

GBR 53: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 53	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union.</p> <p>1876-1877 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James Black, farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Gainslaw Hill, Berwick parish; Robert Brown, butcher, Castlegate, Berwick Parish; David Carr, farmer, Felkington, Felkington parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Adam Darling, merchant, Governor's House, Berwick, Berwick parish; John Davidson, gentleman, Castle Terrace, Berwick parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Loanend Parish; Alexander Gillie, farmer, East Ord, Tweedmouth (Rural Ward); George Hogg jr, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; James Hogg, farmer, Buckton, Kyloe parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington Kyloe parish; George Lumsden, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank, Berwick parish; James Nicholson, farmer, Thornton, Thornton parish; George Peel herring curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Smith, farmer, West Longridge, Longridge parish; William Smith, farmer, Melkington House, Cornhill parish; William Smith junior, farmer, Melkington House, Grindon parish; David Tait, farmer, Ancroft Steads, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Andrew Thompson, gentleman, Berwick on Tweed, Berwick parish; Andrew Trotter, farmer and miller, Horncliffe Mill, Horncliffe parish; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Rev Beverley Wilson, vicar, The Vicarage, Duddo parish; John Young, merchant, Western Lane, Berwick parish; Matthew Young, merchant, Palace Street, Berwick parish.</p> <p>1877-1878 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; John Brown, Berwick parish; Robert Brown, Berwick Parish; David Carr, farmer, Felkington, Felkington parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Adam Darling, merchant, Berwick parish; John Davidson, Berwick parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Loanend Parish; Alexander Gillie, farmer, East Ord, Tweedmouth (Rural Ward); George Hogg junior, farmer, Goswick,</p>	25 Sept. 1876 - 7 April 1879

			<p>Holy Island parish; James Hogg, farmer, Buckton, Kylee parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington Kylee parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden],, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Andrew Mitchell, Berwick parish; James Nicholson, farmer, Murton, Thornton parish; George Peel herring curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Smith, farmer, West Longridge, Longridge parish; William Smith, landed proprietor, Melkington, Cornhill parish; William Smith, Melkington House, farmer, Grindon parish; David Tait, farmer, Ancroft Steads, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Andrew Thompson, Berwick parish; Andrew Trotter, farmer and miller, Horncliffe Mill, Horncliffe parish; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Rev Beverley S Wilson, [Rev Beverley Wilson] Duddo parish; John Young, Berwick parish; Matthew Young, Berwick parish.</p> <p>1878-1879 From start of year: William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James Black, farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; David Carr, farmer, Felkington, Felkington parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Loanend Parish; George Hogg farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; James Hogg, farmer, Buckton, Kylee parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington Kylee parish; George Lumsden, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Nicholson, farmer, Thornton, Thornton parish; George Peel herring curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Smith, farmer, West Longridge, Longridge parish; William Smith, farmer, Melkington, Cornhill parish; William Smith junior, farmer, Melkington House, Grindon parish; David Tait, farmer, Ancroft Steads, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; William Tait, farmer, Middle Ord, Tweedmouth Parish (rural ward); Andrew Trotter, farmer and miller, Horncliffe Mill, Horncliffe parish; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Elected from 15 June 1878: John Carr, hotel keeper, Hide Hill, Berwick parish; Henry Lindsay Christison, grocer, Bridge Street, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Palace Green, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate, Berwick parish; John Davidson, gentleman, Castle Terrace, Berwick parish; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank, Berwick parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Hide Hill, Berwick parish; Rev</p>	
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			<p>Beverley S Wilson, vicar, Duddo Vicarage, Duddo parish; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Palace Street, Berwick parish.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Ralph Forster; Robert Crossman; Henry Gregson (from 1877).</p> <p>Medical Officers: Colville Brown (Berwick District); Robert Carr Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], Coldstream (West Norhamshire District);</p> <p>Relieving Officers: John Crosby (Berwick and Tweedmouth); Joseph Scott (Norham and Islandshires).</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse: John Rutherford.</p> <p>Clerks to the Board of Guardians: Edward Willoby; Assistant Clerk William Willoby.</p> <p>The parishes: Ancroft; Berwick on Tweed; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/1-6	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 September 1876	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; David Hume; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Dunbar; John Brown; George Peel; William Allan; James Smith; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: None. 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: Hannah Rutherford, Matron;</p>	25 Sept. 1876

			<p>Elizabeth A Dalziell, Lunatic Attendant; Mary Harle, Nurse; George Bogue, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs 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); W C Caverhill & Co (ironmongers); John Crowe (painter); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Thomas Wright (china merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; David Mills (printer); Alexander Henderson (stationer); Knight & Co (forms); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); Gibson F Steven (advertising); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage, sundry postage); Firewood – Allan Brothers (firewood); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage); William McLean (old rope). Out Relief Account: Alnwick Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Mary Curle).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Weddell, aged 28, Black Bull Yard, High Street, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, necessaries and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p>	
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			<p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 14th October and 13th January. The sums totalled £3934.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, the Guardians appointed a new Barber for the Workhouse.</p> <p>Applications were received from James Gregson; Selby Lockwell and George Suthern. David Tait moved, seconded by Matthew Young, that Selby Lockwell be appointed from 29 September at an annual salary of £9. Agreed unanimously.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/7-15	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 October 1876	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Adam Darling; John Marshall; John Brown; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; John Watt; William Allan; John Dunbar. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Present: George Culley, Poor Law Inspector. 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>The Master's accounts for Workhouse provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous, for the past quarter were presented and also a statement of the value of clothing used in the Workhouse in the past half year.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	9 Oct. 1876

			<p>Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); H E Nicholson (plumber); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); M Gray & Sons (builders); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); Margaret [sic] Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Phoenix Fire Office (fire insurance premium).</p> <p>In maintenance Account: Boys' National School (education of indoor Children); Girls' National School (education of indoor Children);</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief under suspended order for Mary Watson and Hannah Wilson).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 24 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 3); Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (4 certificates of Lunacy).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker], Berwick District, (vaccination fees); Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee; John Husband, Berwick; James Paxton, Horncliffe; John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth.</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 Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Payment given to John Rutherford, Master, for petty common charges.</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: Duncan Macqueen, aged 29, shoemaker, Hatters Lane, vomiting blood, Improving, partially disabled; James Taylor, High Street, injury to leg, at present unable to pursue any employment; James Taylor, High Street, injury to leg, is still unable to work; Mrs Bain, Chapel Street, childbirth (twins).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>Entry in the Visitors' Book by George Culley, Inspector, saying that he had inspected the Workhouse on 9 October and found it in good order and the inmates contented and would attend the Meeting of Guardians. He then spoke and drew the Board's attention to the damp and untidy state of the Boys' Yard and passage leading to it and of the Young Women's Yard and recommended that they were laid with asphalt. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying the poor with bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>A statement of the Union Common Good Fund for the half year ended 25 March and the distribution of charges among the parishes was tabled and approved.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/16-20	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 October 1876	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; George Hogg, David Tait; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; James R Black [James Black]; John Young; John Dunbar; Adam Darling; John Watt. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p>	23 Oct. 1876

			<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, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James G Smith (butcher); William Redpath (draper); David Scott (tailor); Elias Pearson (baker); W A Johnston & Co (drapers); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Firewood – John Mace (firewood); Garden – William Mathison (sow pig); Robert Cockburn (manure).</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: Jane Johnson, aged 49, Church Road, weakness from leg fracture, able to attend to her usual duties in 3 months, partially prevented by lameness; James Taylor, -, injury to ankle, still unable to work; Mary Currie, Tweedmouth, --, 2lbs mutton weekly for 4 months.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>The Master reported the supply of oatmeal was almost exhausted. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to advertise and select a tender for 6 sacks of new made oatmeal and report.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported, as requested, on the state of the boys' yard, the young women's yard, the passage leading to the boys' yard and the cookhouse yard. In wet weather they were very defective and injurious to the inmates' shoes and clothing of the children. They covered about 400 square yards and it would be costly to lay them with concrete. They recommended that the work was done and estimates, with specifications made by a competent person, obtained.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Matthew Young, it was agreed that the report be accepted, but the work deferred to the spring of 1877 when the weather should be more suitable. Then, the Committee were authorised to get estimates.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Meeting that from now till March the Meeting would start at 1pm.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/21-26	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 November 1876	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; David Hume; George Hogg; George Bone; William Allan; John Watt; James Smith; John Marshall; James R Black [James Black]; Rev B S Wilson [Rev B Wilson]; Andrew Mitchell; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: None. 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, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	6 Nov. 1876

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); John Mitchell (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop (draper); Henry Bell (basket maker); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer). Lunatics Account: Andrew Thompson for Guardians' Committee (expenses of Committee visiting 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> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Taylor, Back Bull Yard, High Street, injury to leg, unable to work for another week; Isabella Colby, aged 52, Tweed Street, sickness, 2lbs beef (for beef tea).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyoie.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tender of John Winter, Eastern Lane, for 6 sacks of new made oatmeal at 45s [?] per sack. Agreed.</p> <p>Report received from Colville Brown, Medical Officer of the Workhouse, on the visit of the Committee to the County Asylum. They had individually inspected those patients maintained by the Union. All appeared well cared for, being clean, tidy and wholesome looking. There were 13 males. With perhaps one exception, all were incurable arising from the length of time they had been ill from epilepsy or congenital imbecility. Although incurable they were not suitable for transfer to the Workhouse as no provision is made</p>	
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			<p>for male lunatics. There were 14 females. One is convalescent and likely to return home in a few days. The others appeared hopeless cases; two seemed suitable for transfer to the Workhouse. The Medical Superintendent would consider this and if he agreed would recommend this to the visiting magistrates.</p> <p>Notice received from the Local Government Board of the parliamentary grant in aid of the salaries of medical officers; passed to the Treasurer.</p> <p>George Bone gave notice that he would propose at the next meeting that from this day month that the relief given to those on outdoor relief be increased until the first meeting of the Board next April and then revert to the present amount, unless specially dealt with. The increase would be 6d per week for those who receive 3s per week and under and 1s for those who receive more, provided the relief is intended for more than one person, or if they are all children for more than two.</p> <p>David Tait gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose the meetings started at 2pm throughout the year.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/27-32	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 November 1876	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; John Dunbar; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait; Adam Darling; William Allan; George Bone; John Watt; John Marshall; John Young; Robert Brown. 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>	20 Nov. 1876

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Henry Robinson (farmer); Garden – Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent); Robert Herriot (straw account). In maintenance Account: St Cuthbert's RC School (fees for education of indoor children). Vaccination Expenses: James Lambie, Islandshire District (vaccination fees); John Crosby, Berwick District (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Northhamshire District, (registration fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Northhamshire District, (registration fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the Local Police Rate by 25 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: Thomas Baxendale, Chapel Street, sickness, this young man is entirely unable to follow any employment.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Berwick, Tweedmouth were tabled.</p> <p>Pursuant to his notice, David Tait, seconded by George Bone, moved that the Board Meetings should start at 2pm throughout the year. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Pursuant to his notice, George Bone, seconded by David Tait, moved that from this day month, 4 December, that the relief given to those on outdoor relief be increased until the first meeting of the Board next April and then revert to the present amount, unless specially dealt with. The increase would be 6d per week for those who receive 3s per week and under and 1s for those who receive more, provided the relief is intended for more than one person, or if they are all children for more than two. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Ordered that the names of all outdoor paupers should be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and report Books and Relief Order Book so that these changes could be instituted at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his quarterly statement of the calls due, the sums paid on account and those remaining due.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/33-38	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 December 1876.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; John Watt; Adam Darling; James R Black [James Black]; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Young; George Bone. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	4 Dec. 1876

			<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, necessaries, clothing shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); John Winter (mealseller); William Purves & Son (boot & shoemakers); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Alice Cameron from Asylum). Vaccination Expenses: John Paxton, East Northhamshire District, (vaccination 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 Ewart & children, Greens, sickness, children convalescent from measles, 2lbs beef; Mary Ewart & children, Greens, sickness, children convalescent from measles, 2lbs beef; Isabella Hume, aged 23, bondager, mid Scremerston, slight attack of pleurisy, probably may require to be in house for month, quite unable to work at present; William Elliot, aged 50, labourer, Edgewell Cottages, debility from haemorrhage from the bowels for last two years, wholly; Richard Romanes, -, -, 2lbs beef for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyoie.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board concerning part of the Poor Law Amendment Act of last session. It gave the Board powers to annex to adjoining parishes or constitute into separate parishes part of any parish isolated in some other parish or otherwise detached. They wished to put this into effect and asked for the necessary information from the Union on an enclosed form. They also asked for the views of the Guardians on any such parish as to the best option. To be discussed at the next meeting and the views of the principal ratepayers of those detached or isolated parts of Holy Island parish on the mainland, to be sought.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board informing of payment of £246 8s, Parliamentary Grant, in respect of those lunatics maintained in the Workhouse.</p> <p>The discharge of Alice Cameron, stated to be recovered, from the County Asylum was reported.</p> <p>Application from Newcastle Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Mary Ann Newtown, single woman aged 24 alleged to have been born at Fenwick and lately an inmate of Berwick Workhouse. The Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices for an order directing him to seize all monies, goods and chattels belonging to Jane Carr, a lunatic maintained by the Union in the County Asylum in repayment of the cost now or hereafter incurred.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/39-45	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 December 1876	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Watt; David Tait; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; George Hogg; George Peel; John Young; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs.Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton];</p>	18 Dec.1876

		<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, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller). In maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (education of indoor children).</p> <p>Cheque for £56 0s 3d paid to the Public Works Loan Board, being instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £1850 received from them.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 23 December 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: Catherine Baker, -, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown;</p>	
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			<p>Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>The Board considered the circular concerning divided parishes as agreed at the last meeting. They replied as follows: Holy Island Parish – the detached portion known as the Highway Township of Goswick, should be amalgamated with the adjoining parish of Ancroft; the detached portion known as the Highway Township of Fenham, should be amalgamated with the adjoining parish of Kyloe; Norham Parish – The detached portion known as Grindon Ridge Mansion and Farm should be amalgamated with the adjoining township of Duddo. From the enquiries made they did not expect any opposition. They also asked the Local Government Board to consider the farm of Kentstone, which was divided between the parish of Kyloe in Berwick Union and the parish of Lowick in the Glendale Union.</p> <p>They considered the minute of the Workhouse Committee concerning the lack of a suitable inmate to take charge of the girls aged 5 years and upwards, of which there were 18. They recommended the employment of a paid attendant who could also form an infant class of the 3 to 5 year olds and assist the elder ones with their home lessons. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk drew the Guardians' attention to the Education Act of the last session which was to come into force on 1st January and affected relief given to or for children and the payment of school fees.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 30th December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day the inmates would be given beef, plum pudding and</p>	
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			<p>beer, in lieu of the ordinary Monday's dinner, and a distribution of tobacco.</p> <p>The Master reported that Ralph Dodds wished to give the inmates tea and cake on one of the evenings of Christmas week. This kind offer was accepted.</p> <p>The Chairman offered to provide the inmates with a dinner of beef and plum pudding, Johnson & Co offered a supply of beer for the adults, and Matthew Young, Vice Chairman, fruit on New Year's Day. These generous offers were accepted.</p> <p>The next meeting, on New Year's Day, would start at 11 30.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/46-50	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 January 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; John Watt; Matthew Young; David Tait; George Bone; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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, necessaries, 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); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Knight & Co (books & forms). In maintenance Account: Boys' National School (school fees & books); Girls' National</p>	1 Jan. 1877

