, and require him to find security of £200. Appointment at the next meeting. Advertisements in the local newspapers.</p> <p>Letter from the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Tweedmouth [George Turner] acknowledging the resignation of George Dick. He recommends, if the Guardians have the power to do so, that Mr Dick be granted a retiring allowance in consideration of his long service and his advanced age.</p> <p>Balance of salary due to Mr Dick up to the date of his resignation to be paid to him.</p>	
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		<p>The Clerk had informed the Local Government Board regarding the possibility of granting George Dick a superannuation allowance and asked for their advice and opinion. As no reply had yet been received the consideration of this was deferred till the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk also informed the Guardians that he had communicated to the Local Government Board the fact attending the outbreak of smallpox in this town, and had suggested the expediency of their putting the Disease Prevention Act into force. The Guardians felt that sufficient powers for dealing with an outbreak of smallpox are now possessed by the local authorities under the Vaccination and Sanitary Acts.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised to re-issue the placards on “precaution against smallpox” as well as forms of Notification of Vaccination and to request the medical gentlemen in the Union to give the vaccination officers immediate notice of every fresh case of smallpox which come under their treatment and the Registrar of Deaths to forward notice of death from that disease to the vaccination officers. The Local Government Board to be kept informed according to their request.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board drawing the attention of the Guardians to the Pauper Inmate Discharge and Regulation Act of last session and forwarding the new regulations issued by them in terms of that act to the lodging, treatment and discipline of casual paupers. These documents were referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment and salary of George Main, the newly elected Porter of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Resolved to consider at the next meeting the appointment of a paid collector of rates for the township of Twizel, as they are again in arrears.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that two pauper lunatics – William Bartrim and Hannah Mace - have been removed from the County Asylum to the Workhouse. Mary Wood had been discharged from the Asylum as she had recovered.</p> <p>Monthly reports from the vaccination officers.</p>	
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Item	GBR 50/354-365.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 December 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; Robert Brown; John Watt; William Moor; Robert Towerson; John Brown, Horncliffe; David Tait; Charles Tennant; William Allan; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Thomas Friar; David Hume; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown, Gainslaw; James W Smith [James William Smith]; John Marshall; Adam Darling; Thomas Sanderson; John Tait; James Hogg; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe; J W Ruddock. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse ad Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Blakey (beer-seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Thomas Wight (china dealer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Abraham Rutherford (removing three lunatics from the County Asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses account: George Turner (Berwick District, registration fees midsummer and Michaelmas quarters).</p>	11 Dec. 1871

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: "I am attending Edward Syms as a dispensary patient, he is unable to follow his employment" Robert C Fluker; [Elizabeth Wattys], of Millers Garden, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); Robert Wade, of Castlegate, suffering from injuries to head, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef; George Walker, 62, of Greens, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; "I hereby certify that Jane Johnson, of Kiln Hill, is still very feeble and unable to support herself by work." (signed) T Davidson [Thomas Davidson], Medical Officer.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson; Fluker.</p> <p>Election of collector of poor rates for the parish of Tweedmouth in place of George Dick.</p> <p>Candidates were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard Simpson, 34, Berwick, unemployed. 2. Alexander Bruce, 43, Spittal. 3. Thomas Weatherby, 38, Berwick, printer. 4. Stephen M Cook, 46, Berwick, district rate collector. 5. Hugh Chriss, 53, Tweedmouth, tailor. 6. John Mitchell, 28, Berwick, hosier 7. Joshua Archbold, 46, Spittal, forgeman. 8. Robert Lambert, 39, Tweedmouth, auctioneer. 9. William Bogue, 43, Spittal, unemployed. 10. George Turner, 40, Berwick, assistant overseer and registrar of births. 11. William Nesbit, 55, Berwick, schoolmaster. <p>Rev Thomas Proctor moved, John Watt seconded, that Joshua Archbold be appointed.</p> <p>Alexander Smith moved, David Hume seconded, that William Bogue be appointed.</p> <p>Charles Tennant moved, Thomas Sanderson seconded, that Robert Lambert be appointed.</p> <p>The Chairman moved, Rev John G Rowe seconded, that Stephen Cook be appointed.</p> <p>Alderman Ruddock moved, John Brown, Gainslaw seconded, that George Turner be</p>	
