

GBR 51: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.

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Volume	GBR 51	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from 15 April 1872 to 6 July 1874.	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union.</p> <p>Guardians 1871 – 1872 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham, Norham parish; James Richardson Black [James Black]*, Grindon parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; John Brown*, Berwick parish; John Brown, farmer, Horncliffe, Horncliffe parish; Robert Brown*, Berwick parish; Robert Cairns*, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Adam Darling, merchant, Governor's House, Berwick, Felkington parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Loanend parish; Thomas Friar, gentleman, Grindon Rigg, Duddo parish; John Henderson*, Berwick parish; James Hogg, farmer, Buckton, Kyloe parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington, Kyloe parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall, farmer, Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew Mitchell*, Berwick parish; William Moor, farmer, Longridge, Longridge parish; James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], farmer, Thornton, Thornton parish; Thomas Sanderson*, Berwick Parish; Alexander Smith*, Berwick parish; James White Smith [James Smith], farmer, Ancroft, Ancroft parish; William Smith, landed proprietor & farmer, Melkington House, Cornhill parish; David Tait, farmer, Windmill Hill, Ancroft parish; John Tait junior, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Charles Tennant, tobacco pipe manufacturer, Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew Thompson, ironmonger & farmer, Berwick upon Tweed, Holy Island parish; Robert Towerson, farmer, Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall, Tweedmouth parish; Matthew Young*, Berwick parish;</p> <p>*Guardians of Berwick parish were qualified to act as no Guardians have been elected.</p> <p>1872 – 1873 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer Gainslaw Hill, Berwick parish; Robert Brown, farmer, Sanson Seal, Berwick parish; Robert Cairns, hosier, Church Street, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Adam Darling, merchant, Governor's House, Berwick,</p>	15 April 1872 - 6 July 1874

		<p>Felkington parish; Thomas Friar, gentleman, Grindon Ridge, Duddo parish; James Hogg, farmer, Buckton, Kylee parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington Kylee parish; George Lumsden, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall*, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank, Berwick parish; William Moor, farmer, Longridge, Longridge parish; James Nicholson, farmer, Thornton, Thornton parish; Edward Pringle, farmer, Scremerston, Ancroft parish; Thomas Sanderson, farmer, Cocklaw, Berwick parish; Alexander Smith, farmer, Letham, Berwick parish; William Smith, landed proprietor, Melkington House, Cornhill parish; William Smith junior, farmer, Melkington House, Grindon parish; Charles Stewart, farmer, Loanend, Loanend parish; David Tait, farmer, Windmill Hill, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Charles Tennant*, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew Thompson, merchant, Berwick on Tweed, Holy Island parish; Robert Towerson*, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew Trotter, farmer and miller, Horncliffe Mill, Horncliffe parish; John Watt*, Tweedmouth parish; John Young, draper, Castle Terrace, Berwick parish; Matthew Young, merchant, Palace Street, Berwick parish.</p> <p>* Guardians for Tweedmouth parish were qualified to act as guardians as no guardians had been elected.</p> <p>1873- 1874 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Gainslaw Hill, Berwick parish; Robert Brown, farmer, Sanson Seal, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Adam Darling, merchant, Governor's House, Berwick, Felkington parish; Joseph Edminson, butcher, Spittal, Tweedmouth parish; John Fleming, leather merchant, Castlegate, Berwick parish; Thomas Friar*, gentleman, Grindon Ridge, Duddo parish; James Hogg, farmer, Buckton, Kylee parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington Kylee parish; George Lumsden, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank, Berwick parish; William Moor, farmer, Longridge, Longridge parish; James Nicholson, farmer, Thornton, Thornton parish; Thomas Pattison, painter, Church Street, Berwick parish; Edward Pringle, farmer, Scremerston, Ancroft parish; Thomas Sanderson, farmer, Cocklaw, Berwick parish; William Smith, landed proprietor, Melkington House, Cornhill parish; William Smith junior, farmer, Melkington House, Grindon parish; Charles Stewart, farmer, Loanend, Loanend parish; David Tait, farmer, Windmill Hill, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Charles Tennant, Tweedmouth parish; Andrew</p>	
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			<p>Norhamshire District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District) James Lambie (Islandshire District); Thomas Hunter, (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Relieving Officers: John Crosby (Berwick and Tweedmouth); Joseph Scott (Norham and Islandshires).</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse: Thomas Hood Mitchell. [Thomas Mitchell]</p> <p>Clerks to the Board of Guardians: Edward Willoby. From --- William Willoby was Assistant Clerk.</p> <p>The parishes: Ancroft; Berwick on Tweed; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/1-13	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 April 1872	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Dunbar; Charles Tennant; John Marshall; David Hume; George Bone; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; William Moor; John Brown; William Allan; David Tait.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates - Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; Thomas Hunter; John Paxton; Matthew Turnbull; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Abram Rutherford, Male Lunatic Attendant; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p>	15 April 1872

			<p>Payment of £10 made to Edward Willoby, Clerk, for his work and expenses in organising the Election of Guardians in accordance with Election Expenses General Order and £20 for his services to the Union Assessment Committee, sanctioned by the local Government Board.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Alder (wine merchant); James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Paxton & Purves (drapers); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); James Russell (draper); Bogue & Inglis (drapers); James Hay (miller); John Blakey (beerseller); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Main (removing Scotch paupers); Newcastle Daily Journal (advertising).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 15 lunatic paupers and part quarter for 7); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (Quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown (workhouse); Robert Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); James Lambie (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Salary as Vaccination Officer: John Crosby; Joseph Scott. Robert Fluker (Berwick District).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe); John Husband (Berwick); James Paxton (Horncliffe); John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains); Robert Lambert (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Outrelief Account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (quarter's maintenance and education for James W Knox).</p> <p>School Fees:</p> <p>Quarterly Accounts:</p> <p>Berwick Boys' National School – 24 children;</p> <p>Berwick Girls' National School – 16 children;</p> <p>Berwick Infant National School – 7 children;</p> <p>Berwick St. Mary's National School – 9 Children;</p> <p>Berwick Boys' British School – 7 children;</p> <p>Berwick Girls British School – 17 children;</p> <p>Berwick Infant British School – 2 children;</p> <p>Tweedmouth Boys' National School – 11 children;</p>	
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			<p>Collector's monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of: Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Report, requested at the last meeting, tabled by the Workhouse Committee concerning the Report from the Lunacy Commissioners on their recent visit to the Workhouse. The Local Government Board had requested to be sent the observations of the Guardians on the statements and recommendations of the Lunacy Commissioners.</p> <p>Numbers of Inmates: at the time of the visit there were 15 men and 10 women; now there are 11 men and 13 women; 4 men and 7 women had been transferred from the County Asylum.</p> <p>The Report stated that the wards still needed many items of furniture and the walls needed papering or colouring. The Workhouse Committee recommended that estimates are sought for papering the walls of all the wards but that the passages should be left. The Committee considered that the furniture was adequate for the wants of the present inmates. A supply of pictures had been obtained for the walls once they are decorated and as opportunities occur other useful and ornamental articles could be added.</p> <p>The Report stated that the yard for men was on the north side of a high building. The Committee point out that there is a second yard, not mentioned in the report, on the south side of the same building. The Committee have followed the suggestion of the Report to provide a good, dry, broad walk in the workhouse kitchen garden. They point out that, weather permitting, patients are regularly taken for walks in the fields and by the seaside.</p> <p>The Report recommended that the division wall between the women's airing courts and the privies to the northern boundary should be removed. The Committee point out that the wall was one of the new constructions and was considered necessary to provide separate yards for noisy and superannuated cases and had proved useful. The Committee recommended that removal of the wall be delayed at present.</p> <p>The Committee saw the lunatic referred to in the Report, James Archbold. He is nearly blind, has been in the Workhouse for a long time and has a religious mania. The committee considers he is well provided for in the insane ward and he said he was satisfied and comfortable.</p> <p>Since the Commissioner's visit the attendants have changed. They are no longer</p>	
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			<p>man and wife. They each have a separate private apartment; the female one is upstairs, the male below. The latter has just come from a private asylum where he was for two years; both are well qualified for their posts.</p> <p>The Committee did not consider it necessary to comment on the other matters in the Report. They have not overlooked the observation that there is a great need for books, papers and games etc. They will try to introduce improvements from time to time. However, they suggested, most were cases of chronic dementia or idiocy and incapable of benefitting from these.</p> <p>The Report was adopted and a copy to be sent to the Local Government Board. The Master of the Workhouse was asked to obtain estimates for papering the Insane Wards, the Matron's apartments and the waiting room adjoining the Boardroom, for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that the Accounts for Vaccination presented by Drs Davidson and Hunter were presented but not passed. Both had made charges for vaccinations and re-vaccinations performed elsewhere than the appointed stations. There were no notes in the registers or other explanations given. The Committee referred this to the Board and asked that the Clerk inform the doctors and ask for their explanations.</p> <p>Dr Davidson's Account: Tweedmouth Station – primary vaccinations 12; re-vaccinations 33; Ancroft and Scremerston Stations – none; other places - primary vaccinations 6; re-vaccinations 44;</p> <p>Dr Hunter's Account: Berrington, Beal, Fenwick and Holy Island Stations – primary vaccinations 12; re-vaccinations 8; other places - primary vaccinations 9; re-vaccinations 14;</p> <p>Dr Davidson had written explaining that an outbreak of smallpox at Berryburn, Islandshire District, and the consequent anxiety led to requests to be re-vaccinated. Dr Hunter's letter highlighted the wide extent of his district and the possibility of children getting bad colds if brought to the stations in stormy weather.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Guardians of the Regulations set out in the Order of the Privy Council, 18 February 1868 and also the Memorandum of the Privy Council on special arrangements in case of emergency. The explanations did not comply with these and therefore he could not certify the accounts.</p> <p>After consideration two motions were presented:</p> <p>1 Moved by David Tait, seconded by John Watt – that the revaccinations, not carried</p>	
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			<p>Order of the Justices received from Glendale Union in respect of Mary Sanderson (who had been deserted by her husband) and her two children, whose settlement was alleged to be in the parish of Cornhill. Mr Scott [Relieving Officer] was unable to obtain any confirmatory evidence. Agreed that the Clerk apply for a copy of the depositions.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John Woods, now or late of Berwick, drainer, for neglecting to maintain his wife and three children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying to the Workhouse and outdoor poor bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>Unanimously resolved, moved by Alexander Smith, seconded by Rev J G Rowe, a vote of thanks to Andrew Thompson, Chairman. Likewise resolved, moved by Rev J G Rowe, seconded by Matthew Young, a vote of thanks to Alexander Smith, Vice Chairman.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/14-21	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 April 1872. This was the first meeting of the year.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; John Young; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith; Charles Tennant; John Brown; David Hume; Charles Stewart; William Moor; George Bone; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; Robert Towerson; Andrew Trotter; William Cleghorn. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Resolved that Adam Darling take the Chair until the election of a new chairman. Andrew Thompson then took the Chair. Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector.</p> <p>Election of Guardians for 1872 – 1873. Ancroft: George Bone, Cheswick Buildings, farmer; David Tait, Windmill Hill, farmer; Edward Pringle, Scremerston, farmer.</p>	29 April 1872

		<p> Berwick on Tweed: Alexander Smith, Letham, farmer; Matthew Young, Palace Street, merchant; Robert Cairens, Church Street, hosier; Robert Brown, Sanson Seal, farmer; Andrew Mitchell, Letham Shank, farmer; John Young, Castle Terrace, draper; Thomas Sanderson, Cocklaw, farmer; John Brown, Gainslaw Hill, farmer. Cornhill: William Smith, Melkington House, landed proprietor. Duddo: Thomas Friar, Grindon Ridge, gentleman. Felkington: Adam Darling, Governor's House, Berwick, merchant. Grindon: William Smith junior, Melkington House, farmer. Holy Island: Andrew Thompson, Berwick upon Tweed, merchant. Horncliffe: Andrew Trotter, Horncliffe Mill, farmer & miller. Kyløe: James Hogg, Buckton, farmer; David Hume, Berrington, farmer. Loanend: Charles Stewart, Loanend, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: William Allan, Newburn, Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], Shoreswood, farmer. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: John Marshall; John Watt; Robert Towerson; Charles Tennant; - Guardians qualified to act in a parish where no guardians have been elected. Twizel: John Tait, Riffington, farmer. </p> <p> On the motion of Alexander Smith, seconded by Rev T Procter, Andrew Thompson was unanimously appointed Chairman. On the motion of Adam Darling, seconded by Rev T Procter, Alexander Smith and James Hogg were unanimously appointed Vice Chairmen, Alexander Smith to have the preference. </p> <p> The following Committees were appointed. Assessment Committee: Elected Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; Adam Darling; Matthew </p>	
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			<p>given a garment to sleep in and their own clothes removed. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had now received copies of the depositions which had been made prior to the Order by Glendale Union for the removal of Mary Sanderson and her two children. Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] had made further inquiries and it appeared there were no grounds for appeal.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse reported on the estimates received for papering the Workhouse insane wards. Agreed to accept the tender of George Gilchrist to hang the paper at 8d per piece, the Workhouse Committee to choose the patterns.</p> <p>The next meeting would arrange the annual examination of the outdoor poor.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Baird, of Berwick, engine keeper, to contribute not less than 3s per week towards his wife's maintenance in the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/22-29	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 May 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; John Watt; John Young; Robert Brown; Robert Towerson; John Brown; James Hogg; Adam Darling; Charles Stewart; William Allan; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	13 May 1872

		<p>Supplies and services: Robert Rutherford (draper); James Dixon (butcher); John Mitchell (hosier); Elias Pearson (baker); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); Thomas Wight (china merchant); William Alder (wine merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Blakey (beerseller); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Hay (miller); John Stoddard (grocer); John Davidson (druggist); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (Removing Margaret Common and two children to North Bierley [sic] Union); John Thompson, Clerk to Justices Wooler (fees for copy depositions in Mary Sanderson's case).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; M J Turnbull, West Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: sundry householders (allowance for use of rooms as vaccination stations); Matthew J Turnbull, West Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Out-relief Account: half year's fees for education of pauper children – Robert Walker, National School, Scremerston; Robert Hardy, National School, Cornhill; John Blythe, private school, Old Bewick.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that the account for vaccination presented by Dr Paxton had not been paid because it included 19 cases of re-vaccination elsewhere than at a vaccination station viz. at Thornton, without the authority of the Guardians and with no note in the vaccination register. Dr Paxton had since provided a note stating that they had been revaccinated at their own homes. In his opinion they were in immediate danger of infection and could not safely be delayed.</p> <p>The meeting ascertained that there was no case of smallpox at or near Thornton. On the motion of George Bone, seconded by William Allan, it was agreed not to pay Dr Paxton for the 19 revaccinations. Payment was made for the rest of the account.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret McEachin, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessities; Jon Shanks, aged 59, Hide Hill, paralysis, necessities; Margaret Blakey, Church Street, childbirth, necessities;</p>	
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		<p>Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, sickness, necessities; Isabella Oliver, aged 56, agricultural labourer, South Ord, sickness, rheumatism, wholly, cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kylvoe, Norham, Norham Mains; Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr Hunter, Belford, asking for payment of the amount deducted from his last vaccination account. Agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge this letter and state that the Guardians could not make payment. It should say that he had been misinformed by Dr Davidson concerning the effect of the Local Government Board letter to Dr Davidson and also that the Guardians had not paid other vaccinators for re-vaccinations made in similar circumstances.</p> <p>As agreed they considered the request by Dr Colville Brown, Medical Officer of the Workhouse that his salary should be increased. On the motion of the Chairman, the Workhouse and Finance Committee to meet him and discuss his grounds for requesting an increase and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The annual meetings for the examination of paupers were arranged as follows: Berwick District – 20th May, 10am, the Board Room, Berwick, 21st May, 11am, Tweedmouth Church vestry and 3pm, Spittal Chapel vestry; Norham and Islandshire District – 28th May, 11am, the Plough Inn, Beal, 1pm, Cat Inn, Cheswick, 29th May, 9 30 am, Collingwood Arms, Cornhill, 12noon, Victoria Inn, Cornhill.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board authorising the Guardians to pay the Collector of Poor Law Rates for Berwick parish a poundage of 4d in the £ on rates collected by him.</p> <p>Following on the comments made by the Poor Law Inspector the Workhouse and Finance Committee, as requested, had placed their comments in the Visitors Book.</p>	
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Item	GBR 51/30-36	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 May 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Alexander Smith; George Bone; David Hume; John Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Brown; John Brown; Edward Pringle; David Tait; Robert Towerson; Matthew Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers,</p>	27 May 1872

			<p>outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Blakey (beerseller); George Douglas (farmer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of workhouse garden); Andrew Ronaldson (police expenses attending apprehension of Ninian Blakey); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Ralph Prest (reward for apprehending Ninian Blakey).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Guardians of Glendale Union (30 days maintenance of Mary Sanderson and two children whilst under order of removal).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees); Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: E Willoby [Clerk to the Guardians] (a year's allowance for use of offices for registration purposes); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees); Robert Walker (Islandshire District</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and Local Police Rate by 22 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Skelly, Prospect Place, sickness, bottle cod liver oil;</p>	
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			<p>Christian Jackson, sickness, improving, necessities; Mary Evans, Church Road, sickness, general debility duration uncertain, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie</p> <p>Consideration of the returns, requested at the last meeting, of non-resident relief and maintenance of lunatics was deferred until after the annual meetings to examine the outdoor poor.</p> <p>As requested the Workhouse and Finance Committee had met with Dr Colville Brown concerning his request for an increase in salary. He had requested this because of an increase of his ordinary duties in connection with the Workhouse Infirmary, the addition of the insane wards requiring his attendance and to three expensive medicines being now frequently required. The Committee were satisfied that he was entitled to an increase and recommended an increase from £40 to £55 per annum, with effect from 25 March 1872.</p> <p>On the motion of Alexander Smith, subject to the agreement of the local government board, it was unanimously agreed that Dr Colville Brown should be paid an annual salary of £55 from 25 March 1872.</p> <p>Alexander Smith, as previously notified, moved that the hour of the meeting be changed to 11am; seconded by Robert Brown.</p> <p>David Tait, seconded by Robert Towerson moved that the time be unchanged.</p> <p>David Tait's motion: 7 votes; Alexander Smith's motion: 2 votes; Three members abstained. Therefore Tait's motion was carried.</p> <p>Letter received from the District Auditor to inform them that John Gilchrist, Norham Castle, has been appointed Assistant Overseer for Twizel parish and that he will have to provide a bond in the usual manner.</p> <p>Ordered the Clerk to ask Gilchrist to provide the names of two responsible sureties willing to join him in a bond for £100 for the due performance of his duties in office.</p>	
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Item	GBR 51/37-45	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 June 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Charles Stewart; Robert Brown; Edward Pringle; Matthew Young; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; Elias Pearson (baker); John Elliott and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Arthur Waugh (higgler); John Blakey (beerseller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); Thomas G Turner (grocer); William Alder (spirit merchant); Thomas Strother (auctioneer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Abraham Rutherford (removing Scotch paupers); Edwin Petherick</p>	10 June 1872