			<p>School (school fees & books); Infants' National School (school fees & books).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Elizabeth A Dalziell, Lunatic Attendant; Mary Harle, Nurse; George Bogue, Porter; Selby Lockwell, 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: Margaret Morrison, aged 18, domestic servant, Spittal, sickness, suffering from functioned [sic] fever & will not be able to work for 10 days, entirely prevented from attending to her calling.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting they considered the employment of a paid attendant for the girls. On the motion of George Bone it was unanimously agreed at the meeting four weeks ahead to appoint a respectable woman for the post. Under the direction of the Master and Matron her duties would consist of the care and oversight of the girls 5 years and over when not at school, assisting with the preparation of their home lessons, with the making and repairing of their clothing and to give preparatory lessons to the children too young to attend school. The salary would be £15 per annum with board and lodging in the Workhouse. To be advertised in the local papers.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, meal, flour etc as follows: James G Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 10s 6d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 6d</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/51-60	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 January 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; George Hogg; George Bone; Adam Darling; James R Black [James Black]; John Davidson; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; John Dunbar; David Hume; John Brown. 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>From the Master's books the amounts of provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous consumed for the past quarter were given.</p>	15 Jan. 1877

			<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 Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property, repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); W C Caverhill & Co (ironmongers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); H C Nicholson (plumber); W Purves & Son (boot & shoemakers); George Douglas (farmer); John Brown (slater); Border Brewery Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Berwick Parish (poor rate on Workhouse); Urban Sanitary Authority (district rates as above); W C Caverhill & Co (repairing letter press); E Willoby (quarter's postage & sundries); Firewood – Captain J Helson (firewood); Garden – T G S Grahame (mealseller); Berwick Parish (poor rate); Urban Sanitary Authority (district rates). In Maintenance Account: St Cuthbert's R C School (school fees). Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief under suspended order to Mary Watson, Hannah Wilson); Alnwick Union (likewise to Mary Curle). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 26 paupers, part quarter for 1); Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (fee for visiting and reporting on lunatics in County Asylum). Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert Carr Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph</p>	
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			<p>Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] Berwick District (vaccination fees); Thomas Davidson Tweedmouth District (vaccination fees) Matthew Turnbull West Norhamshire District (vaccination fees). 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> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Wakinshaw, aged 48, labourer, West Street, Tweedmouth, sickness, asthmatic which will probably continue till the fine weather, entirely prevented from following his calling; Michael Butler, Weatherly Square, catarrh, at present unable to follow his employment; William Hennessy, Chapel Street, sickness, unable to work; James Taylor, Black Bull Yard, injury to leg, altogether unable to work; Mary Ann Dawson, Walkergate Lane, childbirth; Margaret Morrison, servant, Spittal, sickness, debility from slight f[ever?], entirely prevented from her usual calling.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying to the poor bread, meat for this quarter.</p> <p>John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants, presented his annual return and report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the Police and supplied with tickets for the vagrant ward at Berwick Workhouse in 1876. Males: 1465; (1875 11 months – 1266); Females: 92 (1875 11 months – 137);</p>	
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			<p>Children: 29 (1875 11 months – 40); Total: 1586 (1875 11 months – 1443); English: 604 (1875 11 months - 456); Scotch: 540 (1875 11 months – 608); Irish: 408 (1875 11 months – 328); Foreign: 34 (1875 11 months – 11); Came from England: 943 (1875 11 months – 856); Came from Scotland: 643 (1875 11 months – 587). For details of monthly figures see table, GBR53, p58.</p> <p>The figures for 1875 were for 11 months; for 1876 a full year. If the average monthly figure of 132 were added to 1875 figures, the figures were almost identical.</p> <p>In 1876, most were English, whereas in 1875 most were Scots. In 1876 a third more came from England and were going north. He suggested the depression of trade in England in the past year might have been responsible. There had been fewer women and children and more foreigners than in 1875. He described a large number as professional loungers passing backward and forward; others were doubtless searching for work. Many when asked why they were so hard up said that when in work they were too free with their wages in public houses.</p> <p>Several were refused tickets as they had money to pay for lodgings and a few who were drunk were locked up and dealt with by the Magistrates.</p> <p>For the 6 years preceding 1875 the average number relieved was 1743. He considered the decrease as satisfactory.</p> <p>Superintendent Garden's appointment was due to end on 31 January, so it was decided to refer a decision to the next meeting.</p> <p>A letter of resignation from George Bogue, on behalf also of his wife, from their posts as porter and portress of the Workhouse was presented. They wished to resign as soon as possible.</p> <p>Their resignation was accepted from 15 February or earlier as agreed by the Workhouse Committee. Agreed that the appointment of a man and wife as Porter and Portress would be considered at the Board Meeting in four weeks. The remuneration would be the same, £26 per annum, payable quarterly, with rations and apartments for both officers, and the post to be advertised.</p>	
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			<p>Circular received from the Local Government Board explaining the duties to be carried out by the Guardians in carrying into effect the provisions of the Education Act of the previous session.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Jane Palmer, widow aged 59, having been born in Hawick, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer and Collector, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John McLean, of Tweedmouth, labourer, and Robert Waite, late of Berwick, for neglecting to maintain their wives and families who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/61-67	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 January 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Watt; William Cleghorn; James R Black [James Black]; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Marshall. 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, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Thomas Grahame (mealseller); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas</p>	29 Jan. 1877

			<p>(farmer); Border Brewery Company; John McCall (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Renton (farmer); James Renton (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Johanna Weddell to Asylum). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees); Registration Expenses: John Crosby Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, 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 and Local Police Rate by 1 February from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: George Bogue, Porter, salary from 25 December to 27 January, date of ceasing to hold office.</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 Dawson, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessaries; William Hennessy, labourer, Chapel Street, sickness, still very ill, necessaries, 1 ½ lbs beef; James Taylor, High Street, injury to leg, still unable to follow his employment; William Hennessy, Chapel Street, convalescent, not yet able to follow his employment.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of</p>	
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			<p>Health.</p> <p>In accordance with the notice given, they considered the appointment for an attendant for the girls in the Workhouse. Applications and testimonials were received from the following: Elizabeth Morton, 21, sewing teacher, Lowick; Isabella Boulds [?], 18, sewing machinist, Berwick; Eleanor Forster, 24, dressmaker, Brock Mill, Beal; Mary Spark, bonesetter, Berwick; Mary P Sparshott, 19, dressmaker, Tweedmouth; They were interviewed by the Board. On the motion of George Bone, seconded by the Vicar of Berwick, it was unanimously agreed that Elizabeth Morton be appointed at a salary of £15 per annum, payable quarterly, with board and lodging in the Workhouse. She arranged to start on 12 February.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, they considered the appointment of Superintendent Garden as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants. On the motion of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that he should be appointed for one year from 31 January, with the same duties and salary, £10.</p> <p>A half yearly return from the Superintendent of the County Asylum was received. The Clerk was asked to return it with a request that the column headed Observation might be completed, as formerly, with description of the present state of mind and body of each patient.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing the usual form to be completed on the appointment of a porter in place of George Bogue and his wife who had terminated their appointments on 27 January.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/68-74	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 February 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Hume; James Hogg. John Young; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; David Tait; George Bone; George Hogg; William Cleghorn; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; John Davidson; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Watt; George Peel. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe;</p>	12 Feb. 1877

		<p>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, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dunlop (clothier); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Robert Herriott (farmer); James Renton (farmer); Thomas Strother (carpenter); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Scotsman (advertising); John Rutherford (removing Scotch pauper); Firewood – Benjamin G Sinclair (wharfage); Captain G Tausan (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>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Jane Flaherty, Chapel Street, childbirth; Agnes Purvis, aged 56, Western Lane, general debility, appears a very weakly woman, perhaps the Board would fix a little relief for a short time and the case would come up again; George Bain, aged 38, labourer, Chapel Street, sprained ankles, a little assistance for a few days; James Taylor, fish buyer, Black Bull Yard, High Street, injury to leg, still unable to follow his employment;</p>	
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			<p>James Taylor, fish buyer, Black Bull Yard, High Street, injury to leg, after this will be able to resume work.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all townships except Horncliffe where the Collector is reported to be very unwell.</p> <p>In accordance with the notice given the Board considered the appointment of a Porter and Porteress for the Workhouse in place of George Bogue and Wife. The following applications had been received: William Richardson and wife, 13, Union Place, Edinburgh, "without encumbrance; Knight A Bond and wife, prison warder, late private 33rd Regiment, 30, Erskine Place, Alloa, 39 and 37 years, "1 boy 18 months"; A McIntosh and wife, 4, New Broughton, Edinburgh, aged 30 and 28, "without encumbrance; James Atkinson and wife, Moor Edge, Newcastle, "have 4 girls". The applications and testimonials were read. Knight A Bond was interviewed. It was decided to delay appointment. The Chairman had to go to Edinburgh that week and agreed to see William Richardson and his wife. If he considered them eligible by age and appearance, they would be asked to attend for interview at the next meeting. Payment of travelling expenses to those who attended for interview were agreed.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the appointment of Superintendent Garden as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants. Letter received from Superintendent Garden thanking the Guardians for his reappointment.</p> <p>The half yearly return, with the additional information given, was received from the Superintendent of the County Asylum.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers submitted their half yearly returns of the numbers of children vaccinated. These were satisfactory and no action was required.</p> <p>The Master [John Rutherford] reported that the Commissioner in Lunacy had recently visited the Workhouse. He had not made any special entry in the Visitor's Book.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/75-80	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 February 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; David Tait; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; John Young; George Bone; John Davidson; George Hogg; David Hume; George Peel; James R Black; [James Black]; John Brown; William Cleghorn. 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, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	26 Feb. 1877

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; John McCall (undertaker); Robert Sanderson (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); John Renton (farmer); Firewood: Mutter Howey & Co (carting wood); William C Caverhill & Co (saw & files); Garden : Robert Cockburn (garden manure); William C Caverhill & Co (garden tools).</p> <p>Cheque for £75 19s 4d paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £2450 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>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the township of: Horncliffe</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Norham, Norham Mains were tabled.</p> <p>As agreed they continued consideration of the appointment of Porter and Porteress. On the recommendation of the Chairman, William Richardson and his wife had been called for interview. After the interview, on the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by the Vicar, it was unanimously agreed to appoint William Richardson and his wife on the same conditions as previously: Porter's salary £26 per annum with apartments and rations for himself and his wife. They were to start on 12 March, with one month's notice on either side.</p> <p>Agreed that travelling expenses for the three candidates who attended for interview should be paid.</p>	
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			Copies of the Valuation of Property and Prisons Bills were kindly supplied by Captain Milne Home MP.	
Item	GBR 53/81-87	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 March 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Matthew Young; John Watt; David Hume; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Trotter; John Dunbar; George Peel; George Hogg; James R Black [James Black]. 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, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Ninian Sanderson (farmer); William Richardson (candidates' expenses in attending interview for porter and Porteress); Knight A Bond (as above); Firewood – Samuel Currie (wood). Outdoor Medical Stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 17 March from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge;</p>	12 March 1877

			<p>Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Elizabeth A Dalziel, Lunatic Attendant, salary from 25 December to 12 March, date of resignation.</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the townships.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Grindon were tabled.</p> <p>Further to notice given the Board considered the appointment of Lunatic Attendant. One application was received: Mary Forbes, aged 23, domestic servant, Parade, Berwick. She was interviewed and her testimonials read. It was agreed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, that she be appointed as Female Lunatic Attendant at the Workhouse; salary £20 per annum, payable quarterly with rations and apartments as her predecessor; to start on 26 March; the engagement to be subject to 1 month's notice by either party.</p> <p>They then considered the appointments of the Medical Officers for the Islandshire and West Norhamshire Districts from 25 March. As before Islandshire District consisted of the parishes of Holy Island, Kyoel and the township of Haggerston in Ancroft; the area was 14908 statute acres and the population 1952. Salary £25 per annum. As before West Norhamshire District consisted of the parish of Cornhill; the area was 4430 statute acres and the population 781. Salary £8 per annum. The salaries were exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the</p>	
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			<p>Poor Law Board. Agreed to appoint these Medical Officers at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment of William Richardson as Porter.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the return of attendance of Guardians at Board and Committee Meetings during the present year.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 31 March. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Master reported that on the night of 8 March the Workhouse washroom was unlawfully entered and 3 pairs of woollen drawers, 3 shirts and a lady's cuff stolen. The drawers were recovered shortly after from James Carrol, a former inmate and a returned convict who was discovered by a policeman with the drawers but who had since escaped from apprehension. The Master was authorised to take the necessary proceedings to prosecute Carroll [sic].</p> <p>The Master reported that a letter had been received from Henry Buttifant, shoemaker, Etal, concerning Edward Cromarty, aged 15, who was on trial to him. He was willing to take him on as an apprentice but wished the term to be 6 or 7 years on account of him only having sight in one eye. The Clerk informed them that Glendale Union had been informed and had made no objection. The Clerk was authorised to inform Buttifant that at their next meeting the Guardians would bind Cromarty to him for a term of 6 years with the usual premium and outfit.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against James Strangeways, 130 Sycamore Street, Newcastle on Tyne, and</p>	
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			John Elliot, signalman, Wallsend, to contribute towards the cost of relief from the Union given to their respective parents.	
Item	GBR 53/88-92	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 March 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Matthew Young; George Bone; James Smith; John Marshall; William Smith; James R Black [James Black]; David Hume; John Young; John Watt. 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, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Newcastle Chronicle (advertising); Knight & Co (as above) [?]. In - maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (tuition of indoor children).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant from 12 February; William Richardson, Porter from 12 March; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p>	26 March 1877

			<p>As agreed at the last meeting the Guardians bound Edward Cromarty, an orphan aged 15, to Henry Buttifant, boot and shoemaker, for a term of 6 years from that date with an outfit of two suits of clothing and to pay by two instalments the premium of £5. The first was authorised and the Master authorised to purchase the required outfit.</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: Thomas Elliot, fisherman, Spittal, sickness, wholly disabled – rheumatic fever, entirely prevented from attending to anything, beef, bread, tea, porter, the family are destitute, first attendance 14 March 1877; Phillis Atkinson, Greens, sickness, at present unable to work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting the Board appointed medical officers from 25 March until 25 March 1878 as follows: Islandshire District: James Lambie, Lowick, salary £25 per annum; West Norhamshire District: Dr Matthew James Turnbull, Coldstream, salary £8 per annum.</p> <p>Agreed that the Local Government Board be informed that the Guardians were unable to procure the services of fully qualified doctors resident in the districts. The above met all the requirements apart from residence. Therefore, the appointments were confined to one year.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment and salary of Mary Forbes as Lunatic Attendant.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc.</p>	
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			<p>and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>Notice received from James Radford, District Auditor, that he would audit the accounts of the Union for the half year on 11 May.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Edward Wastle, Mindrum Mill, and John Wastle, farm labourers, Moneylaws, to contribute towards the cost of relief from the Union given to their father and mother.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/93-103	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 April 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; James Hogg; Rev B S Wilson [Rev Beverley Wilson]; John Dunbar; David Carr; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; George Bone; David Hume; Andrew Trotter; John Marshall; William Allan. 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 amounts shown in the Master's Accounts for provisions, necessaries miscellaneous and clothing for the last quarter were presented. The necessary adjustments between accounts were made.</p> <p>The Garden Account to be debited by the value of slops from the Workhouse for the past half year and this credited to the in maintenance account.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;</p>	9 April 1877