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		<p>appointed. Robert Cairns moved that John Mitchell be appointed. This motion was not seconded. A vote took place: For Robert Lambert:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Towerson. 2. John Marshall. 3. John Brown, Horncliffe. 4. Adam Darling. 5. David Tait. 6. George Bone. 7. Charles Tennant. 8. Thomas Sanderson. 9. William Allan. 10. John Tait. 11. James Hogg. 12. Thomas Friar. <p>For George Turner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J W Ruddock. 2. John Brown, Gainslaw. 3. Robert Brown. 4. Andrew Mitchell. 5. William Moor. 6. James R Nicholson. <p>For William Bogue:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexander Smith. 2. James R Smith. 3. David Hume. <p>For Joshua Archbold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rev Thomas Proctor. 2. John Watt. <p>For Stephen M Cook:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman. 2. Rev John G Rowe. <p>For John Mitchell:</p>	
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			<p>1. Robert Cairns.</p> <p>As there was not a majority of votes for any one of these candidates it was resolved to strike out the name of the four candidates having the lowest number of votes, which they did with the following result.</p> <p>For Robert Lambert:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman. 2. Rev Thomas Proctor. 3. Rev John G Rowe. 4. Alexander Smith. 5. James W Smith. 6. John Watt. 7. David Hume. <p>Making for Robert Lambert 19 votes.</p> <p>For George Turner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Cairns. <p>Making for George Turner seven votes.</p> <p>Majority for Robert Lambert 12 votes and he was duly elected Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth. The Local Government Board to be requested to sanction his appointment and remuneration in terms of the General Order of the Poor Law Board of 15 November 1867.</p> <p>Robert Lambert named Isabell Lambert, of Tweedmouth, widow and owner of property, and John Ross, of Detchant, farmer, as his sureties. This was approved of by the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter from the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Tweedmouth saying that a poor rate had been levied for that parish. The Clerk was directed to inform the Assistant Overseer of the appointment of Robert Lambert as Collector and that the relevant books should be handed over to him.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee on the subject of vagrancy. The Committee recommend the connecting of the hot water pipe into the vagrants' ward so that they can bathe all year round, and not just in summer. They also discuss the best time for discharging the vagrants, and also the question of the diet of the vagrants. Regarding sleeping accommodation: there are two rooms set aside for vagrants each</p>	
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			<p>accommodating ten persons. They find it not practicable to comply with the suggestion of the Local Government Board to divide these wards into separate cells or compartments without reducing the amount of accommodation.</p> <p>Resolved that the recommendations of the Workhouse Committee be adopted and the Clerk directed to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction the proposed variation in the dietary table.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board on the subject of vaccination in houses where smallpox prevails, and a circular and order regarding the forms of notice and certificates of vaccination.</p> <p>On the occasion of Christmas the inmates of the Workhouse be allowed to have beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>Letter from James C Weddell, Clerk to the Burial Board, regarding the need for enlarging the civic cemetery. The Burial Board for the Parish of Berwick has intimated to the Vestry the urgency of this happening. They suggest exchanging a portion of Grangeburn Mill land for the three additional acres which the Board wish to have for the cemetery. The Board find the suggestion of the Corporation Farm Committee was a feasible one and ask the Clerk to bring the matter before the Guardians and the Overseers of the poor of the parish to secure the co-operation of both these bodies in carrying out the suggested exchange.</p> <p>Letter to the Burial Board from the Town Clerk, Robert Douglas, regarding details and practicability of the exchange mentioned above.</p> <p>Resolved to send copies of the above correspondence to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Berwick and request their comments.</p> <p>The Clerk reported regarding the chargeability to the county of Samuel Adams, a lunatic pauper. Additional evidence shows that Samuel Adams' birth settlement is in the Parish of Limming in Somersetshire. Resolved that the Clerk be authorised and directed to apply to the Justices for an order to adjudge this lunatic chargeable to the union containing his place of birth.</p>	
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			The expenses of an officer going to Yorkshire to obtain the necessary evidence to support an application to the Justices to remove to their place of settlement the widow and children of [Andrew Courman].	