			<p>(photographs of Ninian Blakey).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: J C McDonald, Ravensdowne, scrofula, bottle of cod liver oil; Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, debility, necessities pint cod liver oil; Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, debility, necessities; Margaret McEachin, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessities; Thomas White, aged 47, mariner, Wallace Green, sickness, altogether, very ill, necessities; Alice Galbraith, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes except for Cornhill.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Holy Island and Norham Mains were tabled.</p> <p>The Chairman raised the facts of a case of a permanent pauper living in the Tweedmouth medical district who had applied to Dr Davidson for medical relief. The doctor declined to attend until an order had been obtained from the Relieving Officer. This raised the need to comply with articles 75 and 76 of the General Consolidated Order, prescribing a mode of obtaining medical relief by permanent paupers in all the districts of the Union.</p> <p>The Meeting accepted the views of the Chairman and ordered the following: The Clerk ask each District Medical Officer to name the time each day at which they are usually at home; this to be put on the prescribed form of medical relief ticket. As soon as possible the Relieving Officers complete medical relief tickets and give them to all aged and infirm and those permanently sick or disabled actually in receipt of relief and resident in the Union.</p> <p>Lists of those in receipt of relief from the Union to be corrected and reprinted. The</p>	
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			<p>Clerk to obtain estimates for this for the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The reports of the annual meetings to inspect those in receipt of outdoor relief were presented;</p> <p>Berwick District</p> <p>May 20 1872 at the Board Room, Berwick. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Robert Cairens; David Tait; Robert Towerson; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; Matthew Young; George Bone; also Dr Fluker. 222 cases investigated, representing 328 people of whom 271 attended.</p> <p>May 21 1872 at Tweedmouth Parish Church Vestry. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; David Tait; Robert Towerson; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; George Bone; John Watt; Charles Tennant; Rev Thomas Procter; also Dr Davidson. 126 cases investigated, representing 186 people of whom 152 attended.</p> <p>May 21 1872 at Spittal Chapel Vestry. The same Guardians attended. 55 cases investigated, representing 81 people of whom 70 attended.</p> <p>Norham and Islandshire District</p> <p>May 28 1872 at the Plough Inn, Beal. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; George Bone; David Hume; James Hogg; Robert Towerson; John Marshall; Rev Thomas Procter; also Dr Lambie. 20 cases were investigated, representing 26 people of whom 17 attended.</p> <p>May 28 1872 at the Cat Inn, Cheswick. The same guardians attended with the addition of Matthew Young; David Tait; Edward Pringle. 35 cases were investigated, representing 46 people of whom 40 attended.</p> <p>May 29 1872 at Collingwood Arms Hotel, Cornhill. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown. 11 cases were investigated, representing 19 people of whom 15 attended.</p> <p>May 29 1872 at the Victoria Inn, Norham. The same guardians attended with the addition of George Bone; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; William Allan; Andrew Trotter; Adam Darling; Matthew Young. 74 cases were investigated, representing 106 people of whom 85 attended.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Berwick District</p> <p>403 cases, 595 people, 493 attended.</p> <p>Norham and Islandshire District</p> <p>140 cases, 197 people, 157 attended.</p>	
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			<p>due was paid before the next meeting, the Guardians would consider summoning them before the Justices for non-payment.</p> <p>The annual report of the District Auditor concerning the sureties provided by the Officers of the Union was presented. Proof that one of the Treasurer's sureties was alive, solvent and not bankrupt was given but the other had left the area and "his sufficiency may be questionable". One of the sureties for Mr Scott, Assistant Overseer for Cornhill, had died.</p> <p>Agreed that both officers be asked to provide suitable sureties in replacement. John Gilchrist, who was appointed Assistant Overseer for the township of Twizel on 25th March, proposed as sureties George Richardson, boot and shoemaker and grocer, and Thomas Thompson, butcher, both of Norham. These were approved and the Clerk was asked to prepare the Bond.</p> <p>Request received from Belford Union asking the Board to accept chargeability without order of Justices of three paupers, Jane Douglas, William Douglas and Elizabeth Taylor. Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] had not completed his inquiries. Therefore to be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/46-53	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 June 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; John Marshall; Robert Towerson; David Hume; Robert Cairens; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; George Bone; Alexander Smith. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	24 June 1872

		<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Rutherford (draper); Andrew Waugh (higgler); John Blakey (beerseller); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (farmer); L T & J Fleming (curriers); George Brown (undertaker); John Stoddart (grocer); Berwick Local Board of Health (highways and general district rates, special district rate); Knight & Co (books and forms); John Parks (firewood); George Mitchell (firewood). Out Relief Account: Committee of Wesleyan Schools, Clarence Street, Newcastle (15 weeks school for Adam Storar).</p> <p>Instalment and interest of £36 12s 2d, due on loan of £950 borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners was paid.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod Matron of Workhouse; Robert Pinder male lunatic attendant; Jane T Brown female lunatic attendant; George Main porter; Mary Harle nurse; Robert Fair hairdresser.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, debility, necessities; Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, debility, improving, necessities bottle of cod liver oil; Thomas White, Wallace Green, sickness, very ill, 1 ½ lbs beef; Catherine McEachin, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Drs Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p>	
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			<p>Considered request, deferred from last meeting, from Belford Union asking the Board to accept chargeability without order of Justices of Jane Douglas, widow aged 71, William Douglas, her son aged 30, and Sarah White [sic – person named then was Elizabeth Taylor] widow aged 73. A similar request was received from Glendale Union in respect of Jane Houliston, widow aged 82, and Jane Wood, widow aged 67. After consideration of the reports of their officers, they agreed that they were settled within the Union and to accept them without Order of Removal.</p> <p>Notice received from the Assistant Clerk of the County Asylum that Joseph Spowart, chargeable to the Union, had been allowed one month's leave of absence on trial.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Glendale Union to accept, without orders of removal, the chargeability of Catherine Black and Elizabeth Thompson, recently removed into this Union and chargeable.</p> <p>John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, Berwick District, reported that he had not received from the Registrar the monthly lists of births and deaths for April and May. The Clerk ordered to ask the Registrar for an explanation.</p> <p>As directed at the last meeting, the Clerk had asked the Churchwardens and Overseers of Tweedmouth for payment of arrears. The arrears had not been paid but a supplemental valuation list had been brought to the meeting. When approved, it should remove the present problem in making and collecting the poor rate. In the circumstances the meeting agreed to delay the taking of proceedings to recover the amount.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/54-62	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 July 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson; William Allan; John Marshall; David Tait; Robert Cairens; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Young; George Bone; Matthew Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	8 July 1872

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; D A Lamb & Sons (plumbers); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); George Richardson (carpenter); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Blakey (beerseller); William Shiel (potatoes); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Peter Gibson (blacksmith); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas G Turner (grocer); William Alder (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Maria Jones (potatoes); Robert Walker (carter); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); E Willoby (justices clerk's fees, postage & sundry payments); John I Smith, Edgewell Cottage, Duddo (providing an outfit for Thomas Pringle on his leaving workhouse to be an apprentice tailor). Lunatics Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic); Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 16 pauper lunatics and part quarter of one other). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf and Dumb (half year's board, education & clothing for William Purves).</p>	
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			<p>meat etc for the current quarter.</p> <p>Letter from the Superintendent of the Newcastle Deaf and Dumb Institution suggesting that William Purves, maintained there by the Union, should enter into the service of Clarke, Watson and Gurney, engineers, Newcastle, to learn the trade of boiler maker or moulder. The Guardians should provide him with an outfit and assist him for the first two years by a weekly allowance of outdoor relief, 2s in the first year, 1s in the second. Resolved that John Crosby, [Relieving Officer], seek the consent of Purves' mother to the arrangement. Provided she consented, the Guardians approved the proposal and ordered that it be carried out.</p> <p>Letter from John Dunlop, solicitor, detailing proceedings he had taken and was about to take to obtain payment of the money alleged to be due to the family of Macdonald under the Will of the late Mrs Mary Isabella How. He requested the Union to say which three of the alleged heirs are chargeable to join in the proceedings and so avoid the necessity of multiplying costs.</p> <p>The Guardians declined to comply with the request.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Board that Glendale Union had accepted without order of removal the chargeability of the two paupers, whose cases were raised at the last meeting.</p> <p>Received from the Superintendent of the County Asylum his half yearly return concerning the state and condition of the lunatics they were responsible for. Likewise the Medical Officer for the Workhouse presented his statement. His answers to the printed inquiries were all in the affirmative and satisfactory.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices in Petty Sessions for an order against George Gibson, of Berwick, Custom House Officer, to pay the weekly sum of 8s in repayment of the relief considered necessary and given to his wife, Robina Gibson, for herself and two children.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/63-67	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairens; John Watt; George Bone; Robert</p>	22 July 1872

		<p>meeting held on 22 July 1872.</p> <p>Towerson; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait; William Allan; Edward H Pringle [Edward Pringle]. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Brown [Colville Brown]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Out Relief Account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (quarters maintenance etc of James W Knox); Fees for the education of pauper children, midsummer quarter: Berwick Boys' National School, 28 children; Berwick Girls' National School, 17 children; Berwick Infants National school, 7 children; Berwick St Mary's National School, 9 children; Berwick Boys' British School, 7 children; Berwick Girls' British School, 17 children; Tweedmouth Boys' National School, 13 children; Tweedmouth Girls' National School, 16 children; Tweedmouth Presbyterian School, 8 children; Spittal British School, 24 children; James Thompson, East Ord, 5 children; Elizabeth Dodds, Etal, 1 child; John Blythe, Old Bewick, 1 child; I Simonson, Belford, 1 child. Extra Medical Fees: James Lambie (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District);</p>	
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			<p>Matthew Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Supplies and services: Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse); Edward Willoby (payment for use of rooms for annual examination of paupers).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Robson, Chapel Street, sickness and debility, necessaries; Mary Lambert, Church Street, rheumatism, 1 ½ lb beef; Mary Lambert, Church Street, rheumatism, 1 ½ lb beef;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that notice had been sent to each Guardian of the proposal of the Assessment Committee that T F Hedley of Sunderland should be appointed to value the main railway lines, the new water works and pipes, and sundry other properties in the Union This was agreed; the Assessment Committee were to consider the list of properties to be valued, as received from the Overseers, and to decide the list for Mr Hedley.</p> <p>Received a further letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a letter sent to Dr Davidson re payment for vaccinations. It informed Dr Davidson that "as the re-vaccinations in question do not come within the terms of the Regulations of the Lords of Her Majesty's Council the Guardians are justified in refusing payment of them".</p> <p>Notice received from the Clerk to the County Asylum of the intention of the Committee of Visitors that, because of the "high price of provisions, clothing, coal and</p>	
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			<p>every article of consumption" that the weekly rate of maintenance was to be raised from 9s 11d to 12s 6d.</p> <p>He also informed them that Joseph Spowart, who had been absent on a month's trial, was discharged on 16 July, "not improved".</p> <p>Letter received from one of the Medical Officers of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, describing the present state and condition of Hannah Jamieson, and urging that she be allowed to remain there.</p> <p>Received from Morpeth Union notice of chargeability with grounds of removal and a copy of Order of Justices in respect of John Lockey and his wife Jane. As this was the second time they had been so removed, an appeal could not be sustained.</p> <p>Mrs McLeod, Matron of the Workhouse, applied that her daughter be allowed to stay with her for a few weeks. Granted.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/68-73	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 August 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; James Hogg; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Brown; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe; Ralph Forster. Medical Officers: Dr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Hay (miller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); John Blakey (beerseller); William G Carr (chemist); Thomas G</p>	5 Aug. 1872

		<p>Turner (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (printing list of paupers as per estimate). Out Relief Account: Guardians of Newcastle Union (repayment of relief advanced to Elizabeth and Ann Stephenson).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General Police Rate and Local Police Rate by 29 August from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, drawing the Guardians' attention to the Auditor's report of his last audit, concerning the sureties of John A Woods, Treasurer, and Joseph Scott, Assistant Overseer, Cornhill.</p> <p>Letter from the Treasurer nominating his partner, Joseph Mather, as surety in place of Thomas Miller. Approved; the Clerk to prepare the bond. Mr Scott stated that at the next meeting he should be able to name his new surety.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings in the County Court against Henry Knox, labourer, Tweedmouth, to recover 10s, a loan advanced by the Board, to pay the doctor's fee for his wife's recent confinement.</p> <p>Letter received from Robert Pinder, resigning from his post of male lunatic attendant, his sole reason being to better his condition. The resignation was accepted conditionally. The Chairman and Clerk to interview Pinder to find out what alterations, if any, in his terms of engagement would induce to</p>	
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			<p>withdraw his resignation and when he intended to leave. Dependent on the outcome, the next Meeting would consider the appointment of a replacement male lunatic attendant at the same salary of £30 per annum with rations and unfurnished apartment. The post to be advertised in the local newspapers, The Scotsman and the Newcastle Daily Journal.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/76-82.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 August 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Trotter; George Bone; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; David Hume; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Dr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: David Tait.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Blakey (beerseller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); William Alder (spirit merchant). Out Relief Account: Guardians of Morpeth Union (3 weeks maintenance for John Lockey and wife pending removal). Vaccination Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrars fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrars Fees). Registration Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrars fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrars Fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	19 Aug. 1872

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, Two children, ill with smallpox, require the mother's attendance. George Nisbet, West Allerdean, 1 bottle of cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter.</p> <p>The Minute of the Workhouse and Finance Committee concerning Robert Pinder was tabled. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman and Clerk had met with him. He was prepared to withdraw his resignation if his rations were made sufficient for his needs. Alterations to the rations of other officers were considered. The Committee recommended to the Board: Matron of the Workhouse – weekly allowance of sugar increased from 12ozs to 16ozs. Female Lunatic Attendant – instead of 8lbs of bread to have 7lbs of bread and 2lbs of flour; addition of ½ lb cheese weekly. Male Lunatic Attendant – at his request to have payment of 10s a week in lieu of rations. The Committee considered this justified because of his peculiar and frequently disagreeable duties. They confirmed that if the arrangement was accepted, he would withdraw his resignation. The Board resolved that, rather than the above, the Male Lunatic Attendant should receive the same rations as at present and that his salary should be increased from £30 to £40 per annum from that date. The rations of the Matron and Female Lunatic Attendant should be increased as above, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. The table of rations for Workhouse Officers to be amended accordingly.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board drawing attention to the provisions of the Lunacy Amendment Act, 1862, concerning detention of lunatics in the Workhouse beyond the period of 14 days. Resolved to refer this to the Medical Officer for the Workhouse to ensure the law is strictly observed in future.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of the Public Health Act 1872, making certain observations for the Guardians' information. By the Act the</p>	
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			<p>Guardians are constituted the sanitary authority for that portion of the Union outwith the Borough of Berwick. They are required to hold their first meeting within 28 days from the passing of the Act. This was fixed for 2nd September in the Board Room.</p> <p>The Report Book of the late Inspector of Nuisances was produced. An entry described an alleged nuisance caused by certain filth flowing onto a highway at Holy Island. Agreed that this was a matter for the District Surveyor and was referred to him.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his quarterly statement of the calls made on the parishes, the sums paid on account and those remaining due. He also submitted his calculations of the sums required from the various parishes for the ensuing half year. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee to consider and report.</p> <p>As promised at the last meeting, Joseph Scott named his new surety, James Nicholson of Murton for his post as Assistant Overseer Cornhill.</p> <p>Application from Belford Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Ann Barclay, wife of Andrew Barclay, labourer of Berwick. The Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>Application from Newcastle Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Mary Wood, widow and her three children. Referred to John Scott [Relieving Officer] to enquire and report.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Stevenson, butcher of Newcastle, to contribute 2s per week towards the maintenance of his mother, Mary Stevenson, now chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/83-87.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 September 1872.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; John Watt; Edward Pringle; James Hogg; George Bone; David Hume; Robert Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; David Tait.</p>	2 Sept. 1872

		<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Dr .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); George Gilchrist (paper hanger); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Local Board of Health and others (sundries for garden and pigs); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); James Renton (farmer).</p> <p>James Weatherston, boot and shoemaker, Norham, attended with Thomas Eggleston, aged 14, a poor boy from Berwick, who, it was proposed, would be apprenticed to Weatherston, for a period of 5 years at a premium of £5 and an outfit. After discussion with both parties, the Guardians approved the apprenticeship; the indentures were executed, the first part of the premium to be paid to Weatherston with £3 from which he would provide two suits for Egglestone.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Lyons, aged 19, Eastern Lane, spitting blood, necessities; James White, aged 52, Castlegate, debility, assistance for a few days, necessities; Mary Ridpath, aged 26, Loanend, debility and pregnancy.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Kyoie; Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee, as requested had examined the Clerk's calculations of the sums required of the parishes. They recommended these were approved. Agreed.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board approving the increase in salary for the Male Lunatic Attendant and the alterations in the rations allowances for the Matron and Female Lunatic Attendant.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to the Meeting that chronic cases of lunacy from the adjoining Unions should be admitted to the Workhouse insane wards. Agreed that the Workhouse and Finance Committee should, after the current half yearly accounts were completed, inquire and report on the cost of maintenance in these wards and the amount of unoccupied accommodation.</p> <p>Circular from the Medical Department of the Local Government Board, enclosing forms to be completed for that Board and the Guardians by the Vaccination Officers. To be given to them for completion.</p> <p>Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] reported on the alleged settlement of Mary Wood, widow, and her three children, now chargeable to the Newcastle Union. At the time of the alleged hiring and service of the father of the pauper's late husband, he was only nine years old and had no residence in the Union. Therefore the request to accept chargeability was refused.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland David Linnen, resident at Duddo, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/88-	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	16 Sept. 1872

	93	Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 September 1872	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; George Bone; Robert Cairens; Charles Tennant; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); J & A Robertson (ironfounders); John Blakey (beerseller); George Douglas (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); George Lauder (bookbinder); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (expenses enquiring into the settlement of Mary Wood and children).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and Local Rate by 20 September from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Trotter, Walkergate Lane, diarrhoea, in a few days, necessities; James Porteous, labourer, aged 57, Church Street, sickness, beef, cornflour;</p>	
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		<p>Jane Edminson, Spittal, 1 bottle cod liver oil; John Murray, Kiln Hill, 1 bottle cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Holy Island; Norham; Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The contracts for the supply of provisions and clothing expire on 5 October. The advertisement for tenders was agreed and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to select and recommend the tenders to be approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Returns made by the Vaccination Officers of the vaccination of the children whose births were registered in their districts from 21 August to 31 December 1871 were presented. As these were satisfactory they were forwarded to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board; the returns from the Registrar General for the quarter ending 30 June last showed 6 deaths from scarlatina had occurred in the Islandshire Registration sub-district. They requested that the Guardians 1 Provide information on the recent prevalence of the disease in the sub-district, the number of cases and the circumstances under which they occurred; 2 state whether the disease is still continuing; 3 state what measures they had taken under secs. 22 to 26 of the Sanitary Act 1866 for preventing the spread of the contagion. They also requested a copy of any report made to the Guardians by any of the Medical Officers upon the sanitary state of the above sub-district. They enclosed copies of Memoranda indicating the general nature of the precautions that should be taken against scarlatina and on disinfections. The Clerk reported that he had asked the Registrar of the Islandshire sub-district to provide information on the places where the 6 deaths had occurred, the number of subsequent deaths and the present state of the district. As the Registrar was away from home, he was awaiting a reply. Agreed to defer until the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Ireland</p>	
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			James Humphrey, who was born there, and now chargeable to the Union and removeable.	
Item	GBR 51/94-99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 September 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Towerson; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait; Charles Tennant; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Thomas Grahame (mealseller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Moor & Co (ironmongers); George Brown (undertaker); John Blakey (beerseller); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Knight & Co (books and forms); T & R Thompson (workhouse insurance premium). In maintenance Account: Thomas Wilson (outfits for Agnes Laidler, Elizabeth Stevenson, Margaret Henderson). Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic to County Asylum).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron of Workhouse; Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant; Jane T Brown, Female Lunatic Attendant; George Main, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse;</p>	30 Sept. 1872

			<p>Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, beef, cornflour, necessities; Catherine Wells, aged 50, Black Bull Yard, High Street, sickness, pint cod liver oil; James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, beef, cornflour, pint of port wine, necessities;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended for approval tenders received for provisions, necessities and clothing which were accepted. The Committee had not accepted a tender for butter. Tenders were laid before the Board and the tender of John Davidson at 1s 1 ½ d was accepted provided the quality was good; the Chairman and Robert Towerson to examine and decide.</p> <p>Contribution Orders for the parishes in the Union were agreed to be paid in two equal instalments on 19th October and 11th January, to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year, totalling £4764.</p> <p>Reply received from the Registrar for Islandshire, in response to the letter from the Local Government Board, concerning deaths from scarlatina. He listed all deaths from scarlet fever, six, since last April. He stated the epidemic was only prevalent in Ancroft parish with odd cases elsewhere. He now understood that the District was entirely free from that and other infectious diseases.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to inform the Local Government Board that the Guardians had been unaware of the prevalence of scarlatina till the receipt of their letter, forward the reply of the Registrar and give their opinion that no further action by them was required.</p>	
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Item	GBR 51/100-107	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 October 1872.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Fair; Robert Brown; Charles Stewart; Alexander Smith jr; John Watt; Charles Tennant; David Hume; William Cleghorn; George Bone; Edward Pringle. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); D A Lamb & Son (plumbers); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Joseph Weatherston (slater and plasterer); Peter Gibson (blacksmith); George Brown (undertaker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); George Douglas (farmer); John Blakey (beerseller); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Miller (farm steward); James Renton (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); Alexander Henderson (printer); heirs of M Lister (stationer); proprietors of Scotsman (advertising); Edward Willoby [Clerk to Board] (justice clerk's fees, quarter's postage and sundry payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage, removing Scotch pauper); George Main (removing Irish pauper). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 16</p>	14 Oct. 1872