			<p>William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, buildings and repairs 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); Thomas Wight (china merchant); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; M Gray & Sons (builders); Margaret Cowe (grocer); W Purves & Son (boot & shoemakers); John Stoddart (grocer); H E Nicholson (plumber); W C Caverhill & Co (ironmongers); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); Robert Herriot (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Thomas Strother (joiner); Henry Robinson (farmer); David Mills (printer); Berwick Advertiser (advertising account); George Macaskie (advertising account); G F Steven (advertising account); Newcastle Daily Journal (advertising account); Alexander Henderson (stationer); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage and carriages); Edward Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage & sundry payments, Justice Clerk's fees); Garden Account: William Gray (manure & carting); Firewood Account: Moses Campbell (wood & carting). In-maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (quarter's tuition for indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (quarter's tuition for indoor children); Berwick Infants' National School (quarter's tuition for indoor children); St. Cuthbert's R C School (quarter's tuition for indoor children); Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief given under suspended order to Mary</p>	
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			<p>Watson and Hannah Wilson); Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 25 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 4); Dr P M McLagan (2 certificates of lunacy); Dr Colville Brown (1 certificate of lunacy); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing 2 lunatics to Asylum). Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker], [Medical Officer] (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson [Medical Officer] (Tweedmouth District). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); sundry householders (rent of vaccination stations); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District vaccination fees); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District vaccination fees). Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kylee); John Husband (Berwick); James Paxton (Horncliffe); Robert Lambert (Tweedmouth), John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kylee, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>New Order received from the Local Government Board re Regulations of the proceedings of Guardians under the Elementary Education Act 1876 in respect of the payment of school fees for the children of parents who are not paupers. Circular received from the Education Department requesting information of the steps taken to put into effect the Elementary Education Act 1876. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt and to inform them of the parishes in the Union where a School Attendance Committee will have to be appointed.</p>	
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			<p>The Assessment Committee recommended that Edward Willoby, the Clerk, be paid £20 for his services for the year ended 25 March. Agreed; sanction to be sought from the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Also agreed to pay him £10 for his duties as Returning Officer as prescribed by the General Election Order, 14 February 1877, in respect of the forthcoming election of Guardians.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board proposing that the appointments of Drs Lambie and Turnbull should be for a period of three years instead of one. The Clerk was asked to inform them of their agreement.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board informing of the payment to the Union Treasurer of £13 10s from a parliamentary grant for additional fees paid to Registrars of Births and Deaths.</p> <p>A statement of the provisions to be provided for the Workhouse officers and the Master's daughter was presented. To be sent to the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>Master: meat 4lbs, bread 7lbs, potatoes 7lbs, flour 2lbs, cheese ½ lb, bacon ½ lb, milk 3 ½ pts, butter ½ lb, tea 4 oz, sugar ¾ lb, rice ½ lb.</p> <p>Matron: as Master except cheese 0, sugar 1lb, rice ¾ lb.</p> <p>Master's daughter: as Master except meat 2lb, bread 6lb, potatoes 3lb, flour 0, bacon 0, tea 2 oz, sugar ½ lb, rice 0.</p> <p>Lunatic Attendant: as Master except rice ¾ lb.</p> <p>Nurse: as Master except bread 8 lbs, flour 0, bacon 0, tea 2 oz, coffee 2 oz, barley ¾ lb, rice 0.</p> <p>Girls Attendant: as Master except meat 3lb, cheese 1 lb, bacon 0, rice ¾ lb.</p> <p>Porter: as Master except oatmeal 2lb, bacon 0, tea 2 oz, coffee 2 oz, barley ¾ lb, rice 0.</p> <p>Porteress: as Master except bacon 0, tea 2 oz, coffee 2 oz, rice ¾ lb.</p> <p>When potatoes not used 6 oz bread instead each day.</p> <p>G Culley, Inspector, had visited the Workhouse on 29 March and reported in the Visitor's Book that everything was in good order except that he found the vagrant wards were not as clean as they might be. He had spoken to the Porter about it. He</p>	
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			<p>understood the Master had found fault with the Porter for inattention to his duties. He also suggested that clear glass should be substituted for the obscure glass in the window in room 43, occupied by 3 old women (imbeciles). In consequence the Porter was called in and cautioned. He promised the problem would not recur.</p> <p>Further to the decision made on 26 February to provide an efficient book store and joiner's shop, the Workhouse Committee presented a plan and specification prepared by Mr Gray, architect to convert the shed in the mens' yard into a book store and joiner's shop, estimated cost £34. Agreed on the motion of George Bone, the Local Government Board to be asked for approval at an amount not above £40.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the new medical contracts signed by Drs Lambie and Turnbull and also contracts for supplying to the Workhouse and outdoor poor bread, meat for this quarter.</p> <p>On the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by the Vicar of Berwick, it was unanimously agreed to thank Andrew Thompson for his services as Chairman over the past year.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by William Allan, it was likewise agreed to thank Matthew Young and David Tait, Vice Chairmen.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/104-110	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians for the first meeting for the year held on 23 April 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; David Tait; John Young; John Davidson; John Watt; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Chairman: Resolved that James Black take the Chair until the election of Chairman was held.</p> <p>Return of the election of Guardians for Berwick Union for the next year. Ancroft: George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings;</p>	23 April 1877

		<p>David Tait, farmer, Ancroft Steads; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick; Berwick: Andrew Thompson*; Adam Darling*; Matthew Young*; John Young*; Andrew Mitchell*; John Davidson*; John Brown*; Robert Brown*; Cornhill: William Smith, landed proprietor, Melkington; Duddo: Rev B S Wilson*; Felkington: David Carr, farmer, Felkington; Grindon: William Smith jr, farmer, Melkington House; Holy Island: George Hogg jr farmer, Goswick; Horncliffe: Andrew Trotter, farmer & miller, Horncliffe Mill; Kyløe: James Hogg, farmer, Buckton; David Hume, farmer, Berrington; Loanend: John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead; Longridge: James Smith, farmer, West Longridge; Norham: William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham; Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains; Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood; Thornton: James Nicholson, farmer, Murton; Tweedmouth (urban ward): John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth; George Peel, herring curer, Sandstell Road, Spittal; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall; Tweedmouth (rural ward): Alexander J Gillie [Alexander Gillie], farmer, East Ord; Twizel: John Tait, farmer, Riffington.</p> <p>Andrew Thompson was unanimously elected Chairman on the motion of James Black, seconded by Andrew Mitchell. Andrew Thompson then took the Chair.</p> <p>Matthew Young was unanimously elected first Vice Chairman on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by David Tait.</p> <p>John Davidson moved, seconded by James Black that David Tait be appointed second Vice Chairman. David Tait moved an amendment that James Black be appointed. As there was no seconder, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried and David Tait was</p>	
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			<p>unanimously appointed second Vice Chairman.</p> <p>The Committees were then appointed for the ensuing year:.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Workhouse and Finance Committee</p> <p>Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; Adam Darling; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Davidson; John Brown; Robert Brown; John Marshall; George Peel; John Watt; Alexander John Gillie [Alexander Gillie]; George Bone; James Hogg; George Hogg.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assessment Committee</p> <p>Elected Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; Adam Darling; John Watt; James Black. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev John George Rowe; Ralph Forster.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Attendance Committee</p> <p>Elected Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James Black; George Hogg; David Hume; William Allan; George Lumsden; James Nicholson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev John George Rowe; Henry Gregson; Ralph Crossman.</p> <p>The dates of the first meetings of the Committees were agreed.</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>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>Mary Cairns, Chapel Street, will not be able to work for a few days; Ann Hamilton, Greens, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef; Ann Hamilton, Greens, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a statement of the Union Common Fund Account for the past half year, showing the distribution of charges between the parishes.</p> <p>Received from the Local Government Board a new General Order prescribing regulations for the School Attendance Committee and their officers.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board consenting to the employment of Drs Lambie and Turnbull until 25 March 1880 and agreeing their salaries. Agreed that their contracts be amended accordingly.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/111-117	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 May 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; William Allan; John Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Tait; James Nicholson; George Hogg; George Peel; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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 out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	7 May 1877

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Paxton & Purves (drapers); John Mitchell (drapers); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Morrison & Marshall (drapers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop & Son (drapers); William Redpath (draper); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (wine spirit merchant); Scotsman (advertising); Firewood: David Fender (wood). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees).</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning payment to the Clerk of £20 for his services to the Assessment Committee for the past year and of £10 for the election of Guardians.</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 Ferguson, Eastern Lane, sickness & debility, bottle port wine; Elizabeth Atkinson, High Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef; Ann Howe, Walkergate Lane, injury to foot, unable to work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the townships.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing the new allowance of rations for officers.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing to the proposed alterations to provide a work room and book room. They suggested that a proper damp course be provided in the new walls and that the waste pipe from the wash hand basin in the book room should discharge in the open air rather than beneath the cast iron gully grating.</p> <p>The Master was authorised to ask M Gray & Sons for an amended estimate in accordance with the above and present it at the next meeting.</p> <p>Received from the Public Works Loan Commissioners a cancelled security given by the Guardians on 9 March 1857 for a loan of £2450 being fully repaid with interest. The security to be deposited with the title deeds of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Meetings for the annual examination of the indoor and outdoor poor were fixed as follows; Board Room, Berwick, 14 May 2pm; Mr Main's, Spittal, 16 May 2pm; Church Vestry, Tweedmouth, 16 May 3pm; Fishers Arms, Horncliffe, 29 May 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham, 29 May 1pm; Plough Inn, Beal, 31 May 11 30am; Cat Inn, Cheswick, 31 May 1pm.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/118-123	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 May 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; George Hogg; William Cleghorn; David Hume; John Dunbar; John Davidson; Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; James R Black [James Black]; John Watt; Andrew Trotter. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	21 May 1877

			<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, necessaries, clothing, indoor funeral 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); James Russell (draper); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Trustees of Berwick Infirmary (annual subscription to Infirmary); Garden: Berwick Corporation (half year's rent of garden). Registration Expenses: E Willoby [Clerk to Guardians] (annual allowance for use of rooms as Register Office).</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 Barclay, Chapel Street, childbirth.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Berwick was tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended changes in the work to be done by casual</p>	
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			<p>male paupers who stay for one night only. Two male casual paupers to cross cut not less than 8 cwts of large pieces of wood into billets suitable for splitting into small sticks or each male casual pauper to split into sticks ready for use not less than 1 ½ billets or other suitable wood. This would be in addition to the tasks prescribed by the General Order 22 November 1871, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Agreed, approval to be sought.</p> <p>In accordance with their suggestion, the Workhouse Committee were asked to carry out the work they proposed last October to lay concrete in certain yards and passages; the work being deferred for more suitable weather.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse submitted the estimate from M Gray and Sons, requested at the last meeting. As it was considerably in excess of their previous estimate and that of the architect, it was referred back to the Workhouse Committee for further consideration.</p> <p>Order received from the Local Government Board amending the provisions concerning Auditors' reports on officers' securities. In future these only need to be sent to the Guardians and not the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Letter received from the County Asylum reporting the death of Agnes Pringle, a lunatic chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>Owing to a stricter adherence to rules by the post office, (not allowing notice of meetings to be sent By ½ d post) the Clerk was requested to send country members notification of meetings by post card if practical.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Andrew Gordon and Margaret, his wife, having been born there, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John McEachin, of Berwick, shoemaker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and four children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/124-131	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 June 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; John Young; John Dunbar; John Marshall, George Peel; James Nicholson; Matthew Young; George Bone; John Watt; William Allan; John Davidson; George Hogg; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Robert Crossman; Rev 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, 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 Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station). In maintenance Account: James Piercy, tailor (making up apprentice's outfit); Paxton & Purves, drapers (providing apprentice's outfit); Thomas Wilson, broker (providing 2 outfits).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 16 June 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>	4 June 1877
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			<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: Eliza McVeigh, Chapel Street, childbirth; Bridget Dunlop, Black Bull Yard, High Street, sickness, 1 lb beef, oatmeal etc; Peter Trainer, shoemaker, aged 40, Walkergate Lane, sickness, unable to follow his employment.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Cornhill, Kyloe, Norham and a substituted list for Tweedmouth were tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received an amended specification from Mr Gray, architect, for the workshop, book room, and for laying with Portland cement the whole of the boys' yard, children's yard, cookhouse yard, and passage to the boys' yard. They had passed the specification, finding it in accordance with the specification and plans approved by the Local Government Board and had asked for tenders to be obtained for their next meeting. They were asked to present these to the next Board Meeting, with any comments.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the proposals from the Guardians sent after the last meeting, concerning the proposals for tasks of work for male casual paupers, Class 1, as an alternative to those contained in the General Order 22 November 1871. The Master was instructed to publish these regulations in the vagrant wards and yards.</p> <p>The statement made by the District Auditor at his last audit concerning the officers' securities was given. It stated that a bond was usually given by the Treasurer of the Rural Sanitary Authority. The Meeting considered that because of the small balances in the accounts held by him, a Security should not be required.</p>	
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			<p>The reports of the annual meetings for the examination and inspection of those in receipt of indoor and outdoor relief were presented.</p> <p>Berwick District: 14 May, Board Room Berwick – Guardians present: Matthew Young; James Nicholson; John Davidson; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; John Dunbar. 120 outdoor cases investigated, concerning 213 poor persons of whom 185 appeared. They also went through the indoor relief lists and saw 125 who were able to appear before them.</p> <p>16 May, The Old Manse, Spittal - Guardians present: George Peel; Robert Brown. 34 cases investigated, concerning 48 poor persons of whom 37 appeared.</p> <p>16 May, Tweedmouth Church Vestry – Guardians present: George Peel; Robert Brown; Rev Thomas Procter; David Tait; George Bone; John Davidson; Andrew Mitchell; John Young. 74 cases investigated, concerning 116 poor persons of whom 86 appeared.</p> <p>The Guardians recommended: an immediate reduction in 3 cases; 5 cases to be considered by the Board either at once or in a month's time They instructed the Relieving Officer to again ask the sons of 1 elderly couple for repayment of relief and report. They made additions in 3 cases.</p> <p>Norham and Islandshire District: 29 May, Fishers' Arms, Horncliffe – Guardians present: David Tait; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Trotter. 19 cases investigated, concerning 25 poor persons of whom 17 appeared.</p> <p>29 May, Victoria Inn Norham – Guardians present: David Tait; George Bone; William Allan; Robert Brown; James R Black [James Black]; William Cleghorn; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Andrew Mitchell; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]. 29 cases investigated, concerning 40 poor persons of whom 36 appeared.</p> <p>31 May, Plough Inn, Beal – Guardians present: Henry Gregson; James Hogg; John Watt; George Hogg; James R Black [James Black]; Lumsden]. 10 cases investigated, concerning 13 poor persons of whom 10 appeared.</p> <p>31 May, Cat Inn, Cheswick – Guardians present: David Tait; George Bone; James Hogg; John Watt; George Hogg; James R Black [James Black]. 28 cases investigated, concerning 34 poor persons of whom 13 appeared.</p> <p>The Guardians recommended: relief increased, 4 cases; reduced now or shortly, 3 cases; to be reported to the Board for special consideration, 3 cases.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the</p>	
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			<p>amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Application from Belford Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Elizabeth Hewitt, widow and her children. Referred to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, for investigation and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against William Trotter, Newcastle upon Tyne, waterman, and Peter Trotter, Bensham, engine fitter, to repay relief given to their father, Peter Trotter, Tweedmouth.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/132-138	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 June 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; John Watt; John Marshall; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Dunbar; George Bone; James Nicholson. 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 out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Joseph Weatherston (slater & plasterer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John</p>	18 June 1877