Item	GBR 50/366-374.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 December 1871.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; Alexander Smith; John Marshall; John Brown, Gainslaw; Adam Darling; David Hume; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Watt; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; John Dunbar; William Moor; John Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officer John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Christmas last ordered to be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron at Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (porter at Workhouse to 1 November 1871, male lunatic attendant from 1 November 1871); Ann Rutherford (female lunatic attendant from 1 November 1871); George Main (porter at Workhouse from 13 November 1871); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; Elias Pearson (baker); John Veitch (grocer); William Shiel and others (sundries for garden and pigs); John Blakey (beer seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Purves & Sons (upholsterers); James Renton (farmer); John Ferrah (broker); Mary Wilson (broker); George Douglas (farmer).</p>	26 Dec. 1871

			<p>Out-relief account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1/4 year's maintenance and education of William Purvis).</p> <p>General account: Berwick Local Board of Health (general and special district rates on Workhouse).</p> <p>A cheque for amount and instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board granted to the Treasurer to transmit to his London agent to be paid to the Loan Commissioner's account.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Ann Bennett, of Eastern Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Lane O'Neill, of Weatherly Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); David Purvis, of Castlegate, suffering from phthisis, prescribed one bottle of cod liver oil; William Suthereen, quarryman, of [Low Mills], suffering from ulcer on leg, nothing prescribed; Mary Galbraith, of Haggerston Toll House, suffering from dyspepsia, considerable, debility uncertain, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Hunter [Thomas Hunter]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson].</p> <p>Decision about appointing a paid collector of poor rates for the township of Twizel postponed until the matter has been considered by the rate payers at their annual meeting in Vestry at Easter next.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received and selected tenders for supplying the poor with meat, bread etc during the ensuing quarter from James Dixon and Elias Pearson. Tenders accepted and adopted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Collector to the Guardians authorised and directed to take proceedings before the Justices against James Edmond of Berwick, shoemaker, to recover payment of the arrears due from him in respect of the weekly allowance he was ordered by the Justices to contribute to the cost of his mother's maintenance.</p>	
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			<p>Letter received from the Assistant Overseer of the Parish regarding the exchange of land between Grangeburn Mill and No 4 Inner Cow Close for the enlargement of the cemetery. On the motion of the Chairman, Mr A Baxter Visick, seconded by William Wood, it was unanimously agreed to the exchange of land between the Guardians and the Corporation. The Overseers recommend that the whole of the Grangeburn Mill property be conveyed to the Corporation on their conveying a proportionate value of land in No 4 Inner Cow Close. Letter signed by John Thompson, Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>The Guardians were informed that it was not the intention of the Corporation to take the whole of the Grangeburn Mill property. The Clerk was directed to request the Overseers to reconsider the matter and state whether they agree to the definite proposal made by the Corporation to take the whole of the arable land and also the exact extent of such land.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment and remuneration of Robert Lambert as Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth. The Clerk also stated that Mr Lambert's bond had been duly signed by himself and his sureties.</p> <p>Letter from the Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Tweedmouth stating that Mr Lambert has commenced his duties and that he [George Turner, Assistant Overseer] has finally balanced the amount which he has collected of the new rate.</p> <p>The attention of the Guardians was called to the difference between the amount stated in the letter and the amount previously mentioned to have been collected by Mr Turner up to the date of the appointment of the new collector. The case was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were requested to look into John Watt's allegation that a number of persons paid rates in the Parish of Tweedmouth whose names were not on the rate book.</p> <p>Two memorials laid before the Guardians:</p>	
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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signed by Samuel Riddle & Sons and 51 others saying that they think George Dick should be granted a pension. 2. Signed by John Watt, Spittal Hall, and 143 others, saying that money collected for poor rates should NOT be used to pay George Dick a pension. <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that the Local Government Board had not yet expressed their opinion on this matter.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of instructions to vaccination officers and of the new forms prepared for their use, and requesting to be furnished with certain information in connection therewith.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that in the matter of the chargeability of Samuel Adams, a pauper lunatic, he found the expense of bringing a witness from Somersetshire to prove the pauper's birth settlement so very costly that he now preferred to advise the Guardians to delay the matter as it was possible the lunatic might recover sufficiently to give his own evidence in the matter, or the Guardians of the union in which he was born may be induced to accept the chargeability without an order. The Guardians accepted the Clerk's proposal.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/375-386.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 January 1872	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Watt; Charles Tennant; John Marshall; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; David Tait; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Dunbar; Thomas Sanderson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Christmas last ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby 9relieving officer and collector to the Guardians); Joseph</p>	8 Jan. 1872