			<p>pauper lunatics, part quarter for 1); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic); Robert Fluker [Medical Officer] medical certificate for Jane L Edgar).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, [Medical Officer] Berwick District; James Lambie, [Medical officer] Islandshire District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Robert Fluker [Medical Officer] Berwick District; George Turner registrar's fees, Berwick District; John Crosby, quarter's salary as Vaccination Officer; Joseph Scott, quarter's salary as Vaccination Officer;</p> <p>Registration Expenses: George Turner Berwick District registrar's fees.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: John Husband, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft; James Paxton, Horncliffe; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer;</p> <p>Medical Officers: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Colville Brown; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew Turnbull.</p> <p>Thomas H Mitchell, [Thomas Mitchell] Master of Workhouse. Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates Holy Island.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>From the Master's accounts the value of provisions, necessities, miscellaneous and clothing consumed in the Workhouse in the last quarter were presented. The Garden Account was to be debited by the value of the house slops given to the pigs.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: J C McDonald, Ravensdowne, scurfula [sic ?scrofula], bottle cod liver oil; William Skelly, Prospect Place, sickness, bottle cod liver oil; Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, sickness, necessities; Margaret Campbell, aged 23, High Street, childbirth, necessities; William Crumlish, aged 50, shoemaker, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities;</p>	
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			<p>William Crumlish, aged 50, shoemaker, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessities;</p> <p>James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, 1 ½ lb beef, pint port wine, cornflour, necessities;</p> <p>James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, 1 ½ lb beef, pint port wine, cornflour, necessities;</p> <p>Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, general debility, packet cornflour, necessities;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes in the Union.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying the poor with bread, meat etc for this quarter</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board drawing attention to certain Statutes passed during the last session.</p> <p>Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability of Margaret Clarke. After hearing the report of Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] the Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>Letter received from George P Norris, Castlegate, complaining of the annoyance and injury caused to himself and his tenants by the smoke from the Workhouse washhouse chimney. He suggested the vent should be raised a few feet higher. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/108-113	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 October 1872	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Robert Brown; Robert Towerson; Charles Tennant; David Tait; William Allan; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; Matthew Young; George Bone; William Moor.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe.</p>	28 Oct. 1872

			<p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Robert Brown. In the absence of the Clerk, Edward Willoby, his partner, William Willoby, acted as his substitute.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Mitchell (hosier); Paxton & Purves (drapers); James Dixon (butcher); Bogue and Inglis (drapers); Border Brewery Co; James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller).</p> <p>In -maintenance Account: T & R Thompson (outfit for Eleanor Laidler). Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], West Norhamshire District. Vaccination Expenses: Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; Collectors Poundage: John Gilchrist, Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the Local Police Rate by 1 November from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p>	
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			<p>James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, pint port wine, 1 ½ lb beef, cornflour, necessities;</p> <p>James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, pint port wine, 1 ½ lb beef, cornflour, necessities;</p> <p>Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, sickness, necessities;</p> <p>Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, sickness, necessities;</p> <p>Mary Ann Young, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities;</p> <p>William Booth, aged 30, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities;</p> <p>Ellen Cooney, aged 21, Chapel Street, child birth, necessities;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists were tabled for Ancroft, Holy Island and Kylvie parishes.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back concerning the complaint about the workhouse chimney. When the wind was from the east, the smoke did cause a nuisance to Norris. They recommended that the stone coping be removed and six feet of brickwork be built and the coping replaced.</p> <p>Approved. The Master was to organise the work forthwith.</p> <p>George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, nominated Gibson Ferrier Steven, printer and newspaper publisher of Berwick, as his surety in place of Colville Smith, now deceased. Approved.</p> <p>Application from Tynemouth Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, for Jane Pringle, and her six children. The Guardians asked Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] to investigate.</p> <p>George Bone gave notice that he would present a motion to the next meeting that the weekly allowances of outdoor relief be increased from then to 25 March next by 6d to those paupers receiving less than 3s 6d per week and by 1s to those receiving larger sums.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/114-	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	11 Nov. 1872

	119	<p>Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 November 1872.</p>	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; Edward Pringle; William Cleghorn; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; William Moor; Robert Brown; William Allan; John Watt; David Hume; George Bone; David Tait; Robert Towerson.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Robert Rutherford (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); James Dixon (butcher); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James Dunlop (draper); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Robert Mathison (cooper); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Corporation of Berwick (half years rent of Workhouse garden).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (quarter's maintenance and education of James W Knox)</p> <p>Education, Quarterly Accounts:</p> <p>Berwick Boys National School, 27 children;</p> <p>Berwick Girls National School, 13;</p> <p>Berwick Infants National School, 2;</p> <p>St Mary's National School. 14;</p> <p>Berwick Boys British School, 8;</p> <p>Berwick Girls British School, 14;</p> <p>Berwick Infant British School, 1;</p> <p>Tweedmouth Boys National School, 12;</p>	
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			<p> Tweedmouth Girls National School, 15; Tweedmouth Presbyterian School, 6; Spittal British School, 19 children; East Ord School 5 children; Mordington Parish School, 1 child. Half Yearly Accounts: Beal School, 1 child; Cheswick School, 6; Cornhill National School, 6; Duddo Church School, 6; Harperidge School, 1; Holy Island National School, 4; Horncliffe British School, 4; Norham Boys Endowed School, 7; Norham Girls National School, 3; Shoreswood National School, 4; Miss E Cosser, Middleton, 1; John Blythe, Old Bewick, 1. Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District. Vaccination Expenses: John Paxton, East Norhamshire District. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight. Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, pint port wine, 1 ½ lb beef, cornflour, necessaries; James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, pint port wine, 1 ½ lb beef, cornflour, necessaries; Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, sickness, necessaries; Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, sickness, necessaries; Thomas White, Wallace Green, sickness, very ill, bottle port wine. </p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Berwick; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Norham; Norham Mains; Tweedmouth; Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental Valuation list for Berwick was tabled.</p> <p>At the next Meeting a deputation will be appointed to visit Northumberland County Asylum to inspect the inmates maintained by the Union.</p> <p>Joseph Scott reported that, as requested at the last Meeting, he had investigated the circumstances of the alleged settlement of Jane Pringle and her six children. The Guardians decided these did not justify them accepting responsibility from Tynemouth Union without order of removal.</p> <p>George Bone, having given notice at the last Meeting, moved that the weekly allowances of outdoor relief be increased from this date to 25 March next by 6d to those paupers receiving less than 3s 6d per week and by 1s to those receiving larger sums. Seconded by David Tait and passed unanimously.</p> <p>The names of all cases of out door paupers to be entered in the Relieving Officers Application and Report books and in the Relief Order Book, so that at the next meeting the Guardians can carry into effect the motion. To meet at 11am to do this.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/120-124	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 November 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; John Watt; John Brown; George Bone; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; John Marshall; Charles Tennant; David Tait; Adam Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	25 Nov. 1872

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Thomas Graham (mealseller); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gaslight Company; Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); L T & J Fleming (curriers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Half year's education of pauper children: Ancroft National School; Ancroft Moor School.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Robert Walker, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Robert Walker, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Joseph Atkinson, who had been apprenticed to James Scott, baker of Crookham, attended, the first half of his apprenticeship having expired. The Guardians, being satisfied, agreed the second portion of the premium, £2 10s.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Booth, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries; William Limburn, aged 37, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries; James Porteous, Church Street, sickness, 1½ lb beef, pint port wine etc.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p>	
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			<p>A supplemental valuation list for Tweedmouth parish was tabled.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted his quarterly statement of the calls made on the parishes, the sums paid and the amounts still due.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the last meeting, they appointed the Guardians to visit the Northumberland County Asylum to inspect the lunatics resident there. These were The Chairman [Andrew Thompson], Rev Thomas Procter and Dr Brown, Medical Officer of the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/125-132	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 December 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; George Bone; Charles Tennant; Andrew Mitchell; James Hogg; David Hume; John Watt; Andrew Trotter; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, Edward Willoby, His son and partner, William Willoby acted as substitute.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); W Purves & Son (boot & shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Border Brewery Company; John Davidson (grocer); James Wilson (chaff); James Grey (spirit merchant); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Andrew Ronaldson (police expenses in proceedings against Thomas Stephenson for</p>	9 Dec. 1872

		<p>an order of maintenance).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Andrew Thompson [Chairman] (expenses of deputation of Guardians to visit Northumberland County Asylum).</p> <p>Parish Of Holy Island: Edward Guy, mason (repairs to public pump).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 4 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoie; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Samuel Johnston, mat maker, Chapel Street, scalded foot, unable to do any labour; William Booth, Chapel Street, sickness, unable to do any labour, necessaries; Ellen Williams, Chapel Street, sickness, unable to do any labour, necessaries; William Limburn, Weatherly Square, sickness, unable to do any labour, necessaries; John Hunter, Low Letham, sickness, unable to do any labour, necessaries; George Rutherford, Folly, sickness, unable to do any labour, necessaries bottle cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker;</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The report of Dr Colville Brown of the Guardians' visit to Northumberland County Asylum was presented.</p> <p>There were 17 insane people from the Union, 9 females and 8 males, presently in the asylum. Nearly all came from the Borough, only 4 from the County. As previously all were of tidy and well cared for appearance, indicating that great care was taken of them.</p>	
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		<p>He recommended that they should notify the Asylum authorities that 5 of the men could well be managed in the Workhouse, where there is room for them. Charles Macdonald is strong and vigorous. He had been 8 years in the Asylum and is very rarely excited. James Trotter, a more recent case, though suffering from delusions, is very rarely rude. James Emery is harmless and apparently sinking into imbecility. James Moor is epileptic and is only violent after a fit. He was in the Workhouse before and was managed without much difficulty. Recovery is as unlikely in an Asylum as anywhere else. Charles Smith is a poor old man, who is fretting for home and if not moved speedily will be a hopeless imbecile. All other men looked in good health.</p> <p>He recommended that 2 women could be moved to the Workhouse. Jane Heslop is usually quiet, is in good bodily health and probably a change would be of great benefit. Maria Hall has been in an Asylum for many years, is on the whole quiet and well suited for the Workhouse ward. With the exception of Jane Edgar, who is very emaciated, all the women are in good bodily health. They could not recommend that they be moved to the Workhouse at this time.</p> <p>Agreed that a copy of the part of the report concerning removal of patients be sent to the Clerk to the Visitors to the asylum with a request that they direct removal of the patients as proposed.</p> <p>An Order of Justices directing removal of Jane Pringle, widow and her 6 children from Tynemouth Union to this Union as containing her last place of legal settlement had been received. Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] reported the result of enquiries he had made concerning the alleged settlement and on the basis of these the Clerk was directed to obtain copies of the depositions on which the Order was made.</p> <p>An Order of Justices directing removal of Isabella Wilson, widow, from Morpeth Union to this Union as containing her last place of legal settlement had been received. Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] was asked to investigate.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day, the inmates of the Workhouse be allowed beef, plum pudding and beer in place of the usual diet and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that a small sub committee be appointed to consider how the ventilation of the Board Room could</p>	
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			<p>be improved.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Catharine Hunter, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Aitchison, farm servant of Beal, George Aitchison, drainer of Beal, and William Aitchison, farm servant of Beal, to contribute towards the maintenance of George Aitchison of New Haggerston, father of Thomas Aitchison, who had become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Ebenezer Scott, of Berwick, tailor, for neglecting to maintain his wife and child, who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Board, who was present at the start of the meeting, explained to the Board that his recent illness and continuing possibility of ill health, led to difficulty in fulfilling efficiently his duties. He wished to nominate his son and partner, William Willoby, solicitor and attorney at law, as Assistant Clerk, without salary, the arrangement to last as long as Edward Willoby remained in office. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/133-139	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 December 1872	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Tennant; David Tait; John Young; George Bone; Thomas Sanderson; John Marshall; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; Adam Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	23 Dec. 1872

			<p>Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); James Elliott & others (sundries for garden & pigs); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; W G Carr & Son (druggists); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); H R Thompson, (drapers, outfit for two children); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker, outfit for two children); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and general district rate, special district rate); Barker & Fenwick, North Shields (fees for copies of depositions in removal case Tynemouth to Berwick).</p> <p>Payment of the instalment and interest, £66 3s 11d, on the loan of £1850 from the Public Works Loan Board was authorised.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Dane, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, debility, necessities; Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, debility, necessities; Isabella McDonald, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities; Mary Redpath, ---, ---, 2lbs beef weekly for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Hunter.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of the Vicar of Berwick, seconded by Matthew Young, that the Workhouse Committee be asked to consider and report on measures to improve the ventilation of the Board Room.</p>	
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			<p>six skeleton suits at 5s 9d each. Agreed.</p> <p>Contracts for beef, bread etc are due to expire on 4 January. Agreed that the Workhouse Committee obtain tenders for these and also for 20 sacks of new made oatmeal for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman offered to give a dinner of beef and plum pudding to the Workhouse inmates on New Year's Day, the Border Brewery Company to provide a half barrel of beer and Ralph Dodds to give tea and cake on New Year's Eve. These offers were thankfully accepted.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/140-146	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 January 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; Adam Darling; David Hume; John Young; David Tait; Robert Brown; John Watt; William Allan; Matthew Young; George Bone Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod - Matron of Workhouse Robert Pinder - Male Lunatic Attendant Jane T Brown – Female Lunatic Attendant George Main – Porter Mary Harle – Nurse Robert Fair - Hairdresser</p>	6 Jan. 1873

			<p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Purves & Sons (cabinet makers); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); James Renton (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); E Willoby [Clerk] (postage and sundry payments, Justices Clerk's fees); T H Mitchell [Master of the Workhouse] (removing pauper to Scotland).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Guardians of Tynemouth Union (relief advanced to Jane Pringle and her 6 children whilst under order of removal).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Helen Blundell, aged 16, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities; Mary Dane, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Robert Mac Laughlin, Chapel Street, amputation of finger, altogether, necessities; William Skelly, Prospect Place, sickness, bottle cod liver oil; Francis Rawn, Weatherly Square, debility, I think if this man could be induced to go into the Workhouse for a time, it would be to his advantage, necessities; Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, debility, necessities; Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, sickness, necessities; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gun shot wound in the ankle, severe, entirely, necessities; James Jamieson, fisherman, Greens, gun shot wound in the neck, severe, entirely, necessities 2lbs linseed meal;</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had as directed obtained the following tenders which they recommended for acceptance: James Dixon (rounds & flanks of beef 10s 3d per stone, haughs [sic] of beef 5s 6d per stone, legs of mutton 10d per lb, suet 8d per lb) Elias Pearson (20 sacks of oatmeal 4s 6d [42s 6d] per sack, indoor fine bread 7 ¼ d</p>	
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Item	GBR 51/147-155	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 January 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Charles Stewart; Robert Brown; James Hogg; John Young; Charles Tennant; John Watt; John Marshall; Matthew Young; David Hume; George Bone. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown];.Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers,</p>	20 Jan. 1873

			<p>outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; R C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker), Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Thomas Wight (china dealer); John Stoddart (grocer); Peter Gibson (blacksmith); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); James Renton (farmer); John Renwick (old rope). Out Relief Account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (quarters maintenance and education of James W Knox); Berwick Boys' National School 33 children; Berwick Girls' National School 12; Berwick Infants' National School 3; Berwick St Mary's National School 16.....; Berwick Boys' British School 8.....; Berwick Girls' British School 15; Berwick St Cuthbert's R C School 2; Tweedmouth Boys' National School 13.....; Tweedmouth Girls' National School 15.....;</p>	
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			<p>James Jamieson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lbs lean beef, 2lbs rice 2lbs linseed meal.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying to the Workhouse and outdoor poor bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>The half yearly returns from the Superintendent of the County Asylum describing the present condition of the inmates maintained there by the Union were tabled.</p> <p>Letter from Robert Walker, Scremerston, Registrar of Births and Deaths for Islandshire District, asking the Guardians to approve J Winskill, grocer etc, Scremerston as Deputy Registrar in place of D H Allan who had left the district. Approved.</p> <p>Letter from Jane T Brown resigning her position as Workhouse female lunatic attendant, on account of her state of health and thanking them for their kindness. Agreed that her employment should end one month from that date. A replacement was to be elected at the meeting on 17 February on the same terms as present - £15 per annum with rations and unfurnished apartment. The post to be advertised in the local papers, The Scotsman and a Newcastle paper. Canvassing of the Guardians was forbidden.</p> <p>Letter from John Husband, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick. He said that the rates for the half year would amount to about £25 and asked for an increase in his commission to provide fair remuneration for his work. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment of William Willoby as Assistant Clerk and the apportionment of salary between the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.</p> <p>Application from Alnwick Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without</p>	
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			order of removal, of Alice Logan, single woman aged 20. Also application from Newcastle Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Jane Coulthare [sic], single woman aged 22. The Guardians were satisfied that they were removeable to the Union and accepted the applications.	
Item	GBR 51/156-162	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 February 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson, Charles Stewart; John Marshall; Robert Towerson; James Hogg; John Young; George Bone; Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; William Allan; Thomas Sanderson; Adam Darling; David Tait; David Hume; Robert Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Dixon (butcher); M Gray & Sons (masons); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Scotch paupers); W G Carr & Sons (chemists). Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrars fees). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing 3 lunatics from the County Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	3 Feb. 1873

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Morgan, coal carrier, High Street, sprained ankle, altogether, necessities; James Jamieson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound. 1 ½ lbs, beef, 2 lbs rice; William Patterson & James Jamieson, fishermen, Greens, gunshot wounds, let each have 1 ½ lbs, beef, 2 lbs rice; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lbs, beef, 2 lbs rice bottle port wine.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Tweedmouth.</p> <p>They considered the application of John Husband, Collector of Poor Rates, Berwick District, for an increase in commission, referred from last meeting. The Clerk submitted a statement of poundage paid during the past 5 years. Thomas Sanderson moved that the poundage be increased to 6d in the £. There were no seconders and therefore Husband's application was refused.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had received the report from W J Gray, architect, concerning improvements to the heating and ventilation of the board room. The most economical solution would be 1 to install a common large sized Kinnaird fire grate with fire clay back and sides, on one side of the smoke flue should be a pipe carried up to the coping of the chimney to carry off the vitiated air from the room. 2 The present circular opening in the centre of the ceiling would be connected to the pipe by a tube or box carried along the top of the ceiling which would prevent down drafts of which they had complained. 3 One of Sheringham's or Boyle's patent ventilators should be fixed to the breast of the chimney immediately below the ceiling and also connected to the pipe. 4 The fresh air gratings in the skirtings would be improved by having fine perforated zinc fixed.</p> <p>The most perfect solution would be to construct a fireplace in the middle of the back wall as shown in the sketch. This would be much more expensive. He also recommended that a good screen as sketched be put up at the entrance</p>	
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			<p>door. A very plain one covered in green baize would cost little.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee considered that the best solution would be to build a fireplace in the back wall as shown in the sketch, with the description of the grate and pipe work as described in the first part of the report. They had accordingly asked Gray for an estimate which they submitted. The cost of the new grate and improvements in ventilation was estimated at £5 10s and the construction of the new fireplace £7 12s.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Committee was accepted and Gray was to be asked to prepare the specifications and that estimates were to be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, submitted two returns relative to the registration of vaccinations up to 30 June last. The Guardians were satisfied that there was no need for further measures to enforce vaccination in the Berwick District.</p> <p>Application from Belford Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Anne Brown, aged 10. It appeared that she was the illegitimate child of Isabella Brown, a lunatic now chargeable to Berwick Union. The Guardians accepted Anne Brown's chargeability.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland George Rutherford and his wife and child, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>The Collector to the Guardians was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Henry Knox of Tweedmouth, to contribute towards the maintenance of his son, James W Knox in the Newcastle Blind Asylum.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/163-168	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 February 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Cleghorn; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; Thomas Friar; John Watt; Matthew Young; George Bone. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Lambie [James Lambie].</p>	17 Feb. 1873