			<p>Garden (police expenses searching for James Carroll charged with larceny from Workhouse); Garden: Miss Watt (seed & plants); Firewood: John McCall (wood); Allan Brothers (repairing saws). Out Door Medical Stores: W G Carr & Sons (cod liver oil).</p> <p>Cheque for £30 1s 5d 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: Peter Trainer, Walkergate Lane, sickness, unable at present to follow his occupation; Peter Trainer, Walkergate Lane, sickness, still unable to follow his occupation; Bridget Dunlop, High Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef; Bridget Dunlop, High Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Holy Island was tabled.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee of the Union had resolved to bring before the Board for their approval and that of the Local Government Board, the proposal that Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, be appointed in accordance with the Elementary Education Act 1876 as School Attendance Officer, salary £20 per annum. Mr Scott had expressed his willingness. Agreed unanimously. The approval of the Local Government Board to be sought.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the tenders received for the work on the Workhouse. Some tenders covered the whole work, others part, and they recommended acceptance of that of M Gray & Sons, builders, the lower tender for the complete job. Tenders were received from: whole job - M Gray & Sons, builders;</p>	
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			<p>William Patterson, plasterer; part job – Robert Dickson, plasterer; Robert Sidey, plumber; Joseph Weatherston, plasterer. The recommendation was accepted for M Gray & Sons tender of £99.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer reported on the chargeability to the Union, requested by Belford Union, of Elizabeth Hewitt and her three children. He reported that the facts did not show a clear settlement in Berwick Union. The Guardians decided not to accept application.</p> <p>New General Order received from the Local Government Board making provision for the appointment of School Inquiry Officers for limited periods only.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 30 June. The form of advertisements for tenders for these and six sacks of new made oatmeal was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/139-144	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 July 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; George Bone; John Watt; James Nicholson; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; John Young; William Cleghorn; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; David Hume. 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, necessaries and indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	2 July 1877

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); Knight & Co (books & forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage & sundry payments, Justice Clerk's fees); Firewood: Captain Lammert (wood); Thomas Thompson (tools); Garden: William Wille; John Bingham; James Simpson; James Downes (all manure).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; William Richardson, Porter; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</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, aged 42, Hatters Lane, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef for beef tea; William Booth, aged 42, Hatters Lane, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef for beef tea; Bridges [sic Bridget] Dunlop, High Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef; Bridges [sic Bridget] Dunlop, High Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows: James G Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 11s 6d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 10d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 8d per lb. Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 48s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 3 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 3 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 1 oz for 6d. indoor 6 sacks oatmeal @ 47s per sack, Agreed.</p> <p>Application from Sunderland Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of Justices, of Violet Sinton, widow aged 37 and her five children. On the report of John Crosby [Relieving Officer], the Guardians were satisfied that she was chargeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>Agreed that the Annual Kettle of the Guardians and Officers be held at Windmill Hill Links on 20th July.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/145-153	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 July 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; John Young; Adam Darling; David Hume; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; John Davidson; John Dunbar; William Cleghorn; John Marshall; George Hogg. 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>	16 July 1877

			<p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, 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); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Paxton & Purves (drapers); Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); John Davidson (grocer); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Thomas Thompson (ironmonger); James H Archbold (plumber); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Coy (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Berwick Parish (poor rate on Workhouse); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates on Workhouse); E Willoby [Clerk] (payments at annual visitations); Berwick Advertiser (advertising and printing); Firewood: Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); Garden: Berwick Parish (poor rate on garden); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates on garden).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief given to Mary Watson under suspended order and to Hannah Wilson up to her death on 13 May).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 27 lunatics and part quarter for one); Dr Maclagan (certificate of lunacy); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatic to asylum).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District, (vaccination fees); Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District, (vaccination fees).</p>	
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			<p>Parish Officers' Salaries - Collectors Poundage: John Husband (Berwick); H J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe). School Attendance Committee expenses: H Plenderleith & Son (booksellers); Knight & Co (booksellers); Shaw & Sons (booksellers).</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The balance in the Master's Accounts for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous 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: William Booth, Hatters Lane, sickness, improving, 1 ½ lbs beef; William Booth, Hatters Lane, sickness, improving, 1 ½ lbs beef; Margaret Ken, Church Street, sickness, bottle cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</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 Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying the Union with poor bread, meat etc for this quarter.</p> <p>The half yearly statement of the Medical Officer for the Workhouse [Colville Brown] was presented. His replies to the printed questions were all satisfactory.</p> <p>Application received from Sunderland Union asking for agreement to their paying relief on the behalf of Berwick Union to Violet Sinton and her five children, while residing at</p>	
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			<p>Southwick. Deferred to the next meeting, pending further inquiries by John Crosby [Relieving Officer].</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing a form to be completed concerning the appointment of Joseph Scott as School Attendance Officer and asking what duties were proposed for the appointment of an Inquiry Officer and enclosing two forms of queries. The Clerk had completed the form concerning Joseph Scott's appointment and informed the Local Government Board that the Guardians had not yet considered it necessary to appoint an Inquiry Officer. Agreed to await a reply from the Local Government Board before further consideration.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee submitted an estimate of their likely expenses for the current quarter. As this was £10 a special precept on the parishes would not be necessary.</p> <p>Circular received concerning a Poor Law Conference to be held at Gilsland on 7th August. Deferred consideration to next meeting.</p> <p>Received from the Privy Council Office several copies of a memorandum from the Canadian Minister of Agriculture concerning the Colorado Beetle, with a coloured engraving of its various stages of development, with a request that it be posted in the parishes of the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/154-158	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 July 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; John Dunbar; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Robert Brown; John Watt; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; John Young. 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</p>	30 July 1877

			<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, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James G Smith (butcher); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Firewood: William Shiel Dodds (firewood). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees); John Paxton, East Norhamshire District, (Vaccination fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);</p> <p>John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse, was given a cheque towards petty charges of the Workhouse and payment of a wood 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>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>As no Guardian presented a motion, it was decided to take no action concerning representation at the Poor Law Conference at Gilsland.</p> <p>Half yearly return received from the Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum, concerning those inmates the Union maintained there.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/159-163	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 August 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; John Brown; John Dunbar; Andrew Mitchell; John Young; George Peel; John Watt; William Allan. 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, necessaries, indoor funerals 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 Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Johnston [sic] & Co (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Firewood: Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); Captain H Leighton (wood); Garden: Waite Brothers (plants etc); Henry Payn (vegetables).</p>	13 Aug. 1877

			<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 Pike, Norham, 2 lbs beef for 2 weeks; Richard Romanes, Norham, 2 lbs beef for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe; Kyoie, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Agreement received from the Local Government Board to the appointment for one year and salary of Joseph Scott as School Attendance Officer. No reference was made to the appointment of School Inquiry Officers and the meeting considered it unnecessary under the present circumstances to make any appointment.</p> <p>The half yearly returns of the Vaccination Officers were tabled. No enforcement proceedings were necessary.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against David Rutherford, labourer, Berwick: for neglecting to maintain his two children who were now in the Workhouse; to obtain an order to contribute not less than 1s per week towards the cost of maintaining his father and mother in the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/164-168	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 August 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Adam Darling; David Hume; William Cleghorn; James R Black [James Black]; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; John Young; George Bone; James Nicholson; John Dunbar. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr.Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p>	27 Aug. 1877

			<p>George Culley, Local Government Inspector. 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, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); W & A Johnston & Co (drapers); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); Firewood: Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); Captain J Koefod (wood); Garden: John Towerson (expenses attending sows); Robert Small (manure); Maria Gray (manure). In Maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (quarter's tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (quarter's tuition of indoor children); Berwick Infants' National School (quarter's tuition of indoor children); Berwick St Mary's National School (quarter's tuition of indoor children); Berwick St Cuthbert's R C School (quarter's tuition of indoor children). Out Relief Account: Alnwick Union (relief to Mary Curle on suspended order). Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (expenses attending removal of James Shannan to 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>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Fee, labourer, aged 27, Crawfords Alley, abscess leg, cannot work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</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 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.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse presented a medical certificate in respect of an inmate, Mary Ann Newton, that she was suffering from an infectious disease and was not in a proper state to leave the Workhouse without danger to herself and others. The Master was ordered to detain her until the Medical Officer certified she could be discharged.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/169-174	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 September 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; Adam Darling; David Tait; George Hogg; David Hume; John Young; James Nicholson; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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</p>	10 Sept. 1877

			<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, necessaries, 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 Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Rutherford [Master] (expenses going to Duns for 2 boys who had absconded from the Workhouse); Firewood: Captain H Rude (wood).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate, General Police Rate and Local Police Rate by 22 September from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</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 Pike, Norham, 2 lbs beef weekly for 2 weeks; Richard Romanes, Norham, 2 lbs beef weekly for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p>	
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			<p>The Committee recommended approval of the estimate from John Crow, painter, High Street, to whitewash the new book room. Agreed.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 29 September. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Application from Newcastle Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of John Richardson, aged 63, a native of Spittal, who had been an inmate of the Workhouse. Agreed.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/175-179	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 September 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Robert Brown; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; John Young. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr 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, necessaries, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M Gray & Sons (builders); James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller), James Gray [sic] (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Building & Repairs: William J Gray (architect).</p>	24 Sept. 1877

			<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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 13th October and 12th January. The sums totalled £3698.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board prescribing rules for the administration of out relief to orphans and deserted children boarded out within the Union. The Officers concerned were ordered to comply with these from the beginning of the quarter starting on 1st October.</p> <p>A second circular received giving opinion and instructions on the mode of payment and account keeping of the School Attendance Committee. The Clerk was asked to inform the Committee.</p> <p>Circular from the Guardians of the Darlington Union re the presentation to the Local Government Board of a memorial suggesting the adoption of systematic and compulsory notification to the Sanitary Authorities of every case of infectious disease. The Vicar [Rowe] proposed the acceptance of this with slight amendment. His proposal was not seconded.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/180-186	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 October 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Robert Brown; David Tait; John Marshall; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Davidson; George Bone. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p>	8 Oct. 1877

		<p>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 transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer prior to the end of the Michaelmas quarter were recorded.</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: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; William Richardson, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past quarter was given.</p> <p>The Garden Account was debited with the value of the slops given to the pigs during the past half year.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property building and repairs 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); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; John Davidson (grocer); John McCall (carpenter); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); James H Archbold (plumber); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Johnson & Co (brewers); Margaret Cowe</p>	
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			<p>(grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Thompson (ironmonger); Phoenix Fire Office (fire insurance); Berwick Advertiser (advertising and printing); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); H Plenderleith & Son (stationery); Knight & Company (books & forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before justices, quarter's postage & sundry payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage, carriages); Firewood: Captain H C Nealsen (wood); Garden: Mary Ewart (manure). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Elizabeth Watson to County Asylum).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the contracts for supplying the Union with bread, meat for this quarter.</p> <p>Application from Tynemouth Union, requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of George Taylor, aged 47 and his wife and four children. He is alleged to have been born in Berwick, to have gained no settlement elsewhere and to be suffering from sickness which will produce permanent disability. Having heard the report of John Crosby, Relieving Officer, the Guardians were not satisfied that the facts were as clear or free from doubt as to justify acceptance of the application.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr Davidson, Public Vaccinator concerning the arrangements for vaccination introduced at the suggestion of the Vaccination Inspector viz.: 1st 2nd 3rd Mondays of January, April, July, October; in Tweedmouth and April and October in Ancroft & Scremerston. Many people brought their children for vaccination to his surgery and being asked to bring them back three months afterwards, were dissatisfied and many did not return. In Tweedmouth he wanted to return to weekly vaccination every Monday morning as was the custom for many years. The Vaccination Officer had argued that vaccination is best done arm to arm; this was impracticable at three</p>	
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			<p>monthly intervals and he had to use stored lymph whereas with weekly vaccination he could usually have fresh lymph. In Ancroft and Scremerston the population was so sparse that 6 monthly vaccination was sufficient. Agreed that a copy of the letter be in the Minutes and to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/187-195	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 October 1877	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; George Bone; Adam Darling; John Davidson; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; George Hogg; John Dunbar; John Marshall; John Brown; John Young; Robert Brown. 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>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 Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p>	22 Oct. 1877

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: John Mitchell (draper); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); William Redpath (drapers); Paxton & Purves (drapers); John Russell (mason); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Firewood: Mutter Howey & Co (cartage of wood); A Renwick (old rope); Garden: John Bingham (manure); James Dowens (manure); Thomas Dixon (manure).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Berwick Boy's National School (education of indoor children); Berwick Girl's National School (education of indoor children); St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic School (education of indoor children).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Mary Watson).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 27 paupers, part quarter's for three).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe); John Husband (Berwick); James Paxton (Horncliffe); Robert Lambert (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>School Attendance Committee Expenses: Shaw & Sons (publishers); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary, School Attendance Officer); Berwick Advertiser (printing).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>The School Attendance Committee submitted an estimate of the amount required for their expenses in the current quarter. They also gave a calculation of probable expenditure from their appointment to 25 March 1878. To meet this a rate of 1/8th of 1d in the pound was needed and they recommended this to the Board. Agreed that this should be levied on those parishes covered by the Committee on 22 November; Amounts per parish were given.</p> <p>They then considered Dr Davidson's request concerning weekly rather than quarterly vaccination clinics in Tweedmouth District. Agreed to accept his proposal and ask for the assent of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a statement of the Union Common Fund Account for the past half year, showing the distribution of charges between the parishes.</p> <p>Notice received from James Radford, District Auditor, that he would audit the accounts on 2 November. Notification from the Local Government Board of payment of £109 in respect of amount repayable from the Parliamentary grant towards medical officers' salaries.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of Berwick Infirmary to ask for the reasons of their refusal to admit John Shepherd, a seaman suffering from rheumatic fever, who then had to be admitted to the Workhouse on 16 October.</p> <p>Agreed to consider at the next meeting a visit and inspection the lunatics at the County Asylum.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/196-201	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 November 1877.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Dunbar; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; John Davidson; John Marshall; John Young; Andrew Trotter; William Allan; David Hume; George Hogg. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	5 Nov. 1877

			<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, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James G Smith (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); James Dunlop & Son (drapers); John Davidson (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant). Lunatics Account: James Lambie (visiting James Shannon at Broomhouse and certifying lunacy). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registration fees); James Lambie, Islandshire District, (vaccination fees); Matthew J Turnbull, West Norhamshire District, (vaccination fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registration fees); 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>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kylloe.</p> <p>Referred from the last Meeting: Agreed on the motion of the Vicar of Berwick, seconded by Adam Darling, that a deputation of the Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, accompanied by Dr Brown, would visit the County Asylum and report back; their expenses to be paid.</p> <p>Reply received from the Honorary Secretary to Berwick Infirmary, James C Weddell, to whom the letter had been passed by Mr Alder to whom it was sent. He replied that admission was at the discretion of the medical staff and that Shepherd a seaman, was not resident in the district and was entirely without means. Dr Cahill had considered that admission to the Workhouse was more appropriate. Also he did not have a subscriber's recommendation.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk should reply, pointing out that Shepherd was not without means as he was due 22s in wages which had been paid to the Guardians. Request to be made for a supply of subscriber's recommendation forms, in view of their annual subscription of £15; half to be kept by the Chairman, the other half between the Vice Chairmen.</p> <p>George Bone gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that relief given to the outdoor poor, except those out of the Union and those for whom there is a contract, should be increased from 3rd December to 8th April 1878. For those receiving 3s per week or less, the increase would be 6d; for those receiving above 3s, it would be 1s provided the relief is for more than one person but that widows with dependent children should be given 2s per week per child for the period named and 1s 6d afterwards.</p> <p>The Chairman moved that at the next meeting they consider whether they should appoint one or more School Inquiry Officers and their salaries.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/202-207	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 November 1877	Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Matthew Young; David Hume; George Hogg; John Watt; John Brown; John Davidson; John Dunbar; John Young; George Bone; Robert Brown; William Allan.	19 Nov. 1877