			<p>Scott (relieving officer); John A Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); Thomas Davidson (medical officer); Thomas Hunter (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Christmas ordered to be paid to: Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); John Veitch (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); John Blakey (beer seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); John White (carpenter).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic); Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 21 pauper lunatics, the like of nine others for part of the quarter).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Hunter (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: John Husband (Berwick); J Williams (Ancroft and Kyoeloe).</p> <p>General account: E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (justices clerk's fees); E Willoby (postages and sundry payments); Henry Plenderleith (stationer); Proprietor of the Scotsman (advertising account).</p>	
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		<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: William Skelly, of Bell's Court, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef; [Catherine Chyne], of Weatherly Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Hand, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; note: I hereby certify that Thomas Lauder, the Grange, Ord Road, is unfit fro work in consequence of an attack of [pluritis?]. Signed by T Davidson, Medical Officer.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker and Hunter.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates in the Union.</p> <p>A minute from the Workhouse and Finance Committee with reference to accounts for payment in the extra medical fees account to Dr Fluker for attendance on the wife of a Custom House officer during her recent confinement of twins. They suggest that an explanation be required as to the circumstance under which the order for attendance was given, and that the re-payment of the fee by the husband should be insisted upon. The Guardians, after hearing the Relieving Officer's explanation of the circumstances, directed him, as Collector, to require payment of the fee now paid to Dr Fluker.</p> <p>A further minute from the same committee states that they have observed in the names of persons vaccinated and re-vaccinated by the Public Vaccinator for Berwick, the names of some whom the Committee think ought to have been paid for by their parents. The Guardians deem it inexpedient at the present time to take any steps in the matter.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported regarding a meeting about the distribution between poundage paid to Collectors of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth in connection with Mr Lambert, the new collector from 11 December. Resolved that the Guardians be recommended, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, to pay the assistant Overseer a poundage for rates collected before 11 December, and that the poundage for all rate collectors after 11 December be paid to Mr Lambert.</p>	
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			<p>Resolved unanimously that the Committee's report be approved.</p> <p>At the same meeting enquiries were made into the allegation by Mr Watt that a number of persons paid rates in the Parish of Tweedmouth whose names were not inserted in the rate book. Mr John Watt stated that in November he had ascertained that the names of some persons were not on the list of municipal voters though such persons alleged to him that they were ratepayers. He mentioned two names which they could not find in the rate book. Mr Watt saw one of the persons referred to, [James Dunn], who said he had paid rate and had given Mr Watt a rate receipt. The Committee found that [James Dunn] was duly rated as an owner of a tenement and his name inserted in the owners column and the rates accounted for. The Committee concluded that no blame could be put on the late collector in respect of the rate upon [James Dunn]. The Committee's report was adopted and no further steps were to be taken.</p> <p>Further communication from the Assistant Overseer of Berwick [John Thompson], on the subject of the proposed extension of the Parish cemetery and exchange of parish land. He refers to the Churchwarden's and Overseers wish that the Corporation take the whole of the Grangeburn Mill property in exchange for a proportional value of land in No 4 Inner Cow Close. The Churchwardens and Overseers see no reason to alter this agreement, and that the Mill being deprived of the adjoining land would be of little value to the Parish. This they deem a good and sufficient reason for the Local Government Board for sanctioning the exchange. The communication to be referred to the Burial Board for their consideration.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board enabling the Guardians, when deemed desirable, to pay the salaries of their officers at monthly intervals.</p> <p>Communication from the Guardians of the Belford Union regarding the settlement of Isabella Swan, widow, and her child. Resolved that the Guardians of this Union are now satisfied that these paupers are settled within and now removable to this Union.</p> <p>Report from the Inspector of Nuisances for the Norham and Islandshire District mentioning the defective state of the covering of a well to which a pump is fixed and situated on the side of the Turnpike Road near the Church at Scremerston. The well</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk directed to communicate this to the Assistant Overseer and inform him that the Guardians are consequently not in a position to accede to the application for remuneration.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to apply to the Committee of Visitors for their authority to remove all the cases not considered curable to the Workhouse insane ward.</p> <p>Application received from the Guardians of the Newcastle upon Tyne Union requesting the Guardians of this Union to accept without an order of the chargeability of Jane Fender. The Relieving Officer reported that he needed further information regarding this pauper and her alleged settlement.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/394-400.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 February 1872	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; George Bone; Robert Brown; Robert Cairns; John Watt; David Tait; Adam Darling; William Moor; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Veitch (grocer); John Blakey (beer seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); W G Carr & Son (druggists); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); William Lamb 9whitening manufacturer); Thomas Burnett (basket maker).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner (Berwick District).</p>	5 Feb. 1872