			<p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Jane T Brown, female lunatic attendant, salary from 25 December to this date.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Dixon (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); R Middlemiss & others (sundry accounts against garden & pigs); James Turnbull (tailor); James Miller (chaff); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown & another (firewood); Robert Blakey (farmer); John Garden (police expenses attending apprehension of James Sanderson); Proprietors of the Newcastle Chronicle (advertising account). Registration Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees). Vaccination Expenses: James Lambie (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Carrol, ---, sickness, pint port wine, bread; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2lb rice; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2lb rice; James Jamieson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2lb rice; James Jamieson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2lb rice;</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>They had planned to appoint a female lunatic attendant in place of Jane Brown at this meeting but no application had been received. It was agreed to readvertise the post, increasing the salary from £15 to £20 per annum, the applicants' age not to exceed 45 years. To be placed in the local papers, The Scotsman and the Local Government Chronicle and the appointment made at the next meeting.</p> <p>Only one estimate had been received for the work to the Boardroom from Mark Graham, mason of Tweedmouth. The estimate was not made out in the manner desired by the specifications. Agreed the Workhouse Committee discuss this with Graham and accept his estimate or otherwise as they deem expedient.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer submitted two returns concerning Registration of Vaccinations in the Norham and Islandshire District up to 30 June last. The Guardians were satisfied that it was not necessary to take any steps to enforce vaccination.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted his quarterly statement of calls made on the parishes, amounts paid and sums due.</p> <p>Referred to the next meeting consideration of the terms of appointment of the Medical Officers for the Islandshire and West Norhamshire Districts from 25 March.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/169-175	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 March 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; Robert Brown; John Watt; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Adam Darling.</p>	3 March 1873

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); W G Carr & Son (chemists); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Young & Son (grocers); Robert Totherick (photographer).</p> <p>Cheque for £90 7s 11d paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £2450 received from them.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 1 March from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Carroll, Chapel Street, sickness, bread, tea, sugar, 1lb rice;. Margaret Carlin, Chapel Street, sickness, bread, tea, pint English gin; Mary Highland, aged 32, Lodging House, Crawford's Alley, sprained ankle from fatigue in walking requires day or two day's rest, ---;</p>	
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			<p>They then considered the terms of appointment for the Medical Officers for Islandshire and West Norhamshire from 25 March. Agreed that Islandshire should consist of, as before, the parishes of Holy Island, Kyloe, and the township of Haggerston in Ancroft parish. The area was 11908 acres, population 1952. Salary £25 per annum. West Norhamshire should consist of the parish of Cornhill; 4430 acres, population 781. Salary £8 per annum. The salaries were exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board. Agreed to make the appointments at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted his calculations of the sums due from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the next half year. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee.</p> <p>Application from Stockton Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Barbara Clerk Murray, aged 31, and her 2 children. The particulars were not deemed sufficient to justify acceptance and the Clerk was directed to so inform the Clerk to Stockton Union.</p> <p>Notification from the County Asylum of the discharge of Janet Edgar. She was shortly after removed by her friends and has now died.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/176-181	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 March 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; George Bone; Robert Towerson; Charles Stewart; Andrew Mitchell; David Hume; David Tait; John Young; John Watt; Andrew Trotter; Robert Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	17 March 1873

			<p>Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Lambert (auctioneer); John Stoddart (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); Berwick Harbour Commissioners; John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); James Miller (chaff).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2 lb rice; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2 lb rice; David Purvis, Castlegate, sickness, pint whiskey; Margaret Carroll, Chapel Street, sickness, pint English gin;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Appointment of Medical Officers for Islandshire and West Norhamshire: James Lambie, Lowick, was re-appointed to Islandshire for the year ending 25 March 1874, salary £25; Matthew James Turnbull, Coldstream, was re-appointed to West Norhamshire for the year ending 25 March 1874, salary £8. The Local Government Board to be informed that the Guardians were unable to obtain the services of fully qualified medical officers who resided in these districts. These gentlemen, though qualified in other respects did not live in their districts, and their appointments were therefore limited to one year.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that they were satisfied with the Clerk's calculations of the sums due from the various parishes. The Board approved these.</p>	
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Item	GBR 51/182 -189	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Towerson; Charles Stewart; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; David Tait; George Bone; Thomas Sanderson; William</p>	31 March 1873

		<p>March 1873</p> <p>Smith; William Allan; John Watt; John Marshall; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Friar; William Cleghorn; Matthew Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron; Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant; Ann Shiells, Female Lunatic Attendant; George Main, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Payment made to T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master (petty charges of the Workhouse);</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal company; Mark Graham (mason); D A Lamb & Son (plumbers); George Richardson (carpenter); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Joseph Weatherston (plasterer); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); Hume & son (cabinet makers); Short & Miller (merchants); John Stoddart (grocer); Thomas Wight (china merchant); Robert Herriott & others (sundries for garden & pigs); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); Paxton & Purves (drapers); James Grey (spirit merchant); L T & J Fleming (leather merchants); John Davidson (grocer); W J Carr & Son (druggists); Peter Gibson (blacksmith); W J Gray (architect); Robertson & Co (ironfounders); John</p>	
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			<p>hairdresser. Declined.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointments and salaries of Drs Lambie and Turnbull.</p> <p>Letter from the local Government Board sanctioning the appointment and salary of Ann Shiells as female lunatic attendant.</p> <p>Return received from the Government Inspector showing the pauperism in the North of England on 1 January 1872 and the ratio of outdoor to indoor paupers.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that the salary paid to Edward Willoby, Clerk, for his services [to the Committee] for the past year should be £20 as before. Agreed.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill and Horncliffe were tabled.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Stevenson Ferguson, late of Berwick, mariner, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Ireland James Kelly, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned to 7 April to issue contribution orders to the parishes who by then will have appointed overseers.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/190-191	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians adjourned meeting held on 7 April 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: none. Medical Officers: none.</p> <p>Contribution orders for the various parishes for the next half year were fixed.</p>	7 April 1873

Item	GBR 51/192-197	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 April 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; William Allan; Robert Brown; George Bone; John Marshall; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell]; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Edward Willoby, Clerk, was paid for his trouble and expenses in organising the election of Guardians for the current year.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Out Relief Account: Newcastle Blind Asylum, quarter's maintenance and education for James W Knox. Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum, quarter's maintenance for 14</p>	14 April 1873

		<p>pauper lunatics and part quarter for 4; Royal Edinburgh Asylum, quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic.</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker], Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], West Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, quarter's salary; Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, quarter's salary; George Turner, Berwick District, Registrar's fees; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker], Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District;</p> <p>Registration Expenses: George Turner, Berwick District, Registrar's fees</p> <p>Collectors Poundage :Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick; James Paxton, Horncliffe; John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Sum paid by Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse to the Garden Account.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 2lbs rice, 1 ½ lbs beef; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 2lbs rice, 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Tweedmouth was tabled.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying to the Workhouse and outdoor poor bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>Letter received from Robert Lilburn Yetts, Collector of Poor Rates, Holy Island. It reported that a motion that, proposed by Thomas Fender, seconded by William Morton had been passed unanimously at the Vestry Meeting for the parish, on 20</p>	
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			<p>March, his salary as Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates should be increased from £15 to £20 per annum. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick proposed that, seconded by Matthew Young, a vote of thanks be given to Andrew Thompson for his able efficient chairing of the Board. Passed unanimously.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/198-208	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 April 1873, being the first meeting for the year.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; John Marshall; Joseph C Edminson; William Cleghorn; Matthew Young; David Hume; John Brown; Robert Brown; Charles Tennant; John Fleming; Robert Towerson; George Bone; John Young; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown];.Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Resolved Matthew Young should take the Chair until a new Chairman is elected. Then Adam Thompson took the Chair</p> <p>Return of the election of Guardians 1873 – 1874 Ancroft:: George Bone, Cheswick Buildings, farmer; David Tait, Windmill Hill, farmer; Edward Pringle, Scremerston, farmer. Berwick on Tweed: Matthew Young, Palace Street, merchant; John Fleming, Castlegate, leather merchant; Andrew Mitchell, Letham Shank, farmer; John Brown, Gainslaw Hill, farmer; Thomas Sanderson, Cocklaw, farmer; Thomas Howe Pattison [Thomas Pattison], Church Street, painter; John Young, College place, draper; Robert Brown, Sanson Seal, farmer; Cornhill: William Smith, Melkington House, landed proprietor. Duddo: Edmund J A Friar* [Edmund Friar], Grindon Ridge, landed proprietor; Felkington: Adam Darling, Governor's House, Berwick, merchant. Grindon: William Smith junior, Melkington House, farmer.</p>	28 April 1873

			<p>Holy Island: Andrew Thompson, Berwick upon Tweed, merchant and farmer. Horncliffe: Andrew Trotter, Horncliffe Mill, farmer & miller. Kyløe: James Hogg, Buckton, farmer; David Hume, Berrington, farmer. Loanend: Charles Stewart, Loanend, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: William Allan, Newburn, Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], Shoreswood, farmer. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: John Marshall, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth, farmer; Robert Towerson, Main Street, Tweedmouth, provision dealer; Charles Tennant, Main Street, Tweedmouth, pipe manufacturer; Joseph Cowan Edminson [Joseph Edminson], Main Street, Spittal, butcher. Twizel: John Tait, Riffington, farmer. *Guardians qualified to act in a parish where no guardians have been elected.</p> <p>Election of Chairman: Adam Thompson, proposed by Matthew Young, seconded by Charles Tennant was elected unanimously.</p> <p>Election of Vice Chairmen: Matthew Young and James Hogg were unanimously elected; Matthew Young to have preference.</p> <p>The following Committees were elected: Assessment Committee – Andrew Thompson; John Fleming; Andrew Darling; Matthew Young; James Hogg; David Tait; Ex officio Guardians – Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Ralph Forster. Workhouse and Finance Committee – Andrew Thompson; Thomas How Pattison [Thomas Pattison]; John Young; Robert Brown; Joseph C Edminson [Joseph Edminson]; Robert Towerson; Charles Tennant; David Tait; John Brown; Matthew Young; John Fleming; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson; John Marshall; James Hogg. The dates of the first meetings of these Committees and the Rural Sanitary Authority were fixed.</p>	
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			<p>The Standing Orders of the Board were read.</p> <p>George Culley, Assistant Inspector to the Local Government Board, attended and drew the Guardians' attention to the administration of Outdoor Relief. The Clerk would provide the information which Culley requested.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Mitchell (hosier); James Dixon (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); Border Brewery Company; John McCall (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller). Out Relief Account: Education: quarterly fees: Berwick Boys National School, 33 children; Berwick Girls National School, 12; Berwick Infants National School, 6; St Mary's National School. 13; Berwick Boys British School, 7; Berwick Girls British School, 15; Berwick Infant British School, 1; Tweedmouth Boys National School, 15; Tweedmouth Girls National School, 15; Tweedmouth Presbyterian School, 7; Spittal British School, 20; East Ord School 5; Mordington Parish School, 3. Half Yearly Accounts: Ancroft National School, 1;</p>	
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			<p>blankets and the females generally have under blankets. The male attendant Mr Pender [sic] was formerly an attendant at Dinsdale Park. His salary is £40. He appears to be zealous and efficient. The female attendant, Miss Shiels has only recently started. Her salary is £20. An ordinary pauper sleeps in one lower dormitory of each ward. There is no provision for special supervision during the night but there is a system of bells communicating with the attendants' rooms. He tasted the soup for dinner and found it excellent.</p> <p>Referred the removal of the wall to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>At the next meeting they would fix the dates for the annual examination of the outdoor poor.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Baird, of Berwick, engine keeper, to contribute 3s per week towards the maintenance of his wife, Elizabeth Baird, in the Workhouse insane wards. Also against Alexander Steven of Berwick, wire worker, to contribute 7s per week towards the maintenance of his son, Thomas Steven, in the Northumberland County Asylum.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/209-215	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 May 1873.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Towerson; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Young; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Sanderson. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was</p>	12 May 1873

			<p>given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Paxton & Purves (drapers); James Dixon (butcher); Robert Rutherford (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); James Mitchell (farmer); James Dunlop (draper); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); Joseph Hume & Son (cabinet maker); James Russell (draper); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John McCall (undertaker); James Renton (milk seller); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); Parish of Berwick (poor rate on workhouse); Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of workhouse garden); Northeastern Railway Coy (wood); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); John Mace (twine); John Redpath (wood); C Christinson (wood); P G Pederson (wood); James Dickinson (wood); David Fender (wood); Commissioners of Shore Dues (wood). E Willoby, annual payment for services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: E Willoby (1 year's allowance for use of offices as the Register Office); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District registrar's fees). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, rice; Mary Jane Cook or Allan, Walkergate Lane, sickness, necessaries; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, rice;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of the Union except for Cornhill and Tweedmouth.</p>	
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Item	GBR 51/216 -222	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 May 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; George Bone; Andrew Trotter; James Hogg; David Hume; John Marshall; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; David Tait; John [sic] C Edminson [Joseph Edminson] Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); John Watt & others (sundry accounts garden and pigs); Thomas Blyth (plasterer and slater); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr & Sons (druggists); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Thomas Ormiston (old rope); George Main (removing pauper to Newcastle); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); Charles Alderson (Justice Clerk's fees). John Patterson (wood); C A Nielson (wood); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Fees for education for past half year – Ancroft Moor Presbyterian School, 1 child; Cornhill National School, 5 children; Scremerston National School, 3 children.</p>	26 May 1873
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			<p>Vaccination Expenses: Robert Walker, Islandshire District Registrar's fees. Registration Expenses: Robert Walker, Islandshire District Registrar's fees.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Ann Allan, Walkergate Lane, sickness, necessities; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2 lb rice; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2 lb rice; Mary Beattie, Castlegate, sickness, necessities; Mary Beattie, Castlegate, sickness, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Berwick was tabled.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing the increase of salary to £20 of the Collector of Poor Rates [Robert Yetts] for Holy Island.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted a statement of the payments due, made and outstanding from the various parishes.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] reported his investigation into the circumstances of Henry Veitch, whom Morpeth Union wanted to remove to Berwick Union. From Veitch's statement he had not been hired in Berwick Union for sufficient time to establish settlement and his last legal place of settlement was in Glendale Union. The former is corroborated by the farm books of the late John Gillie. Agreed that the Clerk should enter an appeal against the Order made by the Justices.</p> <p>The application to the Justices for an Order of Maintenance against Thomas Baird had been refused. Baird had satisfied the Justices that his alleged marriage was not valid and legal.</p>	
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			<p>The case for maintenance against Alexander Steven had again been adjourned to allow him to submit a statement of his affairs to the Guardians. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and decision on further proceedings.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Ellen Hardy, single woman, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/223-229	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 June 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; John Marshall; John [sic] C Edminson [Joseph Edminson]; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; David Hume; George Bone; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); Border Brewery Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (expenses re Henry Veitch). Lillie & Elder (wood); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	9 June 1873

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2 lbs rice; William Patterson, fisherman, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2 lbs rice; Mary Beattie, Castlegate, sickness, necessaries; Mary Beattie, Castlegate, sickness, necessaries; Jane Storey, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessaries; Elizabeth Hand, Featherbed Lane, sickness, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Report of the minutes of the Workhouse Committee concerning Alexander Steven, wireworker, of Berwick. The Clerk was authorised to consent to an order made by the Justices for 5s a week, provided that the arrears be previously paid at the former rate of 2s 6d per week. If this was not done, he was to apply for an Order of 7s per week. The arrears had been paid as above so the Order was made by the Justices for 5s per week as long as his son Thomas was chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The contracts for bread and meat were due to expire. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain these for the next quarter, select and report.</p> <p>Reports were presented on the annual meetings for inspection and examination of Outdoor Relief. Berwick District. 19 May in the Board Room. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; John Young; David Tait; Robert Towerson; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; George Bone; John Marshall. 160 cases investigated representing 272 poor people, 237 of whom appeared. 21 May at Spittal Chapel Vestry. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Charles Tennant; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell. 40 cases investigated representing 62 poor</p>	
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		<p>people, 53 of whom appeared.</p> <p>At Tweedmouth Church Vestry. Guardians present: those above and Rev Thomas Procter; Robert Towerson; David Tait; George Bone; John [sic] [Joseph Edminson]; also Dr Davidson. 117 cases investigated, representing 176 poor people of whom 145 appeared.</p> <p>In the District the Guardians recommended that relief be increased in 3 cases and reduced or discontinued altogether in 16 cases. In 2 others further enquiries were to be made.</p> <p>Norham and Islandshire District.</p> <p>27 May at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; also Dr Turnbull. 6 cases investigated, representing 11 poor persons of whom 18 appeared [sic].</p> <p>At the Victoria Inn, Norham. Guardians present: those above and George Bone; David Tait; William Allan; also Dr Paxton. 56 cases investigated, representing 77 poor people of whom 69 appeared.</p> <p>29 May at the Cat Inn, Cheswick. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; George Bone; David Tait; Robert Towerson; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; also Dr Davidson. 32 cases were investigated, representing 45 people, of whom 37 appeared.</p> <p>At the Plough Inn, Beal. Guardians present: those above and David Hume; also Dr Lambie. 19 cases investigated, representing 26 poor people, of whom 14 appeared. In this district the Guardians recommended that relief be increased in 5 cases and reduced or discontinued in 5 cases; further enquiries to be made in 3 cases.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing to the removal of the wall in the yard of the female insane ward and the necessary expenditure.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board concerning visits by Relieving Officers to servants and apprentices sent out from the Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter received from Robert Hedley, Local Government Inspector, concerning outdoor relief, and in particular a comparative statement submitted to the Guardians for perusal.</p> <p>Received the annual statement of the District Auditor re the officers' securities. One</p>	
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			<p>of Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer's securities had died and there was a change in the terms of appointment of Robert L Yetts with his change in salary.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against George Storey, of Berwick, shoemaker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and four children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 51/230-236	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 June 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Robert Brown; William Allan; George Bone; Charles Tennant; Andrew Trotter; John Fleming; Robert Towerson; David Hume; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Robert Brown..</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron of Workhouse; Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant; Ann Shiells, Female Lunatic Attendant; George Main, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey</p>	23 June 1873