		<p>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, necessaries, indoor funerals 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 Stoddart (grocer); Thomas Thompson (ironmonger); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Thomas Atkinson (farmer); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Firewood: William Bain (old rope); John Storar (firewood); Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Berwick, Tweedmouth were tabled.</p>	
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			<p>Following notice given, George Bone moved that relief given to the outdoor poor, except those out of the Union and those for whom there is a contract, should be increased from 3rd December to 8th April 1878. For those receiving 3s per week or less, the increase would be 6d; for those receiving above 3s, it would be 1s provided the relief is for more than one person but that widows with dependent children should be given 2s per week per child for the period named and 1s 6d afterwards. With the consent of the Board he added that in cases where 1s per week only is given in addition to payment of school fees and where more than 2s per week for each child is given be excepted. The motion as amended was seconded by David Tait and unanimously carried.</p> <p>It was ordered that the names of all outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' application and report books to provide the necessary information for the Guardians to institute these changes. Adjourned to the start of the next meeting.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting they then considered the appointment of electing one or more School Inquiry Officers. On the motion of the Chairman it was resolved to appoint the Relieving Officers to the post for their respective districts for one year. David Tait moved, seconded by David Hume, it was resolved that a salary of £5 be given. Subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was appointed School Inquiry Officer for Berwick District and Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, for Norham and Islandshire Districts, both at a salary of £5 and for one year.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board concerning the proposed resumption of weekly vaccination clinics at Tweedmouth. It referred them to their letter of 26 August 1874 and the reasons for the proposed changes therein. They considered it unlikely that there had been such an increase of vaccinations to invalidate the reasons. They considered that Dr Davidson had failed to apprehend the best mode of working the system. An Inspector of Vaccination would visit shortly and confer with Dr Davidson.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/208-214	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 December 1877.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; George Bone; Matthew Young; David Tait; Adam Darling; John Watt; John Young; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Trotter; James R Black [James Black]; William Cleghorn; John Dunbar; John Marshall. 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, necessaries, indoor funerals 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 Stoddart (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Garden: James Simpson (manure); William Lamb (carting away refuse). Lunatics Account: Andrew Thompson for Guardians Committee (expenses of visit to County Asylum).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate, General Police Rate and Local Police Rate by 15 December 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>	3 Dec. 1877
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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: John Goodfellow, labourer, aged 29, Horncliffe, fever, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Report tabled from Dr Colville Brown on the visit to the County Asylum on 27 November. There were 30 inmates maintained by the Union, 15 females and 15 males. All were evidently well cared for being scrupulously clean and tidy. Females: Margaret Watson was quite well and on point of discharge, recovered; Margaret Baker was in the last stages of consumption and confined to bed; with two or three exceptions the others were hopeless cases but because of occasional violent or suicidal tendencies could not be moved. Males: Charles Smith could safely be moved home. It would be cheaper and the old man would end his days much happier and contented; with the exception of two or three at most, the others were incurables but not fit to be kept in a Workhouse without special supervision and attendance. The Clerk was asked to apply to the Committee of Visitors to the Asylum for the discharge home of Charles Smith.</p> <p>The Meeting ordered the removal to Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School of two deserted boys named Docherty, aged 11 and 9, now in the Workhouse. They were Roman Catholics and guilty of petty larceny and other misbehaviour. The required outfits and transport to the school were to be provided.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee, it was agreed to move the rain water pipe in the boys' yard to the end of the building, so that it would go into a drain rather than flow over the yard.</p>	
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			John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John Mercel Robson, of Berwick, engine fitter, to recover the weekly allowance due from him in respect of the illegitimate child of Maria Ellison, now deserted and receiving 2s per week from the Union.	
Item	GBR 53/215-220	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 December 1877.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; George Bone; Adam Darling; David Hume; John Young; Robert Brown; John Watt; John Dunbar; John Davidson; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; William Allan. 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, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Redpath (draper); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Co; George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); W G Carr & Son (chemists); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Firewood: Mutter & Howey (cartage of wood); John Cowe (wood); David Fender (wood); Ralph Thompson (sharpening saw).</p> <p>Cheque for £53 9s 2d paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being instalment</p>	17 Dec. 1877

			<p>and 1 year's interest on 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>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Wakenshaw, aged 47, West End, Tweedmouth, sickness, asthma, all winter, wholly unable to work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Holy Island, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board approving the appointments of John Crosby and Joseph Scott as School Inquiry Officers in respect of their relief districts.</p> <p>Circular received from Bradford Union enclosing a petition to the Local Government Board concerning repayments by Government for lunatics in asylums being extended to those maintained in special wards in workhouses. They decided to support this by writing to the Local Government Board in similar terms as in 1874. To be prepared for signature at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter received from James Palmer of Palmer Hall & Co, Newcastle, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Justices of the Peace for Northumberland inviting them to consider the establishment of an industrial school for the county and asking them to memorialise the magistrates. The Meeting was reminded of a statement made at the last adjourned Sessions of the reasons why the Justices considered this proposal undesirable. No further action.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 29 December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders for these and also 12 sacks of new oatmeal and report to the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>Agreed that on Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse would be given a dinner of beef, plum pudding and beer, instead of the normal Tuesday meal, with a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Chairman informed that he would provide a meal of beef and plum pudding on New Year's Day. Adam Darling would supply beer for the adults and Matthew Young would provide fruit for the children. These offers were accepted.</p> <p>The Master informed them that Ralph Dodds had offered to provide tea and cake on one evening during Christmas week. The offer was accepted.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/221-227	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 December 1877.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; Robert Brown; George Bone; Adam Darling; John Young; John Watt; William Allan; John Dunbar; David Hume; James R Black [James Black]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev 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>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; William Richardson, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p>	31 Dec. 1877

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, 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 Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Robert Herriott (farmer); Firewood: Captain Hansen (wood); Garden: T J S Graham (mealseller); John Bingham (manure); Henry Robinson (straw); John McCall (joiner work). In Maintenance Account: John Rutherford [Master] (removing William & Robert Docherty to Tudhoe Certified School); William Redpath, draper, (outfits for above boys); William Wilson, shoemaker, (boots as above).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows: James G Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 10s 6d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 6d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 8d per lb. Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 7 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 7d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 44s per sack, indoor 12 sacks oatmeal @ 44s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 1 oz for 6d. outdoor flour @ 3 ¼ lbs for 6d. Agreed.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk had prepared a petition to the Local Government Board concerning the extension of the Government grant for the</p>	
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			<p>maintenance of lunatics in asylums to those maintained in special wards of workhouses. This was approved, the Common Seal affixed and the Clerk asked to forward a copy to Bradford Union.</p> <p>It is given in full.</p> <p>Points made were:</p> <p>In 1868 the Guardians, with the approval of the Poor Law Board, at a cost of £500 made provision in the Workhouse for special wards for the maintenance of 33 chronic lunatics and appointed a male and female lunatic attendant. Reasons were that the County Asylum had insufficient accommodation and a large increase in charge in respect of those from Berwick Borough because it did not contribute to the cost of erection of the Asylum.</p> <p>In 1874 when Parliament first proposed a grant for the maintenance of lunatics in asylums, petition was made through County and Borough Members of Parliament of the circumstances and for the grant to be extended to those maintained in the Workhouse.</p> <p>When this was unsuccessful, provision for males was discontinued and it is now limited to 30 females.</p> <p>The cost of maintaining these in the Workhouse is calculated to be 3s per head more a week than for other inmates.</p> <p>They pointed out that those Unions which did not provide for this category of inmate, who therefore were in Asylums, received 4s per head from public funds. They and other similarly situated Unions were debarred from receiving any help for these inmates.</p> <p>They therefore asked that the subsidies supplied for those lunatics maintained in asylums should be extended to those maintained in special wards of workhouses.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers presented their quarterly reports of their visits to homes of boarded out children. These were approved.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John Lough, of Spittal, seaman, for neglecting to maintain his wife and child who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/228-237	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson, Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James	14 Jan. 1878

		<p>meeting held on 14 January 1878</p>	<p>Black]; George Bone; John Marshall; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; John Davidson; Adam Darling; George Hogg; John Brown; David Carr. 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 balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter 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, Inquiry Officer from 19 November, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Inquiry Officer from 19 November, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	
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			<p>[Colville Brown], Medical Officer for the Workhouse, tabled his half yearly report. His replies to the questions were all satisfactory.</p> <p>A new order from the Local Government Board prescribing regulations for contracts and tenders was received. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for attention prior to the expiry of the existing contracts on 30 March.</p> <p>A further letter was received from James Hall of Newcastle relative to his proposal to the County Justices to establish an industrial school for Northumberland. It was decided to maintain their previous decision to take no action.</p> <p>John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants, presented his annual return and report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the Police and supplied with tickets for the vagrant ward at Berwick Workhouse in 1877.</p> <p>Males: 2162; Females: 131; Children: 40; Total: 2333; English: 923; Scotch: 804; Irish: 584; Foreign: 22; Came from England: 1367; Came from Scotland: 966; Totals 1877 – 2333; 1876 – 1586; Increase – 747.</p> <p>For details of monthly figures see table, GBR53, p235.</p> <p>These figures showed a very large increase, though general throughout the year, most marked in the months of July and November, when they were over 100. Most were natives of England going north. Many were workers in the coal and iron trades out of employment through strikes and depression in these trades. Others were professional tramps and beggars who existed on public wandering from place to place pretending to be looking for work. Doubtless numbers were drawn to Berwick by the railway works in construction at Tweedmouth. Numbers had fallen off towards the end of the year and he hoped that, should trade improve, they would further decrease. There had been complaints of them begging in the suburbs of the town after leaving the Workhouse in</p>	
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			<p>the morning. He had instructed the police to take action and put them away. Superintendent Garden's appointment was due to end on 31 January, so it was decided to refer a decision to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Master had reported in his Report Book that the Porter, William Richardson, and the Porteress, Mary Ann Richardson, had seven boys, apparently aged between 7 and 13, in their quarters at 1am on New Year's morning after the keys had been handed over to the Master. He also reported that they were not efficient in their duties. The Porter appeared before the Board and, after making a short statement in palliation of his conduct on New Year's morning, handed over a letter of resignation for himself and his wife.</p> <p>The resignations were accepted, to take effect in four weeks. They would make the appointment of Porter at the meeting on 11 February at a salary of £26 per annum, payable quarterly. If he had a wife deemed suitable to superintend the cleaning of the vagrant wards, receiving wards and board rooms and attend on the female vagrants and female receiving rooms, she would receive rations and the joint use of the Porter's lodge. The Clerk was asked to advertise the post.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/238-244	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 January 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; Robert Brown; Andrew Trotter; John Dunbar; John Marshall; John Young; George Bone; James Nicholson; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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 out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and necessaries shown in the Master's Day</p>	28 Jan. 1878

			<p>Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Robert Patterson (farmer); John Garden (police expenses); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates on Workhouse); Haddon Best & Co (books & forms); Garden: John Buglass (manure); James Dowens (manure); Mary Ewart (manure); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates); Firewood: Mutter Howay [sic] & Co (cartage); B G Sinclair (wood).</p> <p>In-maintenance Account: St Mary's National Schools (tuition fees for indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (tuition fees for indoor children); Berwick Boys' National School (tuition fees for indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (tuition fees for indoor children).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbitt, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees);</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbitt, 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: William White, aged 15, Norham, convalescent from fever, duration four weeks, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the last meeting, on the motion of David Tait, it was</p>	
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			<p>unanimously resolved to appoint John Garden, Superintendent of Police as Assistant Relieving Officer for Vagrants until 25 March 1879 at a salary of £10 per annum.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, drawing the Guardians attention to the report of their Inspector, Mr Power of his recent inspection of public vaccination in the Berwick on Tweed Union. He had reported that Mr Paxton, public vaccinator for East Northumberland District, had failed on some occasions to attend at the vaccination stations in accordance with his contract and also that he had not habitually entered the source of his lymph in column 8 of the vaccination register. On referring to Power's previous report it was found that similar irregularities were reported and that Dr Airy, after his inspection in 1874 stated that he had found no source of lymph recorded in Paxton's register. The Board requested that the Guardians caution Paxton concerning these irregularities and point out the necessity of strictly complying with his contract. They also pointed out that the Guardians could not legally pay for any vaccinations that were not performed in accordance with the vaccination contract. Resolved that a copy of the letter be sent to Dr Paxton with a request that the matters referred to were not neglected in the future.</p> <p>New general order received from the Local Government Board authorising the allowance of school fees to non-paupers as a loan.</p> <p>The Union had received payment of £256, being the Union's share of the Parliamentary Grant towards the cost of lunatics maintained in Asylums for the year ended 29 September.</p> <p>Notice of the basis or standard for County Rates confirmed at the last Northumberland Quarter Sessions had been received.</p> <p>The half yearly return from the Superintendent of the County Asylum concerning the state and condition of lunatics maintained by the Union was tabled.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/245-250	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 February 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; George Bone; John Davidson; John Dunbar; James R Black [James Black]; William Allan; George Peel; John Young; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; George Hogg.</p>	11 Feb. 1878

			<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: None. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals 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 Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Francis Dixon (farmer). School Attendance Committee Expenses (expenses); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 6 February from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: William Richardson, late Porter, to end of employment, 9 February.</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: Ann Bolland, aged 52, Norham, debility, bedridden, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, the Board considered the appointment of Porter and Porteress. Applications and testimonials had been received from 10 candidates, four of whom presented for interview: Andrew Montgomery, shoemaker, Scremerston, single man, 24; John Macauley, bombardier & master tailor in the Royal Artillery at Leith Fort, married with 4 children, 39, wife 36; John Gordon, late asylum attendant, Edinburgh, single man, 44; James Dickson, farm steward, Raecleugh, single man, 37. On the motion of George Bone, it was decided to postpone appointment for 6 weeks. Meanwhile the Clerk would advertise the post for a man and wife without encumbrances.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing the appointment and salary of Superintendent Garden as Relieving Officer for vagrants until 25 March 1879. Also letter received from Garden thanking the Board.</p> <p>Received notification of discharge from the County Asylum of Johanna Weddell, recovered.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers presented their books and half yearly returns. These were satisfactory and no action was required by the Board.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee presented their estimate of the amount they would require for expenses in the current quarter, £6.</p>	
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			John Rutherford, Master, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Robert Montgomery, late of Berwick, sawyer, for neglecting to maintain his child, Elizabeth, who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.	
Item	GBR 53/251-255	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 February 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; George Bone; David Tait; Robert Brown; Andrew Mitchell; David Hume; John Young; James Nicholson; John Marshall. 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, necessaries, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); William Lamb (carter); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatics to & from 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> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p>	25 Feb. 1878