			<p>General account: Knight & CO (books and forms).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mary Ann Smith, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Mills, 29, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); Thomas Hastings, Walkergate Lane, suffering from smallpox, prescribed necessaries; David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; James C McDonald, of Ravensdowne, suffering from scrofula, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Mary Spence, of Tweedmouth, suffering from disease of the heart, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board together with a new General Order prescribing regulations with regard to the appointment of vaccination officers under the provisions of the Vaccination Act, 1871.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board relating to the appointment of Joseph Scott and John Crosby as vaccination officers for the Berwick Union. The Board want to know if the Guardians have now re-considered the question of the remuneration of the vaccination officers, and if they have, what they have decided. If they have not they should do so forthwith.</p> <p>Resolved that the Guardians will re-consider the question at the next meeting.</p> <p>Application from the Guardians of the Glendale Union requesting the Guardians of this Union to accept the chargeability of Mary Sanderson and her two children. Mary Sanderson has been deserted by her husband, but as the Guardians of the Glendale Union are now aware of the present residence of the husband chargeability was</p>	
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		<p>declined.</p> <p>Letter from George Gibson, Custom House Officer, regarding Dr Fluker's charge of £2 for attendance on Mrs Gibson during her recent confinement. Mr Gibson stated that he had himself employed Dr Fluker and had undertaken to pay his account, and that the charge of £2 was excessive under the circumstances, and he (Mr Gibson) had requested an explanation which Dr Fluker had hitherto refused to give. Dr Fluker, who was present, said that Mr Gibson's statements were not correct and having undertaken to give him the explanation he has required the Clerk was directed to refer Mr Gibson to Dr Fluker for a reply to his enquiry and to inform Mr Gibson that the Guardians will allow him until April to re-pay Dr Fluker's fee to them.</p> <p>The Guardians attention was drawn to the case of Margaret Tait, of Cheswick, a pauper who had recently broken her leg and had been under the medical care of Dr Davidson [Thomas Davidson]. The Clerk was directed to write to Dr Davidson and request to be informed why he allowed an interval of 13 days to elapse between the time of his setting the broken leg and the time of his next attendance upon her.</p> <p>Notice from the Clerk to the County Asylum of the death of Elizabeth Richardson, a pauper lunatic, chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk to the Guardians of the Yeovil Union saying that the Board declined to accept the chargeability of Samuel Adams, a pauper lunatic, without an order of adjudication. It was therefore necessary to incur the expense of obtaining such order, and the Clerk was authorised and directed to take the proper steps to obtain the attendance of a witness from Somersetshire and the required order from the Justices. In the meantime the Clerk was authorised to submit another proposal to the Yeovil Union namely that if that union will re-consider this case and accept the chargeability of the lunatic without an order the Board will not ask for re-payment of the expenses incurred up to 31 December last. It is estimated that the expense of obtaining an order, including that of the witness, will be about the same as the expense paid.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had not yet received the opinion of the Local Government Board on the claim of George Dick to a superannuation allowance.</p>	
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			Adam Darling gave notice that at the next meeting he will move that the superannuation allowance to George Dick be granted.	
Item	GBR 50/401-408.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 February 1872	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: David Tait; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; William Allan; Matthew Young; James Hogg; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown, Gainslaw; John Brown, Horncliffe; David Hume; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: David Tait.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby], the Guardians appointed his son and partner to act as his deputy at this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John White (carpenter); Margaret Cowe (grocer); [Elizabeth Eirant] and others (sundries for garden and pigs); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Thomas Huntley (farmer); William Lamb (carter); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District, registration fee); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District); Joseph Scott</p>	19 Feb. 1872

		<p>(Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Widow Hamilton, of Woolmarket, suffering from sickness, prescribed 2 lbs of beef; David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); Thomas Hastings, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from smallpox, prescribed necessaries; Robert Hattle, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>The Guardians re-considered the question of the remuneration of the vaccination officers with a view to settle the amount to which such officers may be entitled in consequence of the additional duties imposed upon them by the Vaccination Act of 1871.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of George Bone, seconded by Rev Thomas Proctor, that the salary of John Crosby, Vaccination Officer for the Berwick District, be increased.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of Rev Thomas Proctor, seconded by Robert Brown, that the salary of Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer for the Norham and Islandshire District, be increased.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had applied to Dr Davidson from information relative to his attendance upon Margaret Tait, of Cheswick, while she was suffering from a broken leg, and produced a letter from Dr Davidson. In it he stated that the Guardians have been misinformed in the case, and that if they had consulted the Medical Relief Book they would have learned the truth. After further statements from Dr Davidson, who was present at the meeting, and a discussion, it was decided that the Guardians would take no further steps in the matter.</p> <p>The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the public pump at Holy Island was again out of repair. The Clerk was directed to instruct Mr Fender, millwright, to put the pump</p>	