			<p>(spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Purves (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and general district rates on Workhouse, also special district rates); Captain S Thorsen (firewood); Thomas Patterson (firewood).</p> <p>Cheque for £35 6s paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £950 received from them.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Patterson, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2lbs rice; William Patterson, Greens, gunshot wound, 1 ½ lb beef, 2lbs rice; Peter Buttler, Walkergate Lane, sickness, bottle port wine; Peter Buttler, Walkergate Lane, sickness, 1 lb beef; James Flaherty, Weatherly Square, sickness, pint cod liver oil, 1 lb beef; Margaret Pike, Loanend, sickness, 2 lbs beef weekly for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists were received for the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Twizel.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee the Board accepted the following tenders for meat, bread etc: James Dixon (rounds and flanks of beef @ 11s 11 ½ d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 10d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 9d per lb); Elias Pearson (indoor fine bread @ 7d per 4lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 49s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 3lbs 13ozs for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 2 lbs 15 ozs for 6d, outdoor flour 3 lbs 15ozs for 6d).</p>	
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			<p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee the Board sanctioned an outfit being provided for Mary Jane Sutherland, a girl leaving the Workhouse to go into service.</p> <p>Letter received from Ann Shiells, Female Lunatic Attendant, dated 9 June, resigning her post as soon as possible because she was "leaving Scotland to go to New York with a friend in two weeks". She apologised that she had been unable to give a longer period of notice and asked for their consideration and for them to enclose her testimonials.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Board that she was no longer going to New York, but still wished to resign and was now willing to work a month's notice.</p> <p>Her resignation was accepted from a month to this date and it was agreed that a successor be appointed at the meeting on 21 July. The post to be advertised in the local papers, the Newcastle Daily Chronicle, The Scotsman and the Local Government Chronicle at the same remuneration as given to Miss Shiells, £20 per annum with board and lodging.</p> <p>Letter received from J R Mosley, HM Inspector of Union Schools, saying that he planned to visit on 1 July to examine the children in the Workhouse who attended school. The Clerk was asked to reply that the Guardians did not agree to this. There was no longer a school in the Workhouse and therefore no claim made for Government aid. Most of the children had already within this year been examined by a Government Inspector at the schools they attended.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, as agreed at the Meeting on 26 May, he had given Notice of Appeal against the Order of Justices directing the removal of Henry Veitch from the Morpeth Union. The Morpeth Union had now abandoned the order.</p> <p>Application from Alnwick Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Ann Alexander, who was alleged to be entitled to a settlement of her late husband gained by hiring and service in the parish of Ancroft. Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] was asked to make enquiry.</p> <p>Agreed that an adjourned meeting be held in the Board Room on 7 July for the annual examination of the indoor poor.</p>	
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			George Bone gave notice that at the next meeting he would raise the third clause of the Bill before Parliament to amend the Elementary Education Act 1870. It proposed to transfer to Guardians duty to pay the school fees of children whose parents are poor but not in receipt of relief. He would move that a petition against such a clause be presented to Parliament.	
	GBR 51/236	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 July 1873. Adjourned meeting to examine indoor poor.	<p>Present: Guardians: Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; Charles Tennant, John Young.</p> <p>The Guardians examined the Workhouse indoor relief lists and those indoor paupers who were able to attend. Instructions were given in several cases re possible discharge from the Workhouse or to the cost of relief being wholly or partly repaid.</p>	7 July 1873
	GBR 51/237-245	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 July 1873.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James Hogg; David Tait; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Fleming; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; John Young; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	7 July 1873

		<p>Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; George Back (builder); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; John Wilson (plumber); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James Tood & others (garden stuff); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); L T Fleming (leather merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); William C Caverhill (ironmonger); Thomas Blyth (slater & plaster [sic]); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Brigham & Co (machinists); George Fraser (carpenter); Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse); E Willoby (quarter's postage and sundry payments, Justice Clerk's fees); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (removing Scotch pauper). John Mace (twine); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage); North Eastern Railway Co (wood).</p> <p>The quarters balances in the Master's accounts for Workhouse provisions and necessities and miscellaneous were reported.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Martha Johnson, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Peter Butler, Walkergate Lane, sickness, bottle port wine.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker;</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying the Union with bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>Ordered that the post of female lunatic attendant be again advertised in The Scotsman, and also in the Newcastle Daily Journal and the Glasgow Herald.</p> <p>As notified at the last meeting, George Bone presented a motion [précised].</p>	
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			<p>That it was the Board's opinion that the 3rd clause of the Education Act Amendment Bill, now before Parliament, proposing to make it compulsory for Boards of Guardians to pay school fees for children whose parents are not paupers was very objectionable in as much as:</p> <p>It will lay an odious responsibility on Boards of Guardians to decide who were eligible, nor will they have any precise means of ascertaining the circumstances of applicants. Where there are School Boards, it will divide the responsibility between the Boards and add to expenditure from public rates.</p> <p>It will inevitably lead to conflicts of opinion between the Boards of Guardians, the School Boards and the magistrates.</p> <p>Despite the legal fiction contained in the Bill, that such fees shall not be deemed parochial relief, those in receipt will in reality be paupers; being outdoor relief of the worst kind viz. in aid of wages. The area of pauperism will be much increased and it will have a pauperising and degrading effect on the populace.</p> <p>The payment of fees to denominational schools will aggravate the evil. On a small scale it will be a form of concurrent endowment to the denominations, will probably increase with time and to that extent will convert the Poor Rate into a Church Rate.</p> <p>It will transfer the sectarian strife of the School Boards to the Boards of Guardians, of which they have been free. Guardians will probably be chosen for sectarian reasons instead of general fitness.</p> <p>The Board agree to petition Parliament against the Clause and that Mr Ridley be requested to present it and other local members to support it.</p> <p>Resolved that the motion be adopted and that the petition prepared by the Clerk with the assent of Mr Bone be approved ; the Common Seal affixed, signed by the Chairman and Clerk and transmitted to M W Ridley Esq. for presentation.</p> <p>Petition [verbatim]</p> <p>To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.</p> <p>The Humble Petition of the Guardians of the Poor of the Berwick upon Tweed Union in the County of Northumberland.</p> <p>Sheweth:</p> <p>That your Petitioners view with apprehension the proposal contained in Clause 3 of Bill introduced into your Honourable House "To amend The Education Act 1870" making it obligatory upon Boards of Guardians to pay the school fees of children</p>	
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			<p>whose parents (not paupers) are unable from poverty to do so, coupled with a declaration that such payment of school fees shall not be deemed to be parochial relief –</p> <p>That in the opinion of your petitioners, the effect of such a provision if allowed to become law, will be to open up a new form and channel of poor relief, and to foster perpetuate and extend the evil of pauperism as also to constitute a frequent source of dispute [sic] between School Boards and Boards of Guardians –</p> <p>That the declaration contained in the Clause referred to – to the effect that any allowance of school fees made by the Guardians to a parent not otherwise in receipt of relief shall not be deemed to be parochial relief can only affect the legal incidents of the position, and not the moral and social issues, whilst there are strong grounds for believing that by thus familiarizing poor but respectable families with the mode of obtaining relief from Boards of Guardians the area of actual pauperism would be greatly extended as experience proves that when poor persons obtain relief from the Guardians in one form, they soon turn to seek it in another –</p> <p>That in the opinion of your Petitioners the requiring money to be raised for educational purposes by the Board of Guardians is to be objected to because in addition to the two existing sources of the Imperial Taxes and the Education Rate it opens up a third source of levying funds for educational purposes viz. the Poor Rate and such multiplied opportunities of obtaining funds are opposed to the principle of economy and likely to make the education of the poor still more expensive –</p> <p>That in the opinion of your Petitioners, such a provision as that contained in the Clause referred to, will offer serious temptation to fraud and deception, and will tend very materially to sap the self respect and the self reliance of the poorer classes of this country.</p> <p>Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will not pass any measure by which Boards of Guardians would be required to pay school fees for the children of poor persons not in the actual receipt of parochial relief –</p> <p>And your Petitioners will ever pray –</p> <p>Given under our Common Seal this seventh day of July 1873.</p> <p>Signed: Andrew Thompson Chairman E Willoby Clerk</p> <p>At the request of Mr Hedley, Local Government Inspector, returns have now been made giving the wages paid to agricultural servants in the Union for the quarters</p>	
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			<p>ended last Michaelmas and Christmas.</p> <p>The Clerk read the half yearly return from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the condition of the lunatics maintained there by the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the half yearly statement of the Medical Officer of the Workhouse. His replies were all affirmative and satisfactory.</p> <p>Circular received from the Prescot Union concerning the mode of voting in the election of Guardians and the period for which they are elected. The issues were considered important. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Matron of the Workhouse requested that her daughter could stay with her during the school holidays. This was agreed on the same terms as previously.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reminded the Board that at his last visit the Assistant Local Government Inspector had recommended that means should be provided for disinfecting vagrants clothes. They had inquired of Morpeth, Durham and Sunderland Workhouses how they dealt with this. After consideration of the information received, the Committee recommended that they install a large upright box or press, as airtight as possible, adapted to disinfect clothes by sulphur fumes, as used in Sunderland. Agreed and the Master was directed to arrange this.</p>	
	GBR 51/246-253	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 July 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; Robert Brown; George Bone; William Cleghorn; Matthew Young; Charles Stewart; John Fleming; John Brown; David Tait; Adam Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker (Robert Fluker). Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	21 July 1873

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to the Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]. Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse. Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Dudgeon (carter); Peter Burns (fruiterer); John McCall (undertaker); J & A Robertson & Co (ironfounders); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); John Garden (police expenses attending the apprehension of George Storey); Captain Orum (wood); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Education: quarterly fees: Berwick Boys National School, 27 children; Berwick Girls National School, 8; Berwick Infants National School, 8; St Mary's National School, 18; St Cuthbert's RC School, 12; Berwick Boys British School, 6; Berwick Girls British School, 13; Tweedmouth Boys National School, 15;</p>	
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			<p>order of removal, of Margaret Clark, single woman aged 46. As she has frequently and very recently been chargeable to Berwick Union, the Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Glendale Union to accept, without an order of removal, the chargeability of Mary Rutherford single woman aged 66, whose last legal settlement appears from her statement to be within that Union.</p>	
	GBR 51/254-258	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 August 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; John Brown; Matthew Young; Charles Tennant, John Young; David Tait; Adam Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Ann Shiells, female lunatic attendant, salary from 24 June to 26 July [when she resigned].</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Turner (slater); James Renton (farmer); Robert Moor (pig dealer); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); John Mace (twine); Captain Straughan</p>	4 Aug. 1873

			<p>(wood); Captain Svendsen (wood).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Appointment of Female Lunatic Attendant. The two applicants selected at the last meeting, Susan McInroy and Mitchell Aberdein, attended for interview. Also present was Elizabeth Ann Dalziell, whose testimonials through inadvertence did not arrive till after the last meeting. After interviews, Matthew Young moved, and it was resolved unanimously to appoint Elizabeth Ann Dalziell at a salary of £20 per annum with rations, the same as her predecessor, and a furnished apartment. The appointment to start as soon as she could be released from her present employment and to terminate at any time after one calendar month's notice by either party.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers submitted their returns, on the official forms of the Local Government Board, for the registration of vaccinations for children, registered before 31 December 1872. These were very satisfactory and no action was necessary.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board informing them of the grant of £109 towards the salaries of the Medical Officers for the year ending 25 March 1873.</p>	
	GBR 51/259-264	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 August 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Bone; James Hogg; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; David Tait; William Cleghorn; Robert Brown; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	18 Aug. 1873

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Alexander Watson (ship captain); John McCall (undertaker); Peter Burns (greengrocer); James D Purves (auctioneer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); James Renton (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); Captain Punlsan [sic] (firewood); Captain Grimsrud (firewood); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage); Mitchell Aberdein (candidates travelling expenses); Susan McInroy (candidates travelling expenses); Elizabeth A Dalziell (candidates travelling expenses); George Macaskie (advertising account); G F Steven (advertising account); Proprietor Newcastle Chronicle (advertising account); Robert Fotherick (photographer).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: John Paxton (East Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Hannah Wilson); Newcastle Wesleyan Schools (fees for education of Adam Storar to 8 August).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Paxton (East Norhamshire District, vaccination fees); M J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District, vaccination fees); Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General Police Rate by 15 August from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge;</p>	
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			<p>Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Catherine Pike, field labourer, Loanend, general debility, totally unable to work; Richard Romdues [?Romanes], labourer, Norham, paraplegia, completely bedridden and helpless, totally unable to do anything; Margaret Campbell, labourer, Norham East Mains, pleurisy, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Tenders were received for painting and whitewashing the Board Room and the tender from George Gilchrist was accepted.</p>	
	GBR 51/265-269	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 September 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; William Allan; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for</p>	1 Sept. 1873

			<p>out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); James Renton (farmer); Captain Orium (firewood); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Liddle, aged 56, Loanend, aneurism of neck, wholly unable to do anything; Richard Romanes, aged 24, Norham, paraplegia, wholly unable to do anything.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing the appointment and salary of Miss Elizabeth Ann Dalziel as female lunatic attendant at the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted his calculations of the contributions required from the parishes for the next half year. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for attention.</p> <p>Report in the Visitors' Book from George Culley, Local Government Inspector, of his inspection on 25 August. He found the Workhouse clean. He was pleased that a</p>	
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			<p>disinfecting apparatus had been installed, but stated that to satisfactorily carry out the Vagrant Order, November 1871, a bath must be provided in the vagrant wards. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Agreed to an increase in cost of whitewashing and painting the Board Room to allow the curved recess in the ceiling to be painted blue.</p>	
	GBR 51/270-274	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 September 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Edward Pringle; David Tait; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Brown; John Young; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer).</p> <p>T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, paid the Workhouse for firewood.</p>	15 Sept. 1873

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs Chartres' daughter, Chapel Street, fractured leg, necessities; Jane Crawford, Walkergate Lane, injury to finger, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains; Twizel.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that, as requested, they had examined the Clerk's calculations of the amounts required from the parishes for the next half year. These were satisfactory and were therefore approved.</p> <p>The Guardians appointed the Guardians to visit Northumberland County Asylum to inspect the lunatics maintained there by the Union. These were the Chairman, [Andrew Thompson], Vice Chairman, Matthew Young. Dr Brown [Colville Brown], medical officer of the Workhouse was to accompany them to provide advice.</p> <p>The contracts for provisions and clothing were due to expire on 4 October. An advertisement was approved and the Workhouse Committee were asked to receive and select the tenders for approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were not ready to report on the alterations to the workhouse, requested at the last meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on a letter from Adam Burn, solicitor, London, with documents. These referred to a distribution of money paid into the Court of Chancery under the provision of the Trustee Relief Act. Charles Hunter Macdonald, a pauper lunatic chargeable to the Union was entitled to a seventh portion after costs. The Clerk was authorised to employ a London Agent to appear to the summons issued to Macdonald and served on the Guardians and to take the necessary steps to obtain payment to the Guardians of Macdonald's share of the fund now paid into the</p>	
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	GBR 51/275-284	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 September 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Charles Stewart; David Tait; George Bone; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron; Robert Pinder, male lunatic attendant; Elizabeth A Dalziell, female lunatic attendant; George Main, porter; Mary Harle, nurse; Robert Fair, hairdresser.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 20 September from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	29 Sept. 1873

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); L T Fleming (leather merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); Captain Johnson (firewood); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage); James Grey (wine merchant, for outdoor medical stores); William Murray (printer); J B Rennison (stationer); Knight & Co (books & forms); T & R Thompson (fire insurance premium); The Scotsman (advertising); The Newcastle Daily Journal (advertising); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie, Berwick Warder (advertising); G F Steven, Berwick Journal (advertising); George Outram & Co, Glasgow Herald (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage & sundries); John Crosby [Relieving officer] (half year's postage & sundries); Joseph Scott [Relieving officer] (half year's postage & sundries).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Samuel Johnson, aged 45, mat maker, Chapel Street, injury to hand, necessities; Samuel Johnson, aged 45, mat maker, Chapel Street, injury to hand, necessities; William Skelly, Prospect Place, sickness, bottle cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of those tenders received for provisions, necessities and clothing for the Workhouse and bread, oatmeal etc for the outdoor poor from the full list of tenders received. Their recommendations were accepted.</p> <p>Contribution orders were made to the overseers of the parishes within the Union, requesting payment in two equal instalments of the sum due for the next half year.</p>	
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			<p>The Workhouse Committee reported, as requested, on the report made by George Culley, Local Government Inspector at his last visit.</p> <p>They reported that at present the vagrants had to use the bath used by other inmates which was situated some distance from the vagrant wards and the fumigating apparatus. To return, they had to put on their own clothes after bathing and before the clothes could be fumigated. They agreed with the Inspector that a bath was needed attached to the vagrant wards.</p> <p>They outlined the present arrangement of the ground floor rooms adjoining the vagrant wards. The first ward from the entrance gate is the male vagrant ward; it did provide accommodation for 10 vagrants, but since the installation of partitions to separate the beds now accommodates 7. Not infrequently this is insufficient. The next ward, accessed from a yard on the opposite side, is the ordinary day room for male inmates. It is unsatisfactory for its present use. It has a sunken stone floor, a low ceiling and is too small for the main occupation of the inmates, preparing firewood for sale. The third ward is the female vagrant ward, accessed from the inner vagrant yard. This is satisfactory.</p> <p>Their first thought was to swap the female vagrant ward for the inmates' day room, dividing the latter into a female vagrant ward and a bathroom which would be accessible from both vagrant wards, estimated cost £21 6s. There were several objections; the most important was that the present female vagrant ward would be even less suitable for the day room than the present one.</p> <p>Their recommendation was to build in the men's yard a new men's day room, facing south and attached to the porch or entrance of the present day room. The present dayroom would be converted to enlarge the male vagrant ward and to provide a bathroom accessible from both vagrant wards at an estimated cost of £75. They enclosed plans to support the suggestion. The plan would provide a good, suitable, male day room; provide 6 extra male vagrant beds and a bathroom accessible from either vagrant ward.</p> <p>The report was signed by Andrew Thompson, Chairman.</p> <p>The report was unanimously approved; the Clerk to send it to the Local Government Board and request their approval.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled a supplemental valuation list for the parish of Holy Island.</p> <p>Received from the Guardians of Morpeth Union a notice of chargeability, Orders of</p>	
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			<p>Removal and Suspension re Mary Watson, widow, aged 79. Mr Crosby [Relieving Officer] reported that until recently she received non resident relief from Berwick Union. Therefore there were no grounds to justify appeal against the Order. The relief was discontinued because she had a son who was thought able to maintain his mother. Crosby was directed to make enquiries into the current circumstances of the son.</p> <p>Robert Pinder, male lunatic attendant, requested two days leave of absence which was granted.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Mary Mencke, widow, and her child, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>Resolved that Dr Paxton's attention be brought to an account from John Young for mutton supplied at Dr Paxton's request to a pauper, Edward Younger from 30th May to 19th July, costing 14s 8d without any intimation to Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer]. He was to be told that the Guardians were much dissatisfied and in future he must inform Scott of every order issued and that the Guardians will not pay any account extending over more than two weeks.</p>	
	GBR 51/285-293	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 October 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Allan; John Marshall; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Tait; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	15 Oct. 1873

			<p>The value of provisions, necessities, miscellaneous and clothing consumed in the workhouse, as shown in the master's books over the last quarter, was given.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); J Hunter & others (sundries for garden & pigs); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Robert Rutherford (draper); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Border Brewery Company; George Gilchrist (painter); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Graham (sack merchant); William C Caverhill (ironmonger); John Wilson (plumber); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); George Fraser (carpenter); John Blyth (plasterer); Thomas Strother (cabinet maker, firewood); John Mace (packing twine); Charles L Gilchrist (packing twine). Out Relief Account: Guardians of Morpeth Union (relief advanced to Hannah Wilson under suspended order up to 29th Sept). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 14 pauper lunatics); Royal Edinburgh Asylum Quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic); Andrew Thompson [Chairman] (expenses of visit of Guardians to County Asylum); Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (fee for attending County Asylum). Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker (Berwick District). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary), Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary), Robert Fluker (Berwick District, vaccination fees). Garden Account: to be debited for the value of house slops given to pigs. Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe); John Husband (Berwick); James Paxton (Horncliffe); Robert Lambert (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to Guardians;</p>	
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			<p>Application from Gateshead Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Ellen McLaren, widow, and her two children The Guardians were not satisfied as to the settlement of her late husband and declined to accept chargeability.</p> <p>The Guardians accepted the new surety for Robert Lambert, Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth parish, William Lambert, his brother, in place of Mrs Lambert now deceased.</p> <p>Colville Brown, Medical Officer for the Workhouse, of Quay Walls, reported on the visit of the Committee on 8 October to Northumberland County Asylum. The patients appeared to receive the greatest care and attention and everything likely to benefit them, physically and mentally, was done with no stint of labour, care and patience. No males were at present able to be transferred to the Workhouse, but one man was sufficiently recovered to be allowed out on trial very shortly. None of the rest seem likely to make even an ultimate recovery, though some may quieten down sufficiently to be kept under your own care at home. The Superintendent was agreeable that two females, Maria Hall and Martha Forster, could be removed. Both were chronic cases of 13 years standing and were mostly quiet and hopeless of recovery. Several of the females show hope of recovery but as they are there for cure should remain there.</p> <p>Agreed to apply to the Committee of Visitors for the Asylum to transfer Maria Hall and Martha Forster to the Workhouse.</p>	
	GBR 51/298-304	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 October 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; George Bone; John Brown; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; David Tait; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	27 Oct. 1873