			<p>Mary White, aged 40, Norham, tuberculous debility, totally.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>George Culley, Inspector, had written in the Workhouse Visitors' Book that he had inspected the Workhouse on 20 February and found everything in good order. John D Cleaton, Commissioner in Lunacy had likewise reported on his visit on 21 February. He had examined those classified of unsound mind, made inquiries of their care and treatment and inspected their accommodation. His report would be made to the Local Government Board. He considered that Thomas Carss, Esther Gransden and Elizabeth Baird in their present condition were unfit for care in the Workhouse and should be transferred to the County Asylum as soon as possible. A boy, John Richardson, would benefit from training in an idiot asylum such as the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, and suggested the Guardians arrange his admission there. The Master reported that Thomas Carss was much improved since his visit and that the Medical Officer considered he should remain in the Workhouse (where he had been treated several times before and recovered) until after the next Board meeting. John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was asked to arrange the admission of Esther Gransden and Elizabeth Baird to the County Asylum. The Clerk was asked to make inquiries of the managers of the Royal Albert Asylum concerning the transfer of John Richardson.</p> <p>Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of George Clark, 74, living at Ford Moss. John Crosby reported the result of his interview with Clark and his son in Berwick, that the relief was to be given up at the next meeting of the Glendale Board and that his three sons would undertake to maintain him. In the circumstances it was unnecessary to consider the request.</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</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the</p>	
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			<p>amount paid and the amounts outstanding. The township of Duddo was in arrears of the quarterly account. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the Overseers and seek immediate payment.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/256-260	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 March 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; John Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Watt; John Dunbar; George Hogg; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]. 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, necessaries 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 Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller).</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: Thomas Wilks Thompson, aged 26, Spittal, fisherman, sickness, suffering from chronic catarrh & will probably do so until we have warm weather, wholly prevented from</p>	11 March 1878

			<p>attending to his usual calling.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the townships.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Workhouse Committee that Catherine Landels, 14, be supplied with two suits of suitable clothing on the occasion of her going into service with Alexander Maltman of Eyemouth, was approved.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 30 March. Attention was drawn to the recent order of the Local Government Board in relation to obtaining tenders. They were directed to use the prescribed form in the case of those articles where the required supply will exceed the value named in Article 45 of the General Consolidated Order. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Meeting informed that Joseph Smith, engine keeper, Shoreswood Colliery, had made formal application to the County Asylum for the discharge of his brother, Charles Smith.</p> <p>Reply received from the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots, enclosing a prospectus and application forms in respect of John Richardson. When forwarding the forms, the Clerk was authorised to propose a payment of £20 per annum for board, lodging and clothing.</p> <p>The return of attendance of the Guardians at the various meetings since April 1877 was tabled.</p> <p>The Master reported that Dr Brown had certified that an inmate, Thomas Pummell, was suffering from an incurable disease. He also reported that Pummell was removeable</p>	
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			from the Berwick Union and was fit for removal. The Clerk was asked to make inquiries into his settlement and try to obtain acceptance of chargeability.	
Item	GBR 53/261-268	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 March 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; George Hogg; David Carr; John Watt; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Brown; David Hume; John Young; James Nicholson; John Dunbar. 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, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Firewood: HE Nicolson (wood); John McCall (wood); R Davidson & Son (sacks); Garden: John Bingham (manure); James Renton (4 pigs). In Maintenance Account: Thomas Wilson, broker, (outfit for Catherine Landles, aged 14, on her going to service). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf and Dumb (board and education of James Callan to date). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing 2 lunatics to County Asylum).</p>	25 March 1878

		<p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</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 Forster, aged 31, roadman, Norham, sickness, convalescent from meningitis and diarrhoea, wholly, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Cornhill was tabled.</p> <p>Further to notice given, the Board considered the appointment of Porter and Porteress. After consideration of the five applications and testimonials received, the Guardians decided to call for interview at the next meeting: William Bell Taylor, late mariner, North Shields and wife; Frederick C Davies, late superintendent of vagrant ward, Newcastle and wife. They agreed to offer second class return rail fare, to cover all expenses.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing the report by Mr Cleaton, Commissioner in Lunacy, of his visit on 21 February. They also requested that the cases of Thomas Carss, Esther Gransden, Elizabeth Baird and Margaret Todd, to which he had drawn particular attention, be brought to the attention of the Medical Officer of the Workhouse with a view to their transfer to the County Asylum, if not already done. Report: He stated that he had examined those inmates classed of unsound mind,</p>	
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			<p>inquired about their care and treatment and inspected their accommodation. He considered that Thomas Carss, Esther Grandsen and Elizabeth Baird were unfit for retention in the Workhouse and should be transferred to the County Asylum. He also suggested that a boy, John Richardson would benefit from transfer to an idiot asylum, such as the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.</p> <p>Further Report: - those recommended for transfer:</p> <p>Thomas Carss had been admitted to the Workhouse on 3 January and certified by the Medical Officer as fit to remain. During the past week he was said to have worsened and he had found him to be suffering from melancholia. He had a black eye which could not clearly be accounted for. Apart from the curative treatment he would receive in an asylum, he considered he could not with due regard for his safety be retained in the Workhouse.</p> <p>Esther Grandsen had been admitted two days previously, suffering from recent insanity and should have the opportunity of curative treatment in an asylum.</p> <p>Elizabeth Baird had been a long time in the Workhouse and was formerly harmless and tractable. She had latterly become noisy, turbulent and occasionally violent. She had delusions of spiteful conduct on the part of other inmates towards her and had attacked them. At present she was a dangerous lunatic and required asylum care.</p> <p>Margaret Todd was tractable and tranquil when seen but was said to have attacks of restless dementia about every six weeks when she refused to speak or take food. She had not been seen to have a fit but had the appearance of an epileptic. He recommended that the Medical Officer made special observation and at her next attack consider whether she ought to be transferred to the asylum.</p> <p>Other matters: Total number of insane and imbecile inmates examined – 33, 11 male, 22 female. The men had no special accommodation and associated with ordinary inmates. The women as before were under the supervision of a paid female attendant and mostly occupied the special or lunatic ward. He found no fault with the personal condition of either sex regarding cleanliness of person and state of clothing. The sitting room used in the evening by the male imbeciles and others was most bare and cheerless, and should be improved in every aspect. The rooms used by the women were much more cheerful though would benefit from a fresh paint colour or wallpaper. At the time of his visit there was a very offensive smell from the bathroom of the female lunatic ward and in an adjacent bathroom, not in use. This apparently was caused by sewer gas coming through the trap of the bath waste pipe. It required immediate attention and efficient ventilation of the drains external to the buildings. The bedrooms</p>	
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			<p>were in fair order; the bedding was clean and sufficient. Eight males and ten females were usefully employed. The dietary was the same and sufficient and other arrangements were as previously reported.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that Esther Grandson and Elizabeth Baird had been transferred to the County Asylum and the comments concerning Thomas Carss and Margaret Todd had been referred to the Medical Officer of the Workhouse. The other matters were referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>A memorandum, received from the Local Government Board, concerning the administration of outrelief was tabled.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the discharge of Charles Smith to the care of his brother Joseph Smith, Shoreswood Colliery.</p> <p>An order was received from the Sheriff Substitute of Edinburgh directing the removal to the Union of Susan Sanderson or Shaw and her three children.</p> <p>Letter received from Holbeach Union refusing to accept chargeability of Thomas Pummell, an inmate of the Workhouse. Matter deferred for two weeks.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed. In the case of tenders which consist of or include bread, meal and butter the acceptance was attested. The Common Seal was affixed and signed by the Clerk.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/269-279	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 April 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; David Hume; James R Black [James Black]; John Young; Robert Brown; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]; George Peel; John Marshall; John Watt; George Bone; John Davidson; William Allan; John Watt [sic]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr. Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	8 April 1878

			<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>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer prior to the end of the Lady Day Quarter were recorded.</p> <p>The balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past quarter was given.</p> <p>The Garden Account was debited with the value of the slops given to the pigs during the past half year.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs 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); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James Archbold (plumber); John Stoddart (grocer); John McCall (carpenter); John Russell (builder); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas Thompson (ironmonger); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Knight & Co (books & forms); Berwick Advertiser (advertising and printing); George Macaskill (advertising); H Plenderleith & Son (books & stationary); Scotsman (advertising); North of England Advertiser (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (justice Clerk's fees, postage & sundry payments); Garden: John McCall, carpenter (sundry joiner work). Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief paid under suspended order to Mary Watson).</p>	
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			<p>School Attendance Committee Expenses: National Society, London, (attendance forms); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer).</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, Inquiry Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Inquiry Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Payment of £5 to the Master to pay petty common charges of Workhouse.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that as directed he had asked two couples to attend for interview for the posts of Porter and Porteress. One couple, Frederick Christopher Davies and his wife, Theresa, attended and were unanimously appointed; salary: Porter £26 per annum with apartments and rations for himself and his wife; to start on 15 April on the same conditions as their predecessors; subject to termination of one month's notice on either side. Agreed that their travelling expenses to and from Newcastle for interview be paid.</p> <p>Letter received from R G Bolam [? Land Agent] He asked that, under the Poor Law Amendment Act 1876, 39 & 40 Vic cap 61, Grindon Ridge be detached from Norham and added to Duddo township. He explained that Grindon Ridge was the property of Mr Friar. It contained 210 acres and was at present a detached portion of Norham township, from which it was some considerable distance (over 1 mile from the nearest</p>	
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			<p>point as the crow flies and 2 miles by road). It was surrounded on two sides by Duddo township, also the property of Mr Friar. He requested that they be put together to form one township. He enclosed a copy of the 6 inch Ordnance Survey map, showing the positions of Norham coloured red, Duddo blue and Grindon Ridge yellow.</p> <p>The Clerk read the relevant clause of the Act and reminded the Board that in December 1876 at the request of the Local Government Board they had sent a return showing the divided parishes in the Union viz Holy Island with Goswick and Fenham, and Norham by the detached estate of Grindon Ridge.</p> <p>Agreed that Mr Bolam's letter with the plan be sent to the Local Government Board for their attention and suggested, that if an Inquiry was held, it should also consider the detached parts of Holy Island.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 20th April and 13th July.</p> <p>On the estimate of the School Attendance Committee and recommendation of the Guardians contribution orders were also sent to the overseers of the parishes comprising the district of the School Attendance Committee to meet the expenses of the Committee, to be paid on 4 May.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had considered the report of the Commissioner in Lunacy in respect of the building. They recommended that in the proper season the rooms mentioned should be brightened by papering them. They had ordered that water be kept in the baths to prevent the foul smell until a plumber had done the necessary repairs which had been ordered on 4 March. Approved. The Master was directed to expedite the repairs.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee reported that they had decided to pay Edward Willoby a salary of £10 from the formation of the Committee in April 1877 until 25 April, for his services as Clerk to the Committee, subject to the approval of the Guardians and the Local Government Board. Agreed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>They also gave their estimate of the sum they required for expenses for the current quarter.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/280-287	Minutes of the first Meeting of the year of the Berwick Board of Guardians held on 22 April 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Hume; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; William Allan; David Carr; James Smith; John Watt; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: William Allan took the Chair until the election of a Chairman for the year. The Chair was then taken by David Tait.</p> <p>Return of the election of Guardians for Berwick Union for the next year. Ancroft:</p>	22 April 1878

			<p>David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town Farm; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings; James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick; Berwick: Blank. Cornhill: William Smith, landed proprietor, Melkington; Duddo: Blank Felkington: David Carr, farmer, Felkington; Grindon: William Smith jr, farmer, Melkington House; Holy Island: George Hogg, farmer, Goswick; Horncliffe: Andrew Trotter, farmer & miller, Horncliffe Mill; Kylloe: James Hogg, farmer, Buckton; David Hume, farmer, Berrington; Loanend: John Dunbar, landed proprietor, Bankhead; Longridge: James Smith, farmer, West Longridge; Norham: William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham; Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains; Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood; Thornton: James Nicholson, farmer, Murton; Tweedmouth (urban ward): John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth; George Peel, herring curer, Sandstell Road, Spittal; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall; Tweedmouth (rural ward): William Tait, farmer, Middle Ord. Twizel: John Tait, farmer, Riffington.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor for the parish of Berwick upon Tweed had informed the Local Government Board of the non-election of any Guardians for that parish.</p> <p>David Tait was unanimously elected Chairman on the motion of George Bone, seconded by Rev Vicar of Berwick. David Tait then took the Chair.</p> <p>James Richardson Black [James Black] was unanimously elected first Vice Chairman on the motion of David Hume, seconded by William Allan.</p>	
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			<p>Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance of Robert and William Docherty).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 26 paupers and part quarter's for 8 others); Dr Colville Brown (certifying 4 lunatics for removal to County Asylum); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatic to Asylum).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert Fluker (Berwick District); Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); Matthew Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker Berwick District, (vaccination fees); Thomas Davidson Tweedmouth District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee; John Husband, Berwick, James Paxton, Horncliffe; 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> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Forster, labourer, Norham, debility, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the township of Duddo was tabled.</p> <p>Order and explanatory circular received from the Local Government Board prescribing a Register of Attendance regarding Workhouse schools.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that they recommended that a salary of £20 be paid to Edward Willoby for his services as their Clerk for the year to 25 March. Approved; agreement of the Local Government Board to be sought.</p>	
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			<p>The Master reported that Elizabeth Clark. A pauper lunatic, had been transferred to the Workhouse from the Royal Edinburgh Asylum in terms of the order of Sheriff Hallard. As the Meeting were not satisfied with the legality of this removal they directed the Clerk to submit the circumstances to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Sarah Cairns, aged 16, born at Dumfries, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices to recover from John M Robson, of Berwick, engine fitter, £1 4s repayment of relief advanced to the bastard child of Maria Ellison.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/288-293	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 May 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; David Hume; George Hogg; William Allan; John Watt; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Nicholson; George Bone; John Tait; George Peel; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals 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); W & A Johnston & Co (drapers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker);</p>	6 May 1878

			<p>George Douglas (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); John Stoddart (grocer).</p> <p>In-maintenance Account: St Cuthbert's RC School (fees for education of indoor children); Boys' National School (fees for education of indoor children); Girls' National School (fees for education of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for education of indoor children).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);</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>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The arrangements of the meetings for the annual examination of the outdoor poor in Norham & Islandshire District were as follows: Norhamshire – 21 May Fisherman's Arms Inn, Horncliffe, 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham 1pm. Islandshire – 23 May Cat Inn, Cheswick, 11am; Plough Inn, Beal, 1pm.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board concerning the divided parishes. It stated that Holy Island was not a divided parish in the meaning of 39 & 40 Vic cap 61 sec 1. In respect of the detached part of Norham township they would arrange an inquiry as soon as the duties of the Inspector of the District permitted.</p>	
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			<p>Their other reply concerned the non- election of Guardians for the parishes of Berwick and Duddo. stated that they would shortly issue their order authorising a fresh election for these parishes.</p> <p>A statement of the Union Common Good Fund for the half year ended 25 March and the distribution of charges among the parishes was tabled and approved.</p> <p>Agreed that Edward Willoby, be paid £10 for his duties as Returning Officer for the recent Election of Guardians in accordance with General Election Order 14 February 1877.</p> <p>John Watt gave notice that he would move at the next Meeting that the annual subscription of £15 to the funds of Berwick Infirmary, due on 8 May not be paid.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/294-300	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 May 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; John Watt; George Peel; George Hogg; John Dunbar; William Cleghorn; David Carr; James Smith; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); James Dunlop & Son (drapers); Elias</p>	20 May 1878