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			<p>into good working order.</p> <p>Letter of resignation accepted from Abraham and Ann Rutherford, male and female lunatic attendants at the Workhouse. Election of substitutes to take place at the next meeting. The Clerk directed to give notice by advertising the untended election of such officers.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Guardians of the Yeovil Union had accepted the chargeability of Samuel Adams, a pauper lunatic.</p> <p>Further communication from the Guardians of the Glendale Union regarding the case of Mary Sanderson and her two children. The Guardians saw no reason to change the decision arrived at and declined to accept the chargeability of these paupers without an order. Also communication from the Guardians of the Newcastle Union giving further facts regarding the settlement of Jane Fender. Resolved that Jane Fender, aged 12, was now removable to this Union, and it was decided to accept the chargeability of her under their common seal without an order.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/409-416.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 March 1872	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; William Allan; John Marshal; Thomas Friar; John Brown, Horncliffe; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Cairns; Robert Towerson; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Thomas Sanderson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; 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 John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were</p>	4 March 1872

			<p>presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Veitch (grocer); John Blakey (beer seller); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (removing lunatics to and from County Asylum).</p> <p>Cheque issued for the amount of instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for him to transmit to his London agents to be paid to the Commissioner's account.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians of the Union to pay to the Treasurer of the said county on or before 1 March instant the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a general county rate. Ordered that the amount be paid and charged against the several parishes in this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Thomas Hastings, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from smallpox, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); Sarah McAllister, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); David Purves, of Castlegate, suffering from sickness, prescribed a bottle of cod liver oil; Margaret Fait, of Cheswick, suffering from fractures limbs, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a month; Isabella Blackhall, of Tweedmouth, suffering from abscess of hand, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Hunter [Thomas Hunter].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of poor rates within the Union.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the terms on which the appointment of medical officers for the Districts of Islandshire, West Norhamshire and Tweedmouth are to be made from</p>	
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		<p>and after 25 instant. Resolved: that the District of Islandshire consists, as heretofore, of the parishes of Holy Island and Kylloe and the township of Haggerston in the Parish of Ancroft. The area in statue acres being 11,908 and the population 1952. That the District of West Norhamshire consists, as heretofore, of the Parish of Cornhill. The area in statue acres being 4430 and the population 781. That the District of Tweedmouth consists, as heretofore, of the Parish of Tweedmouth, and of the Parish of Ancroft, except the township of Haggerston. The area in statue acres being 13,252 and the population 7018.</p> <p>The salaries of the medical officers to be appointed for the same districts are: Islandshire District - £25 per annum. West Norhamshire District - £8 per annum. Tweedmouth District - £50 per annum.</p> <p>These salaries are exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Appointments of medical officers to be made at the next meeting. In consequence of the present Medical Officer for the Islandshire District having ceased to reside at Lowick a new appointment for that district to be notified in the local newspapers.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board regarding the application which has been made to the Guardians by George Dick, late Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth, for a superannuation allowance pursuant to the 27 & 28 Vic cap 42. The Local Government Board states that only those officers who have devoted their whole time to the service of the Union are entitled to a superannuation allowance on their resignation. It appears that Mr Dick entered into the occupation of a public house in 1843, and that the public house continued to be in his name until November 1867, and is therefore not entitled to receive the allowance.</p> <p>Adam Darling withdrew his notice of intention to support Mr Dick.</p> <p>Entry made in the Workhouse Visitors' Book by W G Campbell & James Wilkes, Commissioners in Lunacy, stating that they have seen all the insane and imbecile inmates on whose condition they shall report to the Local Government Board. Special attention given to the cases of Charles Smith and John Marshall who are insane and not proper persons to be retained in a workhouse. Orders have been made for the removal of them to the County Asylum.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk reported that the two lunatics mentioned above had been removed to the County Asylum and that the three lunatics, Margaret Dryden, Elizabeth McNab and Elizabeth Trainer had been removed from the Asylum to the Workhouse with the consent of the Visitors of the Asylum, and also that Ellen Keenan has been discharged from the Asylum as cured</p> <p>Petition from a pauper, James Cumming McDonald, asking the Guardians to assist him in getting a pension to which he considers himself entitled in consequence of an injury he received in 1864 while serving in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Force. The Guardians declined to help him.</p>	
Item	GBR 50/417-426.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 March 1872	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Watt; John Brown, Gainslaw; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait; Geo R Lumsden [George Ruben Lumsden]; Alexander Smith; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; William Allan; David Hume; George Bone; Adam Darling; Robert Towerson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Veitch (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Turnbull (tailor); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Thomas Patrick (meal seller).</p> <p>General account: John Crosby (expenses making enquiries into settlement of [Andrew Oarsman?]; George Rees (picture frame maker).</p>	18 March 1872

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mary Ann Green, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Fell, of Eastern Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Evans, of Kiln Hill, suffering from [not stated], prescribed one pint of cod liver oil; Andrew Anderson, of Church Lane, suffering from [not stated], prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Susannah Simpson, of Kiln Hill, suffering from [not stated], prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Davidson and Fluker.</p> <p>Election of male and female lunatic attendants in the Workhouse to replace Abraham and Ann Rutherford, who have resigned. Candidates were: Robert Pinder – now with Dr Eastwood at Dinsdale Park Asylum. William Allison – retired police officer, on behalf of himself and his daughter Elizabeth Allison, Berwick. Jane Trotter Brown – late private lodging house keeper, Berwick. Richard Simpson – Agent, Berwick. David Tait moved, seconded by William Allan, the appointment of William Allison and his daughter Elizabeth Allison to the office of male and female lunatic attendants. Rev Thomas Proctor moved, Charles Tennant seconded, the appointment of Jane Trotter Brown. John Watt moved the appointment of Richard Simpson. This motion was not seconded. For Rev Proctor’s motion, eight votes. For D Tait’s motion, six votes. The Chairman declared Jane Trotter Brown to be duly elected. Election of male attendant deferred until the next meeting. Dr Eastwood to be contacted for his opinion of the suitability of Robert Pinder for the office, as he has not submitted any testimonial.</p> <p>Certificate of character to be given to Abraham Rutherford on his leaving his present situation.</p> <p>Appointment of Medical Officer for the District of Islandshire, West Norhamshire and Tweedmouth from and after 25 instant. Application for the District of Islandshire from James Lambie of Lowick, acting Deputy</p>	
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		<p>to Dr Hunter [Thomas Hunter] and from Thomas Davidson of Tweedmouth, the present Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>David Hume moved, seconded by David Tait, that Dr Lambie be appointed Medical Officer for the District of Islandshire. Charles Tennant moved the appointment of Dr Davidson to that office. This motion was not seconded.</p> <p>Resolved that James Lambie, of Lowick, be appointed Medical Officer for the District of Islandshire for the year ending 25 March 1873.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that Matthew James Turnbull of Coldstream is hereby appointed Medical Officer for the District of West Norhamshire for the year ending 25 March 1873.</p> <p>Ordered that the Local Government Board be informed that the Guardians cannot provide the services of medical gentlemen fully qualified and resident in the districts of Islandshire and West Norhamshire and that the gentlemen now elected, though qualified in other respects, are not residents in their districts and that therefore their appointments are respectively limited to a term of one year.</p> <p>Application from Thomas Davidson, now of Tweedmouth, to be re-appointed Medical Officer for that district. Rev Thomas Proctor moved, seconded by John Watt, the re-appointment. George Bone moved, seconded by David Tait, that Dr Davidson be not re-appointed and that the election be adjourned to another meeting and advertised in the meantime.</p> <p>For Rev Proctor's motion – 11 votes. For George Bone's motion – 2 votes.</p> <p>The Chairman declared Thomas Davidson of Tweedmouth, Medical Officer for the District of Tweedmouth from and after 25 March instant.</p> <p>Dr Lambie named Dr Hunter, of Belford, as his deputy. Dr Davidson said that he was not yet prepared to name a deputy.</p> <p>Resolved not to change the remuneration of the Collector of Poor Rates of the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of the report made to the Guardians by the Commissioners in Lunacy, who recently visited the Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>The report said that all the insane and imbecile inmates – 15 men and ten women – of these four of each sex have lately been removed from the County Asylum, and more applications have been made by the Guardians to the Committee of Visitors for transfer of other cases to the new ward at the Workhouse, which is now finished but still needs some finishing touches such as painting and wall-papering. There are two day-rooms for each sex, and a shared padded room for both divisions. There are two water-closets in-door, besides those in the yards, and a bathroom for each ward where water has to be heated on bathing days. The airing courts are too small for proper exercise, and the men’s court faces north and will get very little sun. Kitchen garden at the back of the Workhouse where the inmates could walk daily .Proposed that all the patients who are fit should be taken regularly for walks beyond the premises of the Workhouse which would also make the small size of the airing courts of less importance. They point out the importance of providing for the detention of recent and curable cases until they become incurable, instead of sending them at once to the County Asylum.</p> <p>Improvements suggested to the women’s airing court.</p> <p>The dietary now given should be adopted to be the same as that for the aged and infirm. It comprises meat on six days of the week, amounting to 16 ounces, with bread and butter daily or oatmeal and milk for breakfast and supper.</p> <p>They have made orders to the County Asylum for the removal of John Marshall and Charles Smith to the Asylum, as they are not fit to be detained in the Workhouse.</p> <p>They suggest that James Archbold, who is very discontented and somewhat excited, should be carefully watched by the Medical Officer.</p> <p>The patients were clean and fairly dressed. There is a great need for books, papers, games etc. A man and a woman act as attendants. There is no supervision at night, nut bell-pulls are placed in every dormitory, and a reliable patient sleeps in each room.</p> <p>Resolved that the report be referred to the Workhouse Committee to consider and report on it at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointments of Joseph Scott and John Crosby as vaccination officers as well as the salaries to be paid to them.</p>	
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Item	GBR 50/427-435.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 April 1872	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Thomas Sanderson; Robert Brown; William Moor; John Marshall; Mathew Young; John Watt; John Dunbar; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; John Brown; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev John G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Ordered that the following salaries for the quarter ended at Lady Day last be paid to: Agnes McLeod (matron of Workhouse); Abraham Rutherford (male lunatic attendant at Workhouse); Ann Rutherford (female lunatic attendant at Workhouse); George Mann (porter at Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser at Workhouse).</p> <p>Amounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; James Jeffrey (blacksmith); John Veitch (grocer); John Blakey (beer seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); William Weatherston (plasterer); George</p>	1 April 1872

		<p>Douglas (milk seller); Adam Winlaw (boot and shoe maker); Thomas Wilson (broker); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Henry Payne and others (sundries for garden and pigs); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); Young & Son (grocers).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>General account: Alexander Paton (printer); Henry Plenderleith (stationer); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (sundry payments made by the Clerk during Lady Day quarter); E Willoby (justices' clerk's fees); John Crosby (1/2 year's postage etc); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage etc); proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (advertising account); G H Steven (advertising account); George Macaskie (advertising account).</p> <p>Parish of Holy Island: David Fender (repairing public pump).</p> <p>Value of provisions consumed in the Workhouse during the quarter ended at Lady Day last by the paupers and the officers of the Workhouse was stated.</p> <p>Value of the Workhouse necessaries and miscellaneous account by the paupers, by the officers of the Workhouse was stated.</p> <p>Value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books stated.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing account.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Lambie [James Lambie; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the collectors of poor rates for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Appointment of male lunatic attendant for the inmates of the Workhouse insane wards. The Clerk had applied to Dr Eastwood of Dinsdale Park Asylum for his opinion</p>	
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			<p>of the fitness of the candidate Robert Pinder. Dr Eastwood's reply was produced. The Clerk also submitted a renewed application and additional testimonials from the candidate Richard Simpson, and an application from William Taylor, attendant, Morningside Asylum.</p> <p>Robert Pinder and Richard Simpson, who both attended at the request of the Guardians, were called and interrogated.</p> <p>Robert Brown moved, and Matthew Young seconded the appointment of Robert Pinder to the office of male lunatic attendant.</p> <p>John Watt moved, and John Dunbar seconded the appointment of Richard Simpson. For Robert Brown's motion - 13 votes. For John Watt's motion – 2 votes.</p> <p>Robert Pinder was declared to have been duly elected to fill the vacant office of male lunatic attendant with an apartment in the Workhouse, and rations the same as those now being given. Take-over date 8 April 1872</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment and salaries of Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson] and Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and enclosing the usual form of enquiries to be filled in with regard to the appointment of Dr Lambie [James Lambie].</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the forms of contract to be entered into with the three medical officers mentioned above. Dr Davidson, who was present, stated that he still declined to name a deputy.</p> <p>Resolved that the attendance of the Local Government Board be called to Dr Davidson's refusal to name a deputy, and also that the residence of Dr Davidson is at one of the ends of his district, and that the opposite end of his district is about six mile away, and that the Relieving Officer for that part of the district which lies beyond the Parish of Tweedmouth resides at a distance of 4 1/2 miles in another direction. Due to these facts it is the opinion of the meeting that it is undesirable that a medical officer for Tweedmouth district should be without a properly qualified deputy and that the execution of Dr Davidson's contract be deferred until the Guardians have received the decision of the Local Government Board.</p>	
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Item	GBR 50/436-437.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 April 1872	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Watt; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; Robert Towerson. Chairman: Alexander Smith.	8 April 1872

			Contribution orders were signed upon the Overseers of the several parishes within the Union requiring them to pay by two equal instalments the sums estimated to be required to meet the expenditure for the half year now commenced, which sums were submitted to the Guardians and approved of at a meeting held on 4 ultimo.	