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Mitchell (hosier); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant, also for outdoor medical stores);; Elias Pearson (baker); Johnston & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer). Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District). Vaccination Expenses: Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Samuel Johnston, Chapel Street, abscess hand, altogether, necessities; Samuel Johnston, Chapel Street, abscess hand, altogether, necessities, 2lbs linseed meal; Margaret Compy [sic, different spelling last entry], Chapel Street, fever, improving, pint bottle port wine; Michael Butler, Weatherly Square, injury to ankle, necessities; Michael Butler, Weatherly Square, injury to ankle, necessities;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown;</p>	
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			<p>Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee asked for the consent of the Guardians to employ Mr Hedley of Sunderland to revalue that section of the Kelso branch line of the North Eastern Railway which ran through the Union. The Committee minutes were produced and the Clerk explained the circumstances. The Board consented at Hedley's stipulated charge of 1% of rateable value.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tender of James Turnbull, Woolmarket, to provide 12 suits for men @ 13s 6d per suit, 9 suits for boys @ 8s 6d per suit and 3 skeleton suits @ 5s 6d per suit. Agreed.</p> <p>As directed at the last meeting, the Clerk had written to the Committee of Visitors of the County Asylum requesting the removal of Maria Hall and Martha Forster to the Workhouse. He read the reply from the Clerk to the Visitors Committee with a copy of the Minute. He reported that Martha Forster had been transferred to the Workhouse. The Minute, dated 20 October, said that Berwick Guardians had requested the removal of the above patients on the grounds that they were chronic cases of 13 years standing. The Poor Law Board had decided under the Lunacy Amendment Act 1863 that permissions to move such patients are intended to meet the deficiency of accommodation in the asylums and not to convert workhouses into small lunatic establishments and moreover that direct applications from Boards of Guardians cannot be entertained. As there is ample room in the Asylum, the Visitors do not consider removal of any such patient is justified. However as Martha Forster belongs to the Borough of Berwick upon Tweed which did not contribute towards the erection of the Asylum, the Committee have no authority to prevent her removal.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of the plans and specifications for the alterations to the Workhouse. They will examine them as soon as pressure of business allows.</p> <p>Circular from the Education Department and also from George Culley, Poor Law Inspector, making enquiries regarding boarded out children. The officers were asked to forward the required information.</p>	
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	GBR 51/306-312	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 November 1873	<p>[NB. Page 305 is void.]</p> <p>Present: Guardians: David Tait, John Young; Robert Brown; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: David Tait.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Robert Rutherford (draper); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); Captain G Kent (firewood); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Out Relief Account: : Education: quarterly fees: Berwick Boys National School, 25 children; Berwick Girls National School, 9;</p>	10 Nov. 1873

			<p> Berwick Infants National School, 5; St Mary's National School. 18; Berwick Boys British School, 6; Berwick Girls British School, 11; Berwick Infant British School, 1; St. Cuthbert's R C School, 11; Tweedmouth Boys National School, 16; Tweedmouth Girls National School, 15; Tweedmouth English Presbyterian School, 9; Spittal British School, 17; East Ord School 3; Half Yearly Accounts: Ancroft National School, 2; Cheswick Private School, 6; Cornhill National School, 4; Duddo Private School, 3; Fenwick Private School, 3; Holy Island National School, 3; Horncliffe British School, 4; Norham Boys Endowed School, 6; Norham Girls National School, 3; Thornton Private School, 3; Miss E Cosser, Middleton, 1; R Lowrie, Hazelrigg, 1; Scremerston National School, 1. Vaccination Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District, Registrar's fees). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatics to & from asylum). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight. Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Samuel Johnson, Chapel Street, abscess hand, linseed meal, necessities; </p>	
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			<p>Samuel Johnson, Chapel Street, abscess hand, improving, altogether, necessities; Michael Butler, Weatherly Square, injury to ankle, necessities.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes except Cornhill and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for Tweedmouth Parish was tabled.</p> <p>Circular received from the Education Department concerning school board elections.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Mr Bone referred to the minute, presented at the last meeting, from the Committee of Visitors of the County Asylum concerning the Guardians' application to transfer two chronic cases from the Asylum to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Resolved to send copies of the Guardians' application to the Visitor's Committee and their reply to the Local Government Board, asking to be informed if the Poor Law Board have decided as stated in the Minute; also whether the decision is applicable to this Union who, with the approval of the Poor Law Board, had at considerable cost provided the Workhouse with wards and attendants adapted to the care and treatment of chronic cases of lunacy; also whether the Committee of Visitors can legally decline to entertain the application of the Guardians for the removal of a county patient who is a chronic and harmless lunatic.</p> <p>Letter received from Messrs Gibson F Steven and Robert Rankin asking to be released from their sureties for George Turner, Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth. Agreed that they were to be informed that Turner will be asked to provide a new bond and when this is done the present sureties will be released; also Turner was to be informed of the above and asked to provide in writing the names of two responsible people who were prepared to act as sureties in place of Messrs Steven and Rankin.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, reported the removal to the County Asylum on 6 November of Elizabeth Brown, wife of James Brown, fisherman of Horncliffe. He was asked to find out from James Brown the amount he was willing and able to contribute</p>	
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			<p>to the maintenance of his wife.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse was authorised to hand over care of two orphans, James and Robert Scott, to their uncle and aunt and provide the boys with suitable outfits.</p> <p>Application from Newcastle upon Tyne Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Mary Ann Barham, single woman aged 24 and her illegitimate child. The Guardians were not satisfied with the grounds of settlement nor the expediency of relief being given or required and refused the application.</p> <p>George Bone gave notice that he would propose at the next meeting that the weekly allowances of outdoor relief from 8 December to 13 April be increased by 6d per week to those paupers receiving less than 3s 6d per week and for those above by 1s provided it is for the maintenance of more than one person and that any relief fixed until further order during that period be reduced on 13 April in the same proportion.</p>	
	GBR 51/313-319	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 November 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson, David Tait; John Tait; John Brown; William Allan; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; James Hogg; George Bone; William Moor; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; Adam Darling; Robert Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown];.Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was</p>	24 Nov. 1873

		<p>given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Paxton & Purves (drapers); William Redpath (draper); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gaslight Coy; George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Coy (brewers); John Davidson (grocer); Moses Johnson (fisherman); John McCall (undertaker); Robert Henderson (wine & spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); John Mace (twine); C L Gilchrist (twine); R Davidson (twine); Brigham & Co (mending saws); Mutter & Co (cartage); Captain Watson (firewood); James Dickinson (firewood); Captain Kenoket (firewood); Corporation of Berwick (half years rent for garden); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Shoreswood National School (fees to Sept 1873); Ancroft Moor School (fees to Sept 1873).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Samuel Johnson, Chapel Street, abscess hand, improving, necessities; Samuel Johnson, Chapel Street, abscess hand, improving, necessities; William Skelly, Prospect Place, sickness, improving, bottle cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker;</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements was laid before the Board for the parish of: Tweedmouth.</p>	
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	GBR 51/320	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians adjourned meeting held on 1 December 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; Adam Darling; Robert Brown. Ex Officio Guardian: Rev Thomas Procter; Chairman: David Tait.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to increase the relief to the outdoor poor, as decided at the last meeting. The necessary orders were made and entered in the relief order book and application and report books.</p>	1 Dec. 1873
	GBR 51/321-330	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 December 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; David Tait; Matthew Young; George Bone; Andrew Trotter. Ex Officio Guardian: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John McCall (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Robert</p>	8 Dec. 1873

			<p>Rutherford (draper); W Purves & Sons (boot & shoemakers); T H Mitchell [Master of Workhouse] (redeeming clothes; William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Captain Heneket (firewood); Lillie & Elder (firewood); James Davidson (twine); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); C L Gilchrist (twine); Allan Brothers (repairing saw); Carver & Co (cartage); George Purves (repairing saw).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 4 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel.</p> <p>Account received from Thomas F Hedley, Sunderland, for valuing certain properties of the railway companies and others. The Assessment Committee was satisfied that the account was correct and recommended payment.</p> <p>Agreed that in accordance with the Union Assessment Committee Act 1862 the account should be paid and charged in accordance with the provisions of sec 39 of the Act.</p> <p>Items exceeding by 1/6th amount of previous valuation by overseers and to be charged to respective parishes: Ancroft - Railway; Scremerston Colliery; Lime & Brickworks. Total RV £5890. Berwick – North British Railway; water pipes. Total RV £2404 10s. Holy Island – Railway RV £2426. Kyloe – Railway RV £2387 10s. Tweedmouth – Railway RV £2429 10s.</p> <p>Items not exceeding by 1/6th the amount of previous valuation by overseers and to be charged to the Common Fund: Ancroft – Ancroft Colliery RV £181. Berwick – N E Railway RV £127. Tweedmouth – Water Works RV £258 15s. Total paid to Hedley £160 18s 8d.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Ann Young, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities; Robert Turner, Wallace Green, injury to hand, very severe, altogether, necessities; Wilhelmina Bruce, aged 55, housekeeper, Fenham Hill, cardiac disease, phthisis, pulmonalis, confined to bed, wholly disabled, none presently, medicine supplied.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for Ancroft parish was tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented its report, with the assistance of W J Gray, architect, on the architectural notes sent by the Local Government Board re the proposed alterations to the Workhouse. To each note they append their response.</p> <p>1 The proposed bathroom, 6ft X 6ft, formed by wooden partitions, is much too small for 18 vagrants. At least two baths are needed; one could be moveable and taken to the female ward when needed. Reply – Two baths are considered unnecessary because so large a number of vagrants will seldom be present. The average last year was 3 per day.</p> <p>2 The new male vagrant ward is very inconveniently shaped. It would be better for the partitions between it and the existing male ward to be taken down and rebuilt as shown on the rough pencil sketch to provide one good male ward and a bathroom available for either sex. Reply – The removal of the partition would seriously compromise the upper floor. It would be necessary to move the fireplaces into the side walls and put in additional beams for support. It is impractical with a very old building and involves large outlay, out of proportion to the supposed advantage.</p> <p>3 The new men's dayroom will interfere with the ventilation of the male vagrant ward. Its length compared with its width and height will make a comfortless looking room, little better than a corridor. It would be better detached from the other buildings as indicated in pencil on the plan and should be about 32ft long by 17ft wide and 10ft high at the sides.</p>	
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			<p>Reply – The proposal would destroy the usefulness of the men's yard. It is intended to reduce the length of the new dayroom by partitioning off about 14ft at the east end to be used as a separate workshop.</p> <p>4 Some of the divisions of the female sleeping platform should be moveable to accommodate women with children. See p 42 of "The points to be attended to in the construction of workhouse buildings", copy attached.</p> <p>Reply – The female vagrant ward already has good moveable bedsteads.</p> <p>5 WC accommodation or sealed night stools and some lavatory basins should be provided. There should be bell communication with the Porter's room. See pp 43 and 45 of the "Points".</p> <p>Reply – The existing WC in the male yard is considered sufficient for all purposes but accommodation already exists.</p> <p>6 Airbricks should be provided at floor and ceiling levels in all external walls – p 49. Window sashes double hung.</p> <p>Reply – Accepted.</p> <p>7 The waste pipes should be disconnected from the drains, p 59.</p> <p>Reply – agreed.</p> <p>8 Instead of open fires the wards should be warmed by hot water pipes. These could be inexpensively provided from the boiler which heats the water for the baths.</p> <p>Reply – The existing fireplaces are in good order and the inmates prefer open fires to hot water pipes.</p> <p>9 The window in the women's ward looks into the male stone yard. This is objectionable. A dividing wall should be built as indicated in pencil on the plan. The women's entrance should be through their portion of the yard.</p> <p>Reply – This window is already protected by wire on the outside; if considered necessary opaque glass could be put in. A separate entrance is impractical as the yard is next to the public street.</p> <p>10 A work shed should be provided where the male vagrants can break stone in bad weather.</p> <p>Reply – The vagrants' yard has a large work shed.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the Workhouse Committee's Report should be accepted and returned to the Local Government Board with the original notes, the replies in red.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board that they would issue an order dividing the</p>	
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			<p>parish of Tweedmouth into two wards. One would comprise the urban area with three guardians, the other the rural area with one guardian.</p> <p>Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Margaret Clark. She has often been chargeable to the Union and was now removed to it. The Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable and accepted the application. To be relieved in the Workhouse.</p> <p>Application from Alnwick Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Margaret Hall, widow. Referred to Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] to inquire into her alleged grounds of settlement and report.</p> <p>Letter from George Turner, Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth, stating that Thomas Hogg was not prepared to be one of his sureties. He asked that the Guardians accept the surety of a Guarantee Society. Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse should be given beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Board that he wished to provide the inmates with dinner of beef and plum pudding on New Year's Day.</p>	
	GBR 51/331-335	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 December 1873	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Moor; William Cleghorn; Robert Brown; David Hume; Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; Charles Stewart; George Bone; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown];.Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	22 Dec. 1873

			<p>Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); William Caverhill (ironmonger); William Purves & Son (boot & shoemakers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Purves (auctioneer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Knight & Co (books & forms). Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Cheque for £63 13s paid to the Public Works Loan, being instalment and 1 year's interest on balance of loan of £1850 received from them.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Contracts for bread and meal will expire on 3 January. The Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders for the above and also 20 sacks of new made oatmeal and report to next meeting.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer] reported on the circumstances of Margaret Hall, widow. Agreed that she was chargeable to the Union and accepted that she was removeable from the Alnwick Union.</p> <p>Letter from John Dunlop, solicitor, informing the Board that George Turner was seeking a guarantee policy from The Guarantee Association of Scotland.</p>	
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			Johnson & Co had offered to provide the inmates with ale on New Year's Day; the Vice chairman, Matthew Young, had offered a dessert for dinner on New Year's Day; Ralph Dodds tea and cake on New Year's Eve. These offers were thankfully accepted.	
	GBR 51/336-342	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 January 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Robert Brown; William Allan; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Robert Brown.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron of Workhouse; Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth A Dalziell, Female Lunatic Attendant; George Main, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Thomas Graham (meal dealer); Johnson & Co</p>	5 Jan. 1874

		<p>(brewers); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Brown (farmer); James Turnbull (making outfits for two children); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Newcastle Wesleyan School (education of Adam Storar [?]).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: George Henderson, aged 39, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities; _ Campbell, Norham East Mains, phthisis, partially disabled.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had received and recommended the following tenders for provisions for the Workhouse and the poor: James G Smith, rounds & flanks of beef, - 10s 11d per stone, houghs of beef – 5s 10d per stone, legs of mutton – 11d per lb, suet – 8d per lb. Elias Pearson, indoor fine bread – 7 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread – 7 ½ d per 4lbs, indoor best flour – 53s per sack, outdoor seconds bread – 3lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor flour – 2lbs 6oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal – 2lbs 9oz for 6d. Thomas Graham, 20 sacks oatmeal – 46s per sack. The tenders were accepted.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board re the elementary education of pauper children, giving the provisions of last session's Act affecting that class of relief. The Meeting considered that the mode of relief used for many years by the Board</p>	
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			<p>should continue provided it was consistent with the provisions of the new Act. The Relieving Officers were asked to prepare returns of the number of paupers' children who are or should be attending school, the schools they were attending and the fees payable. The Clerk was to send this with an explanation of the present mode of this relief to the Local Government Board and ask for advice on any alterations necessary to comply with the new Act.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of a letter from the Commissioners in Lunacy concerning the removal of chronic cases of lunacy from the County Asylum to the Workhouse insane wards.</p> <p>This letter replied to the letter from the Board of Guardians [10.November 1873]. They stated that the power of discharge rests absolutely with the Visitors of the Asylum who were therefore entitled to refuse the Guardians' application.</p> <p>On enquiry it appeared that the patient (Maria Hall), who remains in the Asylum, has become excited and is not now fit for removal.</p> <p>The Visitors had under some misconception quoted the enclosed minute of the Commissioners in Lunacy as coming from the late Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The minute, however, was hardly applicable as the insane wards in the Workhouse had not been approved under Sec 8 of the Lunacy Acts Amendment Act 1862 for the general reception of chronic cases. The Guardians did not seem to have had that section in mind when making their application but to have contemplated an ordinary discharge.</p> <p>Application from Halifax Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Susannah Forsythe, aged 17, a lunatic in the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield. The Guardians were satisfied that she was entitled to the settlement of her late father, Robert Forsythe, in the parish of Kyloe. They accepted the application and will pay the cost of maintenance in an Asylum after 1st January.</p> <p>Received the half yearly statement of the Medical Officer to the Workhouse. His replies to the printed inquiries were all affirmative and satisfactory.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Mary Mencke and her child..</p>	
	GBR 51/343-	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	19 Jan. 1874

	350	Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 January 1874.	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Young; David Hume; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; James Hogg; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown];.Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Master's balances the quarter for Workhouse provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous was reported.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Wilson</p>	
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		<p>(plumber); John Mitchell (draper); W C Caverhill (ironmonger); George Fraser (carpenter); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); George Back (mason); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Thomas Wilson (outfit for Elizabeth Knowles); Stephen M Cook (general & special rates assessed on Workhouse).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: : Education: quarterly fees: Berwick Boys National School, 22 children; Berwick Girls National School, 12; Berwick Infants National School, 4; St Mary's National School. 18; Berwick Boys British School, 7; Berwick Girls British School, 9; Tweedmouth Boys National School, 14; Tweedmouth Girls National School, 14; Tweedmouth Presbyterian School, 12; Spittal British School, 17; Berwick St Cuthbert's RC School, 8; East Ord School 5; Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 12 lunatic paupers and part quarter for 4). Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District). Vaccination Expenses: Robert Carr Fluker [Robert Fluker} (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); John Crosby (Vaccination Officer, half year's salary); Joseph Scott (Vaccination Officer, half year's salary). Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kylee); John Husband (Berwick); Robert Lambert (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Doyle, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities; George Henderson, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities; Thomas Candling, Chapel Street, injury to toe, necessities; Thomas Whittaker, Hatter's Lane, injury to leg, necessities, 2lbs linseed meal; J C McDonald, Ravensdowne, sickness, bottle cod liver oil;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying to the Workhouse and outdoor poor bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>George Culley, Local Government Board Inspector, entered comments in the visitor's book, on his visit of 9th January. He reported that the female side, particularly the sick wards are very full. Ten children were suffering from "scald head" – Medical Officer's description. The Guardians should look into this. They should also take care that no one leaves or enters the House other than through the gate. The door at the back offers undesirable temptation to leave without the knowledge of the Master or Porter. Referred to the Workhouse Committee. The Inspector wishes to discuss the alterations to the vagrant wards with the Committee and they can also discuss the above.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board with the Order and forms to be used in proceedings under the Bastardy Acts.</p> <p>Circular from the Guardians of Merthyr Tydfil Union proposing sundry alterations to the mode of charging relief given by the guardians. Decided not to consider it.</p>	
	GBR 51/351-357	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; Robert Brown; William Allan; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; David Hume; George Bone; William Moor;</p>	2 Feb. 1874

		<p>February 1874</p> <p>Thomas Sanderson. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Thomas Graham (meal seller); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Turnbull (tailor); Margaret Cowe (grocer); L T Fleming (leather merchant); John Davidson (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Henry Bell (basket maker); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Guardians of Morpeth Union (relief under suspended order to Hannah Wilson and Mary Watson).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District, Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the Local Police Rate by 31 January last from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoie; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	
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			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Whittaker, Hatters Lane, injury to leg, improving, necessities; Thomas Whittaker, Hatters Lane, injury to leg, improving, necessities; Elizabeth Hand, Featherbed Lane, boil, unable to work, necessities; Joseph Currie, Tweedmouth, disease in the lungs, required necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Kylloe.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on their meeting with Mr Culley [Local Government Board Inspector].</p> <p>Alterations to vagrant wards:</p> <p>1 Baths – the Inspector agreed to the desirability of two fixed baths and a movable bath for the use of females.</p> <p>2 Agreed to the size and location of the proposed men's day room but the walls should be 10ft high.</p> <p>4 The Committee agreed to the provision of two sealed night stools.</p> <p>5 The Committee maintained the use of open fireplaces but will provide two fireguards.</p> <p>Mr Grey [architect] will prepare accordingly amended sketch and report.</p> <p>Entry in Visitor's Book:</p> <p>The Inspector explained that his first two remarks were not complaints but a record of existing facts. Concerning the "scald heads" the Medical Officer "took the occasion to remark that owing to an opinion expressed by the Master.... to him he did not feel at liberty to enter the wards other than the infirmary." The Committee stated that the Medical Officer should at any time with the knowledge of the Master have the right to inspect all the wards.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion concerning the door leading from the male insane wards at the east end of the Workhouse and they questioned the male lunatic</p>	
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			<p>attendant. The Committee decided that the door should remain as it was but the attendant should hand the keys to the Master at 6pm in winter and 8pm in summer. Agreed that the Committee's proposals should be accepted. The male lunatic attendant should hand the keys over to the porter of the Workhouse at the above times.</p> <p>The half yearly returns of the Vaccination Officers were presented on the official forms. They were satisfactory and compulsory measures were not required.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Medical Officer of the Workhouse recommended a change of diet for the children. He objected to the too frequent use of treacle in place of milk. This had been necessary due to a shortage of milk. A better supply should now be possible removing his concerns.</p> <p>A case of fever was reported in a house adjoining Spittal Meeting House. It was described as being in an extremely filthy state and unfit for human habitation. The Clerk to bring this to the attention of the Urban Sanitary Authority.</p>	
	GBR 51/358-365	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 February 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; David Tait; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; John Young; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: None Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was</p>	16 Feb. 1874

		<p>given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James L Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Paxton & Purves (drapers); John McCall (carpenter); Johnson & Co (brewers); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); James Renton (farmer). Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees) Registration Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees)</p> <p>Account received from Thomas L Hedley, Sunderland, for revaluing the Kelso Branch Railway within the Union. The valuation had been requested by the Assessment Committee and both they and the Workhouse and Finance Committee agreed the account. To be paid in accordance with the terms of the Union Assessment Act 1862.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Hepburn, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessities. Isabella Hepburn, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Holy Island, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>The Board agreed the purchase of outfits for various inmates of the Workhouse on the recommendation of the Workhouse and Finance Committee.</p> <p>Order from the Local Government Board dividing the parish of Tweedmouth into wards for the election of guardians and determining the number of guardians for each ward.</p>	
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			<p>Reply from the Local Government Board to their letter of 10 January concerning the elementary education of pauper children.</p> <p>It presented a plan which they considered gave good effect to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act 1873 and which had been adopted by another board of Guardians:</p> <p>The Relieving Officer for each District was provided with tickets with spaces for the name of the child, the school attended, the number of attendances. The Relieving Officer inserts the child's name and the school before giving it weekly to the parent. The schoolmaster completes the number of attendances and certifies these by signature. The completed ticket is given to the Relieving Officer in return for a new one if required. The Relieving Officer keeps account of the number of attendances and certifies that the bill presented by the school is correct (whether quarterly or half yearly). The Guardians then pay the schoolmaster directly. The school must be selected by the parent and not the Relieving Officer or the Board of Guardians. They had contacted the Education Department concerning the Guardians' other questions and at present were unable to reply.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion the Guardians decided to defer decision to the next meeting as to whether they would adopt the above or continue with the present practice of monthly returns and when the returns were to be presented.</p> <p>The half yearly return from the Superintendent of Northumberland County Asylum, concerning the condition of the lunatics they maintained, was presented.</p> <p>Agreed to consider the terms of appointment for the Medical Officers for Islandshire and West Norhamshire from 25 March at the next meeting.</p> <p>Explanatory letter received from W J Gray, architect, with the amended plan for the proposed alterations to the Workhouse.</p> <p>It says that the plan gives the suggestions of the Government Inspector and the Committee with some slight alterations which are improvements.</p> <p>The men's dayroom is now 27 X 12 ft, the adjoining workshop 17 X 12 ft; the walls are 10 ft high.</p> <p>The new male vagrant ward contains six beds but could accommodate eight. The fireplaces of the two male wards are reversed and the doorway into the new ward</p>	
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			<p>enters from the porch. The access to the furnace or boiler to provide hot water for the bath is by the door to the men's present dayroom and so can be attended to without going into the vagrant ward.</p> <p>The bathroom is now 8 ½ X 7 ft with an entrance from both the male and female wards. The bath will be mounted on wheels and pushed back against the appropriate door, thus providing the same privacy as a room with one door.</p> <p>The female ward already has five iron bedsteads.</p> <p>Instead of providing a sealed night stool in the female ward, he suggests a WC entering from the outside porch which would be made private by making the doorway into the triangular yard into a window and making a doorway in the division wall as shown. A small yard is also shown in front of the female ward.</p> <p>It is planned to glaze the whole of the ward and bathroom window with opaque glass and to furnish them with iron stanchions etc.</p> <p>He has not altered the specifications yet, awaiting the Committee's views on the plans.</p> <p>The Guardians viewed his suggestions favourably, but as they differed slightly from those adopted by the Workhouse Committee in discussion with Mr Culley, the Government Inspector, they decided to send him the plan and letter for his opinion.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that George Turner, Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth, had not yet provided the security he was asked to provide in lieu of the Bond from which his previous sureties wished to withdraw. There had been communication from his solicitor but the matter was not resolved.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk write to his solicitor to state that the Guardians required proposals for the provision of the amended security for their next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland John Crawford, alleged to be born in Scotland, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p>	
	GBR 51/366-372	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 March 1874	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Towerson; Thomas Sanderson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe;</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p>	2 March 1874

			<p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James L Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (wine merchant); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Alexander Moor (farm steward); Johnson & Co (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Mc Call (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); William L Landreth (farmer); Adam Rutherford (expenses removing Mary Mencke and child to Inishowen Union, Ireland); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing John Crawford to the parish of Cockburnspath, Scotland).</p> <p>Cheque for £86 15s 7d paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £2450 received from them.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 2 March from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth Hand, Featherbed Lane, sickness, unable to follow employment; William Robison, aged 40, Chapel Street, sickness, a few days, necessities; Margaret Blakey, Church Street, childbirth, a few days, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Guardians again considered the steps needed to comply with the amended Act for the education of the children of the outdoor poor. Agreed that the Clerk should ask the managers of the public elementary schools and teachers of private schools, which pauper children currently attended, to find out whether they would accept the amount of payment named in the Act.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed the terms of appointment for the Medical officers for the Islandshire and West Norhamshire Districts from 25 March: Islandshire – as before the parishes of Holy Island, Kyloe and the township of Haggerston in Ancroft parish; area 11908 acres, population 4952; salary £25 per annum. West Norhamshire - as before the parish of Cornhill; area 4430 acres, population 781; salary £8 per annum. Both salaries were exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board. The appointments of the Medical officers for the two Districts to be approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment. He also submitted his quarterly statement of the sums to be paid by the parishes, the amounts paid, and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had written to the solicitor for George Turner, Assistant</p>	
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			<p>Overseer Tweedmouth, concerning his security but had received no reply. Agreed to inform his current securities that Turner had not provided the Guardians with an amended security and therefore they were unable to release them from their present obligations.</p> <p>Agreed to place George Cairns, a poor blind boy aged 10, in the Royal Victoria Asylum for the Blind, Newcastle, for a period of five years. The fees to be £10 10s per annum, payable in advance.</p> <p>Notice received from the County Asylum informing of the death of Maria Hall on 16 February.</p> <p>The death of the deputy named by Dr Davidson, Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District was reported. Agreed that Dr Davidson be asked to arrange for a legally qualified medical practitioner to act as his deputy in compliance with Art 200 of the General Consolidated Order.</p>	
	GBR 51/373-379	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 March 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Allan; John Marshall; Robert Towerson; Matthew Young; George Bone; David Tait; Andrew Mitchell; William Cleghorn; Thomas Sanderson; David Hume; Robert Brown; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	16 March 1874

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); R Davidson & Son (rope & twine manufacturer); William S Landreth (farmer); John Brodie (carter); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Blakey, Church Street, childbirth, necessities; Margaret Morgan, High Street, sickness, altogether, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists were received from the townships of Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>As agreed at the last Meeting they made the appointments of Medical Officer for the year from 25 March 1874 as follows: James Lambie, Lowick, Medical Officer for Islandshire District at £25 per annum; Matthew James Turnbull, Coldstream, Medical Officer for West Norhamshire District at £8 per annum. To inform the Local Government Board that as they were unable to procure fully qualified medical officers resident within the respective districts, that the above named, though fully qualified, were not resident in their districts and were therefore appointed for one year.</p>	
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		<p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that they were satisfied with the Clerk's calculations and recommended approval of the sums required from the parishes. Agreed.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing expire on 28 March. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration of the tenders and recommendation for the next meeting.</p> <p>The record of attendance of Guardians at Board and Committee Meetings over the past year was tabled.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board concerning the securities and contracts of officers. They were no longer required to revise these documents, leaving the legal responsibility to the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter received from George Turner, Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth nominating (in conjunction with Charles L Gilchrist) John Hall, quarry master, East Ord, as one of his securities. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to draw up the bond.</p> <p>Letter from the Royal Edinburgh Asylum notifying them that the charge was to be increased to £27 per annum from 1 April.</p> <p>Reply received from Dr Davidson, in reply to the request for him to name a deputy in place of Dr Donaldson, deceased. He was not able to name a deputy but would inform them as soon as he could.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to find out from Dr Davidson what arrangements he had made for the provision of medicines and attendance required by the poor in his absence from home or otherwise unable to attend.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had contacted the school managers as requested and had received replies from three. Agreed to defer consideration until the next meeting when it is anticipated all will have replied.</p> <p>Reply from the Local Government Board concerning the proposed alterations to the vagrant wards.</p>	
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			<p>They observed that that the amended plans contain most of the suggestions agreed at the meeting with Mr Culley, Assistant Inspector but pointed out the following: Two baths should be provided in the new bathroom rather than the one suggested, one fixed the other moveable. As the window of the female ward will now be screened by a wall from the stone yard, opaque glass is not necessary or desirable. Plain glass should be used. They also noted that sealed night stools are not provided in the male wards nor iron fire guards in either the male and female wards and should be. Two small swing windows, placed as high up as practicable should be provided in the new female water closet.</p> <p>Subject to the above, they agreed the alterations. They asked to be informed of the estimated cost and how the Guardians proposed to defray the cost.</p> <p>Mr Gray, architect, was to be instructed to draw up a specification in accordance with the above. Tenders were to be obtained and an estimate to be made for the total cost as requested by the Local Government Board.</p>	
	GBR 51/380-388	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 March 1874.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Allan; John Young; Robert Brown; John Marshall; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; George Bone; Thomas Sanderson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson. Dr Airy, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board also attended.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron of the Workhouse; Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Dalziell, Female Lunatic Attendant;</p>	30 March 1874

			<p>George Main, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Cheque given to Thomas Mitchell, Master, to cover petty charges.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); John Watt & others (sundries for garden & pigs); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Wilson (plumber); William C Caverhill (ironmonger); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); John McCall (undertaker); William S Landreth (farmer); George Back (mason); Andrew Stafford (cattle dealer); John Brown (farmer); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); R Davidson & Son (rope & twine manufacturers); John Andrews (rope and twine manufacturer); Knight & Co (books & forms); William Murray (printer); J B Rennison (stationer); proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] Justice Clerk's fees & quarter's postage & sundries); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer (half year's postage & sundries); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage & sundries). Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Hannah Wilson & Mary Watson).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: None.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended for acceptance tenders received for provisions and clothing for the Workhouse and bread and oatmeal etc for the outdoor poor. Agreed.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing the appointments and salaries of Drs Lambie & Turnbull.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that the salary of the Clerk, E Willoby for the year ended 25 March should be the same as the previous year, £20. Agreed.</p> <p>Mr Gray, architect, had prepared the specification for the alterations to the Workhouse; tenders had been obtained and the lowest were recommended for acceptance, subject to the agreement of the Guardians and the architect: Mason – Mark Graham, Tweedmouth; Joiner – John McCall, Castlegate; Slater and plasterer – Robert Dickson, Tweedmouth; Plumber and glazier – R Nicholson & Son, High Street. Agreed that the Local Government Board be informed that after obtaining estimates, the cost should not exceed £220 and that they plan to defray this from the amounts contributed by the parishes in the current half year.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on replies received from the managers of schools to the circular sent to them from the Board of Guardians concerning the proposed system of payment. Fifteen circulars had been sent and nine had replied. Three would only accept pauper children at the same fees as other children, which was above the amounts mentioned in the Act. The other six were prepared to accept the children at the stated fees. One of these could only accept a limited number because of lack of space and would claim remuneration for making the required returns. Two others protested against the terms of the new Act.</p>	
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			<p>The Meeting considered that in the face of these replies the Guardians could not satisfactorily carry out the new Act. The Local Government Board were to be informed of the above and of the desire of the Guardians to continue to educate pauper children as before until the new Act is amended or the Guardians informed how it is possible to comply with its provisions, which does not appear so.</p> <p>Circular received from Wycombe Union suggesting a petition to Parliament to amend the provisions of the Agricultural Children Act 1873 was considered but not concurred.</p> <p>Reported that George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, and his sureties had executed the amended bond. Agreed to inform his former sureties.</p> <p>Reply received from Dr Davidson concerning arrangements for provision of medicines and attendance in his absence as he had been unable to name a deputy. He suggested that the previous proposal of the Poor Law Board be adopted. In his absence the Relieving Officer should call in any medical man who would order any necessary medicines and Davidson would be charged for them. He stated that he was seldom away from home, except on professional duties. When recently in London, two colleagues covered his practice for two days. He hoped to be able to nominate a deputy.</p> <p>Agreed to accept the above provided the Relieving Officers do not find it unsatisfactory.</p> <p>Letter received from John Thompson, Assistant Overseer for Berwick parish. He informed them that he had sent his resignation to the Churchwardens and Overseers and requested that he be granted a pension, having been Assistant Overseer for 22 years.</p> <p>To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Agreed that the Meeting be adjourned till the following Monday for the purpose of issuing contribution orders on the parishes, as by then the Justices will have appointed the Overseers.</p>	
	GBR 51/389	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	6 April 1874

		Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 April 1874. Meeting adjourned from 30 March 1874.	<p>Guardians: Thomas Sanderson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Towerson; Robert Brown; John Fleming. Chairman: Thomas Sanderson.</p> <p>Contribution Orders for the parishes within the Union were signed, requiring them to be paid in two equal instalments on 25 April and 11 July 1874. The estimated amounts for the current half year were listed.</p>	
	GBR 51/390-396	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 April 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; William Allan; Robert Brown; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p>	13 April 1874

			<p>Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians, was paid £10 for his trouble and expenses in conducting the election of Guardians for the current year.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Out Relief Account: Newcastle Blind Asylum (quarter's maintenance and education of George Cairns); Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 13 pauper lunatics and a part quarter of 2 others); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson). Extra Medical Fees: Robert Carr Fluker [Robert Fluker] Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District Vaccination fees). Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees); Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick; James Paxton, Horncliffe; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Johnston, Church Street, sickness, 1lb beef lean for beef tea; William Johnston, Church Street, sickness, 1lb beef lean for beef tea; Robert Wood, High Street, fractured leg, necessities; Margaret Hills, Church Street, sprained wrist, necessities, Margaret Hills, Church Street, sprained wrist, necessities,</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee, agreed that certain outfits should be provided and that a girl go into service from the Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying to the Workhouse and outdoor poor bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>Tenders were accepted from James Turnbull to make and provide 12 coats and 12 pairs of trousers for men and 12 suits for boys (jackets, vests and trousers).</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing to the alterations to the Workhouse at the estimated costing.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board raising certain matters arising from the Education Act of the last session regarding the elementary education of the outdoor poor. After lengthy consideration, agreement was reached on the following: Steps should be taken to bring the existing system of educational relief more into conformity with the provisions of the Act. The Relieving Officers were directed that the accounts for school fees in the past quarter at public elementary schools should be presented in the terms limited in the Statute, presented to the Guardians for payment to the teachers and when paid charged in the out relief lists. Any further claims by the teachers for additional fees or books must be on a separate account to be paid by the parents. If unable to do so they must make special application to the Guardians. This latter will also apply to schools which are not public elementary schools. "The Relieving Officers are further directed to cause all the children in future to be sent to public elementary schools - to indicate to the teachers the desire of the Guardians' to have the accounts furnished hereafter in manner now required for past quarter to ascertain from them and report the names of the children who have reached the prescribed standard of education and also to confer with the teachers and report upon the best mode of reporting from week to week the children who have failed to attend as required by the statute". [Verbatim].</p> <p>Application from Alnwick Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Mary Curl. Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] was asked to investigate and report.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact the certified Industrial School, Edinburgh, whether they would admit without charge Elizabeth Matthews, 9 years, an inmate of the Workhouse, the child of parents both convicted of felony and imprisoned. If not to</p>	
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			<p>make enquiries of the terms of similar schools in England.</p> <p>The application of John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, Berwick, for a superannuation allowance was deferred until his resignation had taken effect and the Guardians for next year had directed the required notice to be given.</p> <p>On the motion of Andrew Mitchell, seconded by Robert Towerson a unanimous vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and acting Vice Chairman for their valuable services over the past year.</p>	
	GBR 51/397-406	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 April 1874. The first meeting of the current year.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; David Tait; Matthew Young; George Marshall; John Dunbar; William Allan; George Bone; William Cleghorn; John Young; Robert Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Dr Airy Medical Inspector to the Local Government Board, and George Culley, Assistant Inspector to the Local Government Board were also present. Resolved that Matthew Young take the Chair until a Chairman is elected for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Return of the election of Guardians for 1874 – 1875. Ancroft: George Bone, Cheswick Buildings, farmer; David Tait, Ancroft Steads, farmer; Edward Pringle, Scremerston, farmer. Berwick: Matthew Young; John Fleming; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Thomas How Pattison [Thomas Pattison]; John Young; Robert Brown.* Cornhill: William Smith, Melkington House, landed proprietor. Duddo: Rev Beverley S Wilson [Rev Beverley Wilson], Duddo Vicarage, vicar. Felkington: Adam Darling, Governor's House, Berwick, merchant. Grindon: William Smith jnr, Melkington House, farmer. Holy Island: Andrew Thompson, Berwick upon Tweed, merchant & farmer. Horncliffe: Andrew Trotter, Horncliffe Mill, farmer and miller. Kylloe: James Hogg, Buckton, farmer; David Hume, Berrington, farmer.</p>	27 April 1874

			<p>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 R Lumsden [George Lumsden], Shoreswood, farmer. Thornton: James R Nicholson [James Nicholson], Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth (Urban Ward): Robert Towerson, Main Street, Tweedmouth, butcher; John Marshall, Kiln Hill Tweedmouth, farmer; George Peel, Sandstell Road, Spittal, herring curer. (Rural Ward): Robert Dickson, Ord Moor, farmer. Twizel: John Tait, Riffington, farmer. *Guardians qualified to act in the parishes where no Guardians have been elected.</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved, Matthew Young proposing, and Rev Thomas Procter seconding, that Andrew Thompson be elected Chairman.</p> <p>Andrew Thompson took the Chair.</p> <p>It was also unanimously resolved that Matthew Young and David Tait be elected Vice Chairmen with Matthew Young having the preference.</p> <p>The following Committees were elected. Assessment Committee Andrew Thompson; John Fleming; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Ralph Forster. Workhouse & Finance Committee Andrew Thompson; John Fleming; Adam Darling; Thomas Pattison; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; George Peel; Thomas Sanderson; David Tait; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; Robert Brown; John Marshall; Robert Dickson; James Hogg.</p> <p>Dr Airy, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, urged that there should only be one public vaccination station in the Borough of Berwick and that Tweedmouth should be added to the Berwick Vaccination District. Agreed that he would put his request and the reasons for it in writing when it would be considered.</p>	
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			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Agreed that £20 be paid to Edward Willoby, Clerk, for his services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee for the past year, this having been sanctioned by the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Morrison & Marshall (linen drapers); John Mitchell (linen draper); Ralph Ross (butcher); William Alder (wine merchant); William Redpath (linen draper); Paxton & Purves (linen drapers); Robert Rutherford (linen draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); John Stoddart (grocer); G Young & Co (linen draper); James Russell (linen draper); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Landreth (farmer); William L Landreth (farmer); John Brown (farmer).</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth Clyne, Castlegate, childbirth, necessities; Mary Currie, Tweedmouth, ---, 1 lb maizena [sic]; Elizabeth Dalglish, Tweedmouth, ---, 2 lbs beef; Isabella Oliver, Tweedmouth, ---, 2lbs beef.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker.</p> <p>A copy of the supplemental valuation list for Tweedmouth parish was tabled.</p> <p>The District Auditor gave notice that he would audit the accounts on 5th June.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board re the education of the children of the outdoor poor.</p> <p>The Board stated that they could not sanction the proposal of the Guardians not to carry out the provisions of the elementary education Act 1873. They must do so. Failure could render the administration of outdoor relief illegal and involve difficulties at the audit. For those children who could not obtain admission to any public elementary school within three miles of their home on tendering the school fee fixed by the Act of 1873, they advised that the circumstances afforded a reasonable excuse within the meaning of sec 74 of the Act of 1870 for the non attendance of the children. They further advised that the Guardians could pay the amount sanctioned by the 1873 Act, leaving the parent to make up the whole school fee. They could not pay a fee of more than 2 ½ d per week in respect of each child.</p> <p>Agreed to reply that they were taking steps to bring their practice into conformity with the new Act. They asked for guidance concerning those children who have reached the prescribed standard of education. The question had arisen whether the Guardians were permitted to continue paying for the education of such children.</p> <p>Reply received from the Edinburgh Original Ragged Industrial Schools agreeing to accept Jane Matthews [sic, in minute of last meeting name given as Elizabeth]. Authorised the Clerk to obtain the necessary order of Justices for her transfer from the Workhouse to the Industrial School for a period of five years.</p> <p>Considered the application of John Thompson, late Assistant Overseer of Berwick parish, for a superannuation allowance. The parish vestry had accepted his resignation and recommended that his request be approved. Resolved that this be considered at the meeting on 8th June and that the Clerk send each Guardian the necessary legal one month's notice.</p>	
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			<p>Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] reported on his enquiries into the alleged grounds of settlement of Mary Curl in the Union. Agreed that Alnwick Union be informed that the Guardians would not accept her without an order of chargeability.</p> <p>Letter received from T H Mitchell, [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, asking for an increase of his present salary of £70 per annum. His grounds were firstly that his work and responsibility had increased. Secondly - the care and management of the kitchen garden of almost four acres; superintending the provision, preparation and sale of a considerable quantity of firewood, now sold from the Workhouse; the charge and distribution of the medical stores kept in the Workhouse for the use of the outdoor poor. He also pointed out that as he had been in post since 11th July 1857 his services were of increased value whilst his salary was of less market value.</p> <p>Referred to the next meeting.</p> <p>The meetings for the annual examination of the outdoor poor in the Berwick District to be held as follows: Berwick, 13th May 10am, in the Board Room; Spittal, 15th May 10 30am, in the Chapel Vestry; Tweedmouth, 11 30am in the Church vestry.</p> <p>The meetings for the country districts to be fixed at the next meeting.</p> <p>They discussed the Budget resolution that an allowance from the Consolidated Fund of 4s per head for each lunatic in an asylum would be paid. The clerk was to prepare a short statement of the circumstances under which lunatics were maintained in the Workhouse. A copy was to be sent to each of the local Members, requesting that they urge the Government that such cases should benefit from this proposed fund.</p>	
	GBR 51/407-412	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 May 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Hume; John Dunbar; Thomas Sanderson; Robert Dickson; George Bone; David Tait; James Hogg; George Peel; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe;</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	11 May 1874

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); Ralph Ross (butcher); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); John Stoddart (grocer); Abram Rutherford & others (sundries for garden and pigs); John McCall (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Brown (farmer); Thomas Landreth (farmer); William S Landreth (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of Workhouse Garden); T H Mitchell [Master of Workhouse] (removing Jane Matthew to Industrial School, Edinburgh); Waddie & Co (stationers); Mark Graham (mason work on Workhouse alterations as per architect's certificate).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Fees for educating indoor pauper children: Boys' National School; Girls National School; Infants' National School.</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Dr Colville Brown (Workhouse); Dr Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); Dr Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: sundry householders (rents of vaccination stations); Dr Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Guardians of the Halifax Union (quarter's maintenance of Susannah Forsyth in Wakefield Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	
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			<p>Meetings for the annual examination of outdoor poor residing in the country district were arranged as follows:</p> <p>Norhamshire District –19th May, Fishers Arms Inn, Horncliffe 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham 1pm.</p> <p>Islandshire District – 21st May, Plough Inn, Beal, 11am; Cat Inn, Cheswick, 1pm.</p>	
	GBR 51/413-420	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 May 1874	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Moor; John Dunbar; Robert Brown; George Bone; David Tait; Matthew Young; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; Robert Dickson.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker];</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Ralph Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Landreth (farmer); William L Landreth (farmer); John Brown (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees); Robert Walker (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees); E Willoby (annual allowance for use of offices as Register Office</p>	25 May 1874

			<p>for coal, gas etc).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 23 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Michael Casley, aged 30, Weatherly Square, abscess finger, altogether, necessities; Michael Casley, aged 30, Weatherly Square, abscess finger, altogether, necessities; Catherine Smith, Low Haughs, childbirth, necessities; Mary Thompson, Norham, debility from dyspepsia and haemorrhoids, totally, ---.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker;</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of: Horncliffe, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Reports of the Meetings to inspect those in receipt of outdoor relief were presented.</p> <p>Berwick District 13 May, Berwick: Board Room, Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; George Bone; John Young. 144 cases investigated representing 220 people of whom 198 appeared. The Guardians also examined the indoor relief lists and inspected those people who could attend the Board Room. 15 May, Spittal: Chapel vestry, Guardians present: George Peel, Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Rev Thomas Procter. 33 cases investigated representing 53 people of whom 43 appeared. Tweedmouth: Church vestry, Guardians present: George Peel, Robert Brown;</p>	
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			<p>Andrew Mitchell; Rev Thomas Procter; Andrew Thompson; Robert Towerson; George Bone. 98 cases investigated representing 149 people of whom 122 appeared. In Berwick District the Guardians recommended that in 10 cases that relief be reduced or discontinued now or in a short time. In 6 other cases enquiries to be made into the abilities of relations to assist.</p> <p>Norham and Islandshire District</p> <p>19 May, Horncliffe: Fishers' Arms, Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; Andrew Trotter. 18 cases investigated representing 23 people of whom 19 appeared.</p> <p>Norham: Victoria Inn, Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; Andrew Trotter; Adam Darling; George Bone; David Tait; Rev B L Wilson. 38 cases investigated representing 55 people of whom 50 appeared.</p> <p>21 May, Beal: Plough Inn, Guardians present: Rev Thomas Procter; James Hogg; Andrew Mitchell; David Hume; also George Culley, Inspector. 13 cases investigated representing 20 people of whom 18 appeared.</p> <p>Cheswick: Guardians present: as for Beal. 23 cases investigated representing 28 people of whom 23 appeared.</p> <p>In this District the Guardians recommended that in 3 cases relief be increased and in two cases reduced.</p> <p>In both Districts the amounts spent on outdoor relief have reduced considerably compared with the corresponding weeks of last year. For last week the decrease in Berwick District was £9 11s 6d and in Norham and Islandshire £6 11s 4d.</p> <p>At the end of this week there were eight less indoor poor than on the same day last year.</p> <p>Letter received from Earl Percy informing them that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other members of the Government were aware of the issue of maintenance of lunatics in workhouses and that he was hopeful the matter would be satisfactorily resolved.</p> <p>Letter received from Stephen M Cook, recently appointed Assistant Overseer for Berwick parish nominating two men as his sureties. One is an acting Guardian and therefore the Clerk was asked to inform him that he must find another surety.</p> <p>Letter received from the office of the Attorney General. It informed them that the</p>	
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			<p>Attorney General had proposed that the surplus income of Lord Crewe's Charity should be used to establish a free hospital at Bamburgh Castle for scrofula. The Trustees of the Charity are objecting on the grounds that there is no need for it. The letter asked the Guardians to provide them with their views. If they considered it a beneficial use of the Charity funds, they were asked, as nearly as possible, how many poor people with scrofula or similar diseases, who were proper objects of charity, they could send.</p> <p>Agreed that the letter be sent to the Medical Officers with a request for their views and probable numbers so that a decision could be made at the next meeting.</p>	
	GBR 51/421-422	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians Extra-ordinary meeting held on 1 June 1874.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; John Dunbar; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Brown; John Fleming; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; George Peel; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The requisition for the Extra-ordinary meeting had been made by Andrew Thompson and Matthew Young on the receipt of a request from the Registrar General that the Guardians immediately elect a successor to George Turner, late Registrar of Births and Deaths.</p> <p>The letter from the Registrar General and George Turner's letter of resignation was read.</p> <p>The resignation was accepted. Agreed that the appointment would be made at the meeting on 8 June and that the appointment be advertised in the local paper. Two Guardians stated their intention to propose and second that John Crosby, Relieving Officer, be appointed. On the motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by Matthew Young, it was agreed that the Local Government Board be asked to inform them before the meeting, if that appointment were made, they would agree to Crosby holding both posts.</p> <p>The meeting approved a surety named by Stephen Cook, Assistant Overseer for Berwick parish, and also one named by Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse in lieu of a surety now deceased.</p>	1 June 1874

	GBR 51/423-433	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 June 1874.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Rev Beverley S Wilson [Beverley Wilson];; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; Andrew Trotter; John Marshall; Edward Pringle; James Hogg; William Cleghorn; George Peel; John Brown; Matthew Young; David Tait; Robert Brown; Robert Sanderson; Robert Dickson; William Moor; George Bone; William Allan; David Hume; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Fleming; Adam Darling; Robert Towerson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Ralph Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; John Stoddart (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); L T Fleming (currier); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Landreth (farmer); William S Landreth(farmer); John Brown (farmer); E Willoby (payments at District meetings); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	8 June 1874

			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker;</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill and Holy Island were tabled.</p> <p>The Board considered the request by John Thompson, late Assistant Overseer for Berwick parish, for a superannuation allowance, first made on 27 April. His application, the relevant minutes of the parish vestry meeting and a letter from Thompson saying that he was 74 were read.</p> <p>Adam Darling moved, seconded by Rev Thomas Procter, that Thompson be granted superannuation of £20 per annum, two thirds of his annual salary.</p> <p>George Bone moved, seconded by David Tait, that no superannuation be granted.</p> <p>For the motion: Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Rev B S Wilson; Thomas Sanderson; William Moor; George Peel; John Fleming; John Brown; Mathew Young. -10 votes.</p> <p>Against the motion: George Bone; David Tait; Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; Robert Dickson; Andrew Trotter; John Marshall; William Allan; James Hogg; David Hume; William Cleghorn; James Nicholson; Robert Towerson. -15 votes.</p> <p>Edward Pringle abstained.</p> <p>The amendment was carried and Thompson's application was refused.</p> <p>The Board then made the appointment of Registrar for Berwick in place of George Turner who had resigned.</p> <p>Applications with testimonials were received from:</p> <p>Robert Yelloly, cabinet maker;</p> <p>William Ward, chemist and druggist;</p> <p>John Crosby, relieving officer;</p> <p>James J Oswald, corn merchant.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board saying that, if the registration district was wholly contained within Crosby's relief district, they would consent to him holding both posts.</p>	
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			<p>George Bone, seconded by Rev Thomas Procter, moved that John Crosby be appointed.</p> <p>Robert Brown, seconded by Thomas Sanderson, moved that James Oswald be appointed.</p> <p>No other candidate was proposed.</p> <p>For John Crosby: George Bone; Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Rev B S Wilson; Andrew Thompson; John Marshall; Edward Pringle; William Allan; David Tait; James Hogg; William Cleghorn; James R Nicholson; George Peel; John Fleming; John Brown; Matthew Young; Robert Towerson; – 17votes.</p> <p>For James Oswald: Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; Robert Dickson; Andrew Trotter; William Moor; David Hume; Adam Darling; - 9 votes.</p> <p>John Crosby was therefore appointed Registrar of Births and Deaths for the sub-district of Berwick. The Clerk to inform the Registrar General and inform the Local Government Board in view of their promised consent to Crosby holding the office [in addition to Relieving Officer].</p> <p>Agreed that a cheque be prepared for George Turner, late Registrar for the fees due to him, but to be retained by the Clerk until Turner had handed over all register boxes, keys, books, documents and papers held by him.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District registrar's fees).</p> <p>Letter received from Herbert Airy, Local Government Board Inspector of Vaccination, explaining the reasons for the suggestions he had made to the Board of Guardians meetings on 31 March and 7 April, concerning the district vaccination stations. He pointed out that having separate vaccination stations for Berwick and Tweedmouth was contrary to Reg 2 of the Regulations of the Privy Council 18 February 1868, quoted in full. According to this, the present division of the Borough of Berwick into two vaccination districts was incorrect as the regulation stated that to have more than one district the population must exceed 25,000. As the population of the two vaccination districts according to the 1871 census was 15,758, there should only be one district with one station and one public vaccinator. The regulation was made to ensure the best quality of vaccination that their numbers will allow. The best</p>	
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			<p>kind of vaccination is that done direct from arm to arm with a sufficient number of children vaccinated every week and brought for inspection the following week as will give the vaccinator a good choice of lymph with which to vaccinate the next group of children (explanatory memorandum and circular enclosed). Under the present arrangements the average weekly number of successful infant vaccinations at the Berwick station was 3 and Tweedmouth only 1. Often there are none and the vaccinator has to use stored lymph with less satisfactory results. By having one station the average would be 4, improving the quality of vaccination, benefiting the whole Borough.</p> <p>If the outlying stations (Scremerston and Ancroft) were attached to the united Borough under the same vaccinator, they would benefit as the vaccinator would have a much greater choice of lymph from the combined Borough station, rather than what is at present practicable from the Tweedmouth Station, to begin the periodical vaccinations at the outlying stations.</p> <p>His recommendation was that the Berwick and Tweedmouth Districts become one with one central station in Berwick attended every week and with the outlying stations attended for two or three successive weeks in April and October with one vaccinator. In East Norhamshire the public vaccinator is contracted to attend every week in Norham and one day every quarter at the two remaining stations. In Norham good arm to arm vaccination is not possible throughout the year and not possible at all at the other stations. He recommended that attendance at all stations should be for two or three successive weeks in April and October, as in West Norhamshire district.</p> <p>Islandshire District – attendance at Fenwick and Halfway House (Beal), hours of attendance should be altered to 1 30 Fenwick and 12 30 Beal for convenience of travelling.</p> <p>Holy Island – the day set in the contract is Thursday, the same as set in the contract of the Glendale Board of Guardians for Lowick and Bowsden. As the time at Holy Island is determined by the tide, the two arrangements are incompatible. He recommends Berwick Guardians change the Holy Island day to Friday.</p> <p>If the recommendations are adopted a new contract would be necessary for the new Berwick Borough district. The changes in the other districts could be made by endorsements on the existing contracts. The contracts should be sent to the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>After much discussion of the Berwick and Tweedmouth proposals George Bone moved, seconded by Matthew Young, that it did not appear expedient to the meeting</p>	
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			<p>to make any change in the contracts for Berwick and Tweedmouth Districts. The Vicar of Berwick moved that they consider the matter further. This was not seconded and the motion was carried.</p> <p>The proposals for Islandshire and East Norhamshire districts were approved on it being ascertained that the respective vaccinators concur.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they then considered the letter from the solicitor to the Attorney General concerning the establishment of a hospital for scrofula at Bamburgh Castle.</p> <p>They considered letters from the Board's Medical Officers and from Dr Wilson, Edinburgh, late Medical Officer for Islandshire District. Most were opposed to the scheme, chiefly because of the limited number of such cases requiring hospital treatment. The inconvenient and exposed situation of the Castle for a hospital of any kind and the sufficiency of the infirmaries at Berwick and Alnwick were also raised. These opinions were accepted and they agreed to notify the Attorney General accordingly.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing to the increase of annual salary of Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse, to £90.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The contracts for bread and meat expire on 27 June. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain, select and recommend tenders to the next meeting.</p> <p>Agreed to the Workhouse Committee's request that they discuss with the architect the expediency of removing the steps from the new day room to the heating room for the vagrants' baths and to instruct any work agreed.</p> <p>Permission granted to Mrs McLeod, Matron of the Workhouse, for her daughter to live with her during the school holidays.</p> <p>Order of removal from Uxbridge Union with notice of chargeability and grounds of removal of John Robison, 21 years, to this Union. The Guardians, after hearing the</p>	
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			<p>circumstances from John Crosby, [Relieving Officer] were satisfied to accept the Order.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices for Orders on William and Thomas Henderson of Scremerston, coal miners, to repay the relief now being given to their mother, Euphemia Henderson.</p>	
	GBR 51/434-439	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 June 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Fleming; George Bone, William Allan; Rev Beverley S Wilson [Rev Beverley Wilson]; Robert Brown; Robert Dickson; John Young; George Peel. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); Ralph Ross (butcher); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Landreth (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); John L Brown (farmer); Allan Brothers (wood); John Mace (twine); Captain Burrows (wood); James Jeffreys (weighing wood); George Fraser (wood); Isabella Dawson (wood); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (general district and special rates on the Workhouse).</p> <p>Cheque for £33 19s 10d paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being</p>	22 June 1874

			<p>instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £950 received from them.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parish of Berwick.</p> <p>A new valuation list for the township of Loanend was tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended the following tenders for acceptance: James Dixon, rounds and flanks of beef – 10s 3d per stone; houghs of beef – 5s 3d per stone; legs of mutton – 10d per lb; suet – 8d per lb. Elias Pearson, indoor fine bread – 9 ¼ d per 4 lbs; indoor seconds bread – 6 ¾ d per 4lbs; outdoor seconds bread – 3lbs 8oz for 6d; outdoor flour – 2lbs 10oz for 6d; outdoor oatmeal – 2lbs 9 oz for 6d. George Wood, indoor flour – 46s for 20 stone sack. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the proposed alterations to the steps leading from the new day room to the heating room of the vagrants' bath. The architect was unable to attend but had left a message with the Master. They recommended removal of the present platform between the day room and the heating room and diversion of the lower portion of the stairs leading to bedrooms to the side of the day room with necessary door and enclosed landing. They had discussed the necessary carpentry work with the contractor and he had signed an estimate for not more than £4 10s. Agreed and confirmed.</p>	
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			<p>Letter from Dr Lambie accepting the changes to his vaccination contract. No reply received from Dr Paxton. Therefore decision deferred and the Clerk was asked to write to Dr Paxton again.</p> <p>Approval received from the Local Government Board to John Crosby holding the posts of Relieving Officer and Registrar for Berwick District. Letter from John Crosby proposing to appoint Henry J Williams, Ravensdowne, as his Deputy Registrar. Approved.</p> <p>Application from Alnwick Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Ann Dunn, widow and her four children. Her late husband was alleged to have birth settlement in Berwick Union. The Guardians asked Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] to investigate and report.</p> <p>Four days leave was granted to Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to the last place of legal settlement of her late husband, Elizabeth Foxwell, widow and her three children, now chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Belford Union to accept the chargeability of Esther Blackhall and her four children, now inmates of the Workhouse and removeable.</p>	
	GBR 51/440-446	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 July 1874	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; David Hume; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Dunbar; Robert Towerson; Matthew Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Matthew Young</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	6 July 1874

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Ralph Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Robert Dickson (slater & plasterer); William Wilson (plumber); James Elliott & others (sundries for garden & pigs); John Stoddart (grocer); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John Cockburn & Sons (carpenters); Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Watt (greengrocer); John L Brown (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey; (farmer); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); Ann Renwick (wood); Allan Brothers (wood); Brigham & Co (wood); Captain Manson (wood); James Johnson (carriage), John Davidson (wood); John Garden (removing pauper to Scotland); Robert Kerr (searching for and obtaining birth certificate); E Willoby (quarter's postage and sundries); Knight & Co (books & forms). Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief given to Hannah Wilson whilst under suspended order).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Agnes McLeod, Matron; Robert Pinder, Male Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Dalziell, Female Lunatic Attendant; George Main, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>The value of provisions, necessities and miscellaneous consumed in the past quarter, shown in the Master's books, were tabled.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	
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