			<p>Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); John Rutherford [Master] (removing pauper to Scotland); John Garden (sundry police expenses); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station); Catherine Patterson Cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); Hadden Best & Co (books); Newcastle Journal (advertising); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Garden: Berwick Corporation (half year's rent of garden); William Matthison (1 pig); James A Dowens (manure); John Bingham (manure); James Simpson (manure); John Tender (4 pigs).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatic to County Asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: sundry householders (rents of 13 vaccination stations for past year).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: E Willoby; Superintendent Registrar (annual allowance for use of offices as Register Office).</p> <p>School Attendance Committee Expenses: John Shaw & Sons, London (cost of portfolio & carriage); E Willoby (salary as Clerk to Committee).</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing payment of £20 to Edward Willoby for acting as Clerk to the Assessment Committee.</p> <p>The Meeting also agreed payment of the £10 for acting as Returning Officer.</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list tabled for Berwick upon Tweed.</p> <p>Further to notice given at the last meeting, John Watt moved, seconded by George</p>	
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			<p>Lumsden, that the annual subscription of £15 to Berwick Infirmary, due on 8 inst., be not paid. The Vicar, seconded by George Bone, moved an amendment that it should be paid. For the Motion: John Watt; George Lumsden; John Dunbar; David Carr; James Smith. For the Amendment: David Tait, Chairman; George Bone; James Black; William Cleghorn; Rev J G Rowe. George Hogg and George Peel abstained. As the votes were equal, the Chairman gave a casting vote for the amendment. Therefore, a cheque was signed for £15, being the subscription now due. John Watt gave notice that at the next meeting that the resolution now adopted, to pay the subscription, be rescinded.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, approving the appointment of Frederick C Davies [Frederick Davies] as Porter at the Workhouse and the salary and rations stated.</p> <p>The District Auditor's annual statement reporting that the Officers' securities were satisfactory was tabled.</p> <p>The Meeting agreed that Ann Bannister, aged 14, a Workhouse inmate, would be hired for 6 months as a house servant to John Purves, a hind at Broomfield in the Belford Union, whose Guardians would be informed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that a new gate be provided at the entrance to the vagrants' yard, a small door made in the large sliding gate at the principal entrance to the Workhouse and the kitchen of the Master's house provided with a door to open into the back passage of the Workhouse. Agreed.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/301-306	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 June 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; David Hume; James R Black [James Black]; John Watt; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; William Cleghorn; George Bone; David Carr; John Dunbar; William Tait; John Marshall; William Allan; John Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr.Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p>	3 June 1878

			<p>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, necessaries, 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); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Young & Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Firewood: H E Nicolson (wood); W S Dodds (wood). Outdoor Medical Stores: James Grey (wine merchant).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Forster, labourer, Norham, sickness, convalescent from meningitis, hypachridiasis [sic], wholly.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyoel.</p>	
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			<p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Tweedmouth were tabled.</p> <p>Further to notice given at the last meeting, John Watt moved, seconded by David Carr, that the resolution adopted to pay a subscription of £15 to Berwick Infirmary be rescinded.</p> <p>David Hume moved, seconded by George Bone, that consideration of the motion be deferred until the next meeting in order that the Guardians who will then be acting for Berwick parish would have an opportunity to express their views.</p> <p>For the motion: John Watt; David Carr; John Tait; George Lumsden; John Dunbar, William Tait; John Marshall; William Allan; - 8.</p> <p>For the adjournment: David Hume; George Bone; David Tait; James Black; William Cleghorn; Rev J G Rowe; - 6.</p> <p>The motion was carried and the decision of the last meeting rescinded.</p> <p>Order received from the Local Government Board authorising the election of 8 guardians for Berwick parish and 1 guardian for the township of Duddo.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Lunatic Asylum of the removal of Elizabeth Brown from it by friends and the death of William White.</p> <p>Notification received that the annual Poor Law Conference for the 4 northern counties would be held at Barnard Castle on 6 and 7 August.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended the provision of a new set of wash tubs for the Workhouse laundry. Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk gave a statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>On the Clerk's recommendation, the meeting agreed that the balance held by the Union Collector of the monies found in the house of the late Elizabeth Morrison or Rule be handed over to Mr Gray, solicitor for the next of kin, on his producing a receipt signed by all parties entitled to a share in the deceased's effects.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/307-314	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 June 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; David Carr; John Carr; Thomas Darling; John Marshall; George Bone; George Hogg; John Dunbar; John Watt. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: David Tait.</p> <p>Return of the election of Guardians for the parishes of Berwick and Duddo Berwick Parish: elected: Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Hide Hill, 610 votes; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate, 603; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Palace Green, 590; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Palace Street, 578; Henry Lindsay Christison, grocer, Bridge Street, 535; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank, 471; John Davidson, gentleman, Castle Terrace, 431; John Carr, hotel keeper, Hide Hill, 373; Not elected: John Brown, farmer, Gainslaw Hill, 337; John Young, draper, College Place, 320; Robert Brown, butcher, Castlegate, 288. Duddo: Rev Beverley S Wilson [Beverley Wilson], vicar of Duddo, Duddo Vicarage.</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, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	17 June 1878
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			<p>The recommendation of the School Attendance Committee that Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, should be reappointed as School Attendance Officer at the same salary of £20 per annum was accepted and the Clerk was asked to apply to the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>Notification received from the Local Government Board that Mr Culley, Inspector, would hold an Inquiry on 3 July, in respect of the detached part of the township of Norham in pursuance of Statute 29 & 40 Vic cap 61 sec 1.</p> <p>Circular received from the Commissioners in Lunacy informing that they had not received pauper lunatic returns from the medical officers of Islandshire and East Norhamshire Districts. Both have been approached and Dr Lambie [Islandshire] replied that he had not had any pauper lunatic under care in the last quarter. No reply had been received from Dr Paxton [East Norhamshire]. The Clerk was asked to inform the Commissioners of Dr Lambie's reply and of the failure of Dr Paxton to submit any lunatic returns for several quarters.</p> <p>Agreed that the annual examination of outdoor and indoor poor in Berwick District should be held as follows: Berwick parish: 26 June at the Board Room, 2pm. Tweedmouth parish: 27 June, Spittal Chapel vestry, 2pm; Tweedmouth Church vestry, 3pm.</p> <p>The Master reported that, as directed, he had obtained tenders from the following to paint, paper, whitewash and colour the rooms and passages of the lunatic wards: Thomas H Pattison, Church Street; George Gilchrist, Sandgate; John Crow, High Street; Richardson & Co, Woolmarket. The last tender, the lowest, was accepted.</p> <p>On the motion of George Bone, it was resolved that the Articles of the General Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board of 24 July 1847, referring to the proceedings of Guardians be printed and kept in the Board Room for the use of Guardians.</p> <p>George Bone also gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Guardians for Berwick parish be added to the Workhouse and Finance Committee.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/315-320	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 July 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn; John Watt; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; David Hume; John Tait; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; 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>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Frederick C Davies, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	1 July 1878

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Young & Son (grocers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); E Willoby [Clerk] (fees, payment at District meetings); John Shaw & Sons (forms); Parish of Berwick. Expenses attending contested election of Guardians: Robert Marshall (printing voting papers); Hadden Best & Co (poll book & carriage); E Willoby [Clerk] (fees of returning officer); Garden: John Fender (pigs); Waite Brothers (seeds men).</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 Morrison, aged 47, Mount Hooly, Beal, bronchitis, wholly; Isabella Colby, Tweed Street, sickness, bottle cod liver oil; William Forster, aged 31, labourer, Norham, convalescent from meningitis & hypochondriasis, wholly, gone to friends for change of air.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel were tabled.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p>	
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Item	GBR 53/321-328	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 July 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; David Hume; Matthew Young; George Bone; John Marshall; George Peel; Thomas Darling; David Carr; John Carr; George Hogg; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous were presented.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:</p>	15 July 1878

			<p>Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Inquiry Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Inquiry Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, building & repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); James Henderson (carpenter); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (shoemaker); Mark Graham (mason); Robert Sidey (plumber); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Young & Sons (grocers); Berwick Parish (poor rate); Kelso Chronicle (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage, sundry payments & Justice Clerk's fees). Firewood: Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Captain Jensen (wood); Captain Abernethy (wood); Captain Gibson (wood); Captain Omholt (wood); Matter [sic] Howey & Co (cartage); Garden: Parish of Berwick (poor rate); T G S Grahame (mealseller); James Hastie (mealseller). In Maintenance Account: Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Cuthbert's R C School (fees for tuition of indoor children). Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Mary Watson). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 29 pauper lunatics, part quarter's for 3).</p>	
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			<p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Norhamshire District; James Lambie, Islandshire District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; James Lambie, Islandshire District.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee; John Husband, Berwick.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee Expenses: John Shaw & Sons, London, (census Register); Joseph Scott, School Attendance Officer (quarter's salary).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the township of Grindon was tabled.</p> <p>The half yearly statement of the Medical Officer for the Workhouse was tabled. His replies to the printed inquiries were affirmative and satisfactory.</p> <p>The half yearly return from the Superintendent of Northumberland County Asylum re the state and condition of the lunatics they maintained was tabled.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board approving the appointment and salary of Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] as School Attendance Officer until 24 June 1879.</p> <p>Letter forwarded by the Local Government Board, from the Board of Supervision,</p>	
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			<p>Edinburgh, stating that in their opinion there was nothing illegal or irregular in the transfer of Elizabeth Clark from the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Morningside to Berwick Workhouse in May.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee gave their estimate of the amount they would require for expenses in the current quarter.</p> <p>The Master presented a return showing that in the last quarter, to Midsummer that 713 people had been relieved in the vagrant wards; 275 reported that they were going south and 422 going north.</p> <p>Agreed that the Annual Kettle for the Guardians and the officers would be held at Windmill Hill Links on 25 June at 2pm. The Chairman, two Vice Chairmen and Clerk were named as a Committee to make arrangements.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/329-334	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 July 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black], George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Darling; David Hume; Adam Darling; William Allan; William Cleghorn; John Dunbar; John Carr; John Davidson; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	29 July 1878

			<p>Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Sons (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates on Workhouse); Firewood: William Leddy (wood); Captain T Olsen (wood); Captain Bentlich (wood); Garden: Robert Small (manure); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates);</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Turnbull [Medical Officer], West Norhamshire District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, 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>Adjustments were made in the accounts as James Paxton, Assistant Overseer for Horncliffe satisfied the Board that in error he had paid to them on 14 June £23 12s 1d which should have been paid to the Highway Board.</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Forster, aged 31, labourer, Norham, debility from anaemia, wholly.</p> <p>An Order was received from the Portsea Union, for the removal to Berwick Union of Elizabeth Simpson, widow, and her two children. It was alleged her late husband, Charles Myers Simpson, was born in Berwick parish. John Crosby [Relieving Officer] had been unable to find any trace of his birth. Therefore, the Clerk was authorised to apply for copies of the depositions.</p>	
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			<p>As the following Monday was a bank holiday and St James' Fair, the Workhouse Committee was postponed to the Tuesday.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] reported that Margaret Young, a widow in receipt of relief, had absconded from the town, leaving her children unprovided for. He was directed that, if she was still absent from her family, they should be admitted to the Workhouse and proceedings taken before the Justices against her for deserting her family.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/335-339	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 August 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; John Carr, William Allan, James R Black [James Black]; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Bone; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher), Richardson & Co (painters); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	12 Aug. 1878

			<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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, reported on his inquiries, on receipt of the depositions, into the grounds of removal of Elizabeth Simpson, widow, and her two children from Portsea Island Union to Berwick Union. The Guardians were satisfied that there were no reasonable grounds for appealing against the Order.</p> <p>Application from Durham Union, requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Grace Wilson, alias Elizabeth Phillips, alleged to have been born in Spittal in August 1847. On hearing the report of John Crosby, Relieving Officer, of his inquiries, the Guardians were not satisfied of the grounds of settlement being in Berwick Union and refused to accept the application.</p> <p>The half yearly reports of the Vaccination Officers were presented and deemed satisfactory; no proceedings to enforce vaccination were required.</p> <p>Reply received from the Secretary to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots concerning their application for the admission of a boy, John Richardson, currently in the Workhouse. They were not prepared to admit him. He was not considered very eligible and they would not accept a lower rate than that paid by the Alnwick Union, £40 19s per annum. As he was only 9 and improving under the care of the Workhouse, they decided to keep him in there for the present.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the death on 10th August of Christian Morrison, chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>On the motion of George Bone, it was agreed that at the next meeting a deputation should be appointed to visit the County Asylum to inspect the lunatics maintained by</p>	
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			them, and to pay their expenses.	
Item	GBR 53/340-344	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 August 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; George Hogg; John Davidson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Thomas Darling; John Dunbar; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals 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 Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Young & Son (grocers); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); D Parkhouse, Portsea (charge for copy depositions re removal of Elizabeth Simpson and children); Firewood: Captain Bentlich (wood); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); Ralph Thompson (sharpening saws). Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance for Robert & William Docherty).</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>	26 Aug. 1878

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth Taylor, Golden Square, childbirth; Mary Jane Stewart, Walkergate Lane, childbirth; Mary Gallagher, aged 32, Church Street, childbirth; Mary Gallagher, Church Street, childbirth; William Forster, aged 31, Norham, as before, anaemia for life, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, the Meeting appointed a delegation to visit the County Asylum. George Bone moved, seconded by Henry Christison, that the Chairman and two Vice Chairmen, accompanied by Dr Brown should be appointed to visit and report on the state and condition of those they maintained and that their expenses should be paid.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum that Peter Dolan, admitted on 9th May last had been discharged, recovered.</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</p>	
Item	GBR 53/345-350	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 September 1878	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; Thomas Darling; David Hume; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; John Marshall; John Dunbar; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev 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>	9 Sept. 1878

			<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, necessaries, indoor funerals 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); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 14 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>Cheque of £10 was given to the Master to enable him to purchase wood from foreign ships.</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: Robert Jackson, aged 27, Coxons Lane, accident (fell over ramparts), severe, entirely, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Dr Brown [Colville Brown] reported on the visit to the County Asylum on 30th August. He reported all were well cared for and as comfortable as their unhappy condition would allow. Most were incurables and three looked as though they would not live long: Charles Macdonald, sinking into consumption; Agnes Jane How, deeply consumptive; Peter Flannagan, a general paralytic. Of the 15 men, only two were hopeful cases, James Shannon and John Douglas; neither had improved since admission which had been recent; their type of insanity was not necessarily incurable. Two others James Cook and George Robertson were not improving but presented some grounds for hope. The rest seemed hopeless. Of the 13 females, Esther Grandsen was almost recovered; Ellen Williams, greatly improved with good chances of complete recovery; Isabella Brown was considerably better but not likely to be completely well. The others seemed hopelessly incurable. None of them or of the males could be recommended for transfer to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Tudhoe Certified School reported that that the conduct of William and Robert Docherty was generally satisfactory and their health good.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 28 September. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/351-356	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 September 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: David Tait.</p>	23 Sept. 1878

			<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, necessaries, indoor funerals 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); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers); Firewood: A Renwick (rope); Captain Haack (wood); Captain Parker (wood). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board, clothing & education for James Callan). Lunatics Account: David Tait, Chairman, (expenses of the deputation to 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> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth Shanks, aged 37, Ravensdowne, sickness, bottle cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes.</p>	
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			<p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed. The Common Seal was applied to the contracts for supplying the Union with bread, meal and butter etc.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 12th October and 11th January. The sums totalled £3350.</p> <p>The contracts of John Crosby and Joseph Scott as Inquiry Officers were due to expire on 29 September. Their renewal to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter received from Portsea Island Union requesting that non-resident relief be granted to Elizabeth Simpson whilst resident there. In view of the circumstances this was refused.</p> <p>Notification received from James Radford, District Auditor, that he would audit the accounts on 1st November.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/357-363	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 October 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; David Hume; Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; John Dunbar; John Watt; Adam Darling; George Hogg; John Carr; George Bone; George Peel; Andrew Mitchell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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 transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer at the end of the quarter were recorded.</p>	7 Oct. 1878

			<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: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Frederick C Davies, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past quarter was given.</p> <p>The Garden Account to be debited by the value of slops from the Workhouse for the past half year and this credited to the in maintenance account.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Mark Graham (builder); James G Smith (butcher); James Henderson (carpenter); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Sidey (plumber); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); Thomas Weatherston (slater & plasterer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Thomas Wight (china dealer); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Young & Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); Phoenix Fire Office (fire insurance premium); Robert Marshall (printing); H S Martin (stationery); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before justices, quarter's postages and sundry payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] half year's postages); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] half year's postages); Firewood: Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage of wood); Garden: T J S Grahame (meal a/c); Thomas Spaven (iron monger); John Davidson (small potatoes).</p>	
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			<p>Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Peter Dolan from Asylum).</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 Pike, aged 36, Horncliffe, phthisis, wholly, beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Lambie; Paxton. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. As the last and principal column of Dr Davidson's return was not completed, it was returned to him for completion.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, the Board considered the appointments of John Crosby and Joseph Scott as Inquiry Officers. They informed the Board that the amount of work was so light that it did not justify their salary of £5 for the current year, but that they were willing to continue to discharge the duties.</p> <p>The Board accepted their proposals and agreed that they should in the meantime continue to carry out the duties voluntarily.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/364-370	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 October 1878.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; George Bone; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Marshall; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe;</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p> <p>Chairman: David Tait.</p> <p>George Culley, Local Government Inspector.</p>	21 Oct. 1878

			<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, Inquiry Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Inquiry Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); John Young (draper); Robert Wood (butcher); Morrison & Marshall (drapers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers). In Maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (tuition fees for indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (tuition fees for indoor children); St Cuthbert's R C School (tuition fees for indoor children). Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief under suspended order to Mary Watson); Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance of Robert & William</p>	
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			<p>Doherty). Lunatics Account: Dr Colville Brown (visiting and reporting on lunatics); Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 28 pauper lunatics and part quarter of 2 others). Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Norhamshire District; James Lambie, Islandshire District. Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District. Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick; James Paxton, Horncliffe; 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> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A statement of the Union Common Good Fund for the half year ended 25 March and the distribution of charges among the parishes was tabled and approved.</p> <p>Notification received from Northumberland County Asylum of the death of Thomas Steven.</p> <p>Dr Davidson's return of boarded out children was received, now completed. The Meeting approved the arrangements made.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/371-376	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present: Guardians: David Tait; Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; Henry L	4 Nov. 1878

		<p>meeting held on 4 November 1878.</p>	<p>Christison [Henry Christison]; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn; William Allan; John Dunbar; John Marshall; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Bone; James Hogg. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Young & Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); John Henderson (bookbinder). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Thomas Carss to Asylum). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees). Collectors Poundage: John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains. School Attendance Committee Expenses: Joseph Scott (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer).</p>	
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			<p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 9 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>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee tabled their estimate of the amount they would require (£6) for the current quarter.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee it was agreed to provide a small kitchen range for the Porter's Lodge and to sell an old hearse.</p> <p>The Porter and his wife were granted 7 days leave of absence.</p> <p>The Chairman gave notice that he would at the next meeting move that - The relief given to the outdoor poor be increased from 2nd December until 7th April, except those out of the Union and such cases for whom there is a contract. The increase would be 6d for those receiving 3s per week and under, and 1s for those above 3s, provided the relief is for more than one person; widows with children dependent on them would receive 2s per week for each child for the above period and 1s 6d thereafter. Unless otherwise ordered, the others would revert to their present allowance on 7th April.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/377-382	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 November 1878.	Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Thomas Darling; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; George Hogg; John Dunbar; John Carr.	18 Nov. 1878

			<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; R Cairens & Son (hosiers); W A Johnston & Co (drapers); George Douglas (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas Landreth (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); William Green (photographing imbecile boy); Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of garden); James Dowans (manure); Robert B Middlemass (straw). Vaccination Expenses: James Lambie [Medical Officer], Islandshire District (vaccination fees); Matthew J Turnbull [Medical Officer], West Norhamshire District (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Joseph Scott and John Crosby, Inquiry Officers, were given cheques for payment of education fees of the children of non- 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>	
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Item	GBR 53/383-387	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 December 1878.	Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Carr; John Marshall; George Hogg; George Bone; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan.	2 Dec. 1878

			<p>Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Young & Son (grocers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Thomas Landreth (milk seller); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (sharpening tools).</p> <p>£5 was given to the Master to enable him to purchase wood from foreign ships.</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: Jane Hogg, aged 50, seamstress, Spittal, debility, not properly supported.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kylloe.</p> <p>Application from Halifax Union requesting that they accept chargeability of Susannah Forsythe, a pauper lunatic in West Riding Lunatic Asylum. On two previous occasions, whilst in the Asylum, chargeability had been accepted as she had legal settlement. The Guardians accepted the application.</p> <p>Notification received of the eighth Annual Central Conference of Representatives of Poor Law Guardians to be held in London on 11 December.</p> <p>James Black gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Guardians contribute £15 a year to Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended the purchase of two dozen large type New Testaments with Psalms and Paraphrases, published by the Scottish Bible Society, for use by the inmates at the Workhouse Sunday evening services. Agreed.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/388-393	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 December 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; George Bone; Thomas Darling; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; George Peel; John Dunbar; John Watt; Adam Darling; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Trotter. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>	16 Dec. 1878

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; John Stoddart (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Ninian Sanderson (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Thomas Landreth (milk seller); Firewood: Captain C Bothmann (wood); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board, education and clothing of James Callan).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Paxton, East Northhamshire District.</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: Rutherford's two children, Chapel Street, measles, the children would be better in the Workhouse, but the father not agreeable, must give them necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Cornhill, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, James Black, seconded by Henry Christison, moved that the Guardians contribute £15 a year to Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary, payable at Lady Day. Passed unanimously. Agreed to obtain the consent of the Local Government Board.</p>	
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			<p>Order received from the Local Government Board prescribing the form of annual return required where a sinking fund had been formed in compliance with the Local Loans Act 1875.</p> <p>Letter received from the South Yorkshire [sic] Asylum informing of the charge of 14s per week for Susannah Forsythe.</p> <p>Received a warrant directing the removal of Agnes Johnston Warden to the Union.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 28 December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day the inmates would be given a dinner of beef, plum pudding and beer with a distribution of tobacco and snuff, in lieu of the normal diet.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the meeting that he and the Vice Chairmen would provide the inmates with a dinner of beef and plum pudding on New Year's Day. Adam Darling would provide beer for the adults and Matthew Young fruit for the children. The Master informed the meeting that Ralph Dodds wished to give the inmates tea and cake on 30th December. These offers were gratefully accepted.</p> <p>Agreed that John Crosby, Relieving Officer, should receive his weekly pay on 24th in lieu of 25th.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/394-398	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 December 1878.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Andrew Mitchell; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Thomas Darling; George Bone; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Watt; George Peel; John Dunbar; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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,</p>	30 Dec. 1878

			<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: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Frederick C Davies, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Francis Dixon (farmer); Alexander Smith (farmer); Knight & Co (books & forms); John Shaw & Sons (books & forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter'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: Elizabeth Scott, aged 48, agricultural labourer, [no address given], chronic rheumatism, during the winter months she would not be able for outdoor work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown;</p>	
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			<p>Davidson; Fluker; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows: Robert Wood – rounds & flanks of beef @ 10s 2d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s per stone, legs of mutton @ 10d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb. Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 5 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 35s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 14 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 4 ½ lbs for 6d. Agreed.</p> <p>Order received from the Local Government Board directing that the detached part of Norham township, known as Grindon Rigg, should from 20th March, be transferred to the township of Duddo.</p> <p>Notification also received of payment of £250 to the Guardians, being the amount repayable from the Parliamentary grant in aid of the cost of pauper lunatics.</p> <p>Notice received from the County Asylum of the discharge of John Douglas, recovered, and the death of Agnes Jane How.</p> <p>Letter received from Matthew Sibbit, Registrar for births and deaths for Islandshire sub-district, stating that he wished to appoint Thomas Blackett of Scremerston as his deputy. Approved.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/399-407	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 January 1879.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; John Watt; George Hogg; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; Thomas Darling; George Bone; James R Black [James Black].</p>	13 Jan. 1879

			<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr.Flucker [Robert Flucker]. 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 balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past quarter 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 Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Flucker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, building & repairs, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Mark Graham (mason); Robert Wood (butcher); Robert Sidey (plumber); Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); John Davidson (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James Henderson (carpenter);</p>	
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			<p>Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John Stoddart (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Weatherston (plasterer); Nicholas Moor (book agent); John Crow (painter); Young & Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander Smith (farmer).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Boys' National School (tuition of indoor children); Girls' National School (tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (tuition of indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (tuition of indoor children).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief paid under suspended order to Mary Watson); Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (quarter's education & maintenance of Robert & William Docherty).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 25 lunatics and part quarter of 4 others).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Northhamshire District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District (vaccination fees); Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee; John Husband, Berwick.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee Expenses: Hadden Best & Co, London, (forms of notices); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before Justices); National Society's Depository (forms for proof of births); Joseph Scott, School Attendance Officer (quarter's salary).</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: Ann Hamilton, aged 46, widow, Greens, sickness & debility, 2 lbs beef; Mrs Hamilton, Greens, debility, 2 lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kylee, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>The Master reported that Frederick C Davies, Porter, had been absent from the Workhouse without leave from 6pm on 2nd to 11 30am on 3rd January. He had since stated to the Chairman of the Workhouse Committee that whilst under the influence of drink on 2nd he went to Newcastle and expressed his regret at the occurrence. Resolved that he be brought in and reprimanded; this was duly done.</p> <p>The half yearly return was received from the Superintendent of the County Asylum. This gave information on the state and condition of those they maintained there.</p> <p>The half yearly statement of the Medical Officer for the Workhouse [Colville Brown] was also received. His replies to the printed enquiries were all in the affirmative and satisfactory.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee gave their estimate of the amount they would require, £16, for the current quarter.</p> <p>John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants, presented his annual return and report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the Police and supplied with tickets for the casual wards at Berwick Workhouse in 1878.</p> <p>Males: 2420; Females: 144; Children: 48; Total: 2612; English: 1090; Scotch: 868; Irish: 622; Foreign: 32; Came from Scotland: 1110; Came from England: 1502; Totals 1878 – 2612; 1877 – 2333; Increase – 279.</p> <p>For details of monthly figures see table, GBR53, p406.</p> <p>These figures showed an increase. Most were natives of England going north towards</p>	
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			<p>Glasgow and district. Many were workers in the coal and iron trades out of employment. A considerable number were professional tramps and beggars. Numbers had fallen off towards the end of the year and he hoped that they would further decrease. The police had attended in the neighbourhood of the Workhouse when they were discharged in the morning to prevent them from begging as they left the town.</p> <p>Dr Fluker and John Crosby, Relieving Officer, submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/408-411	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 January 1879.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; George Bone; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; John Marshall; George Peel; Adam Darling; George Hogg; John Watt; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Blakey (farmer); Robert Patterson (farmer); Garden: T J S Graham (mealseller); James Cockburn (pig dealer); William</p>	27 Jan. 1879

			<p>Lun (pig dealer); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, 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>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
Item	GBR 53/412-416	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 February 1879.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; George Bone; John Watt; William Allan; Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; John Marshall; Andrew Trotter; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	10 Feb. 1879

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Francis Dickson (farmer); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates); William Green (photographer).</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 Finlay, aged 58, charwoman, Castlegate, sprained ankle, altogether, unable to follow her occupation.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board notifying payment of £13, the additional fees due to the Registrars of Births and Deaths for the year ended 29 September 1878.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers submitted their books and half yearly returns. These were satisfactory and no enforcement of vaccination was required.</p> <p>Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of Justices, of Elizabeth Dodds, widow, aged 60. The Guardians were satisfied that she was legally settled within this Union but declined to approve non- resident relief.</p> <p>John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse, was authorised to take proceedings before</p>	
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			the Justices against Robert Mitchell, late of Berwick, shoemaker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and three children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.	
	GBR 53/417-421	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 February 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; John Watt; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; George Bone; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: None. 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Young & Sons [sic] (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Blakey (milkseller); Parish of Berwick (poor rate); Garden: Parish of Berwick (poor rate); Mary Ewart (manure). Outdoor Medical Stores: W G Carr & Son (chemists).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 1 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>	24 Feb. 1879

			<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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>A General Order and accompanying Circular was received from the Local Government Board. This concerned the tenure of the office of Masters, Matrons, Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses of Workhouses, Relieving Officers hereafter appointed; the transfer of Relieving Officers from one district to another; some additional duties imposed on Medical officers appointed after 28 February 1879.</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</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Letter received from Mrs Yeaman, 18, William Street, North Shields, pleading the inability of her husband to pay the arrears of maintenance for his late father. The Clerk was directed to reply that the arrears must be paid within one month.</p> <p>John Watt gave notice that he would move a resolution at the next meeting to rescind the contribution to Berwick Infirmary, passed on a motion of James Black at the meeting of 16 December 1878.</p>	
	GBR 53/422-427	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present: Guardians: David Tait; David Hume; Matthew Young; James Hogg; William Cleghorn;	10 March 1879

		<p>meeting held on 10 March 1879.</p>	<p>Adam Darling; Thomas Darling; John Dunbar; John Watt; William Tait; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]; William Allan; David Carr; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; George Bone; James Nicholson; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; 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>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Young & Son (grocers); James Renton (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Garden (police expenses); Garden: James Dickinson (manure); Thomas Spaven (garden spades). Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Davidson [Medical Officer], Tweedmouth District.</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Holy Island, Kylee, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Further to notice given, John Watt moved, seconded by William Allan, that the resolution passed on the motion of James R Black [James Black] on 16 December to contribute £15 annually to the funds of Berwick Infirmary be rescinded. James Black, seconded by the Vicar of Berwick, [Rev J G Rowe] moved the previous question. For John Watt's motion: John Watt; William Allan; John Dunbar; William Tait; George Lumsden; David Carr; Andrew Mitchell; James Nicholson; John Marshall. – 9 votes. For James Black's amendment: James Black; Rev J G Rowe; Rev B S Wilson; David Tait; David Hume; Matthew Young; James Hogg; William Cleghorn; Adam Darling; Thomas Darling; John Carr; George Peel; George Hogg; George Bone. – 14 votes. The amendment was carried and the resolution of 16 December remained in force.</p> <p>George Culley, Inspector, had visited the Workhouse on 25 February 1879 and stated in the Visitors' Book that he had found the Workhouse clean. It was one of the few Unions in his district which continued to show a decrease in pauperism. He suggested that a cooking range and drying closet would improve the administrative arrangements. Referred his suggestion to the Workhouse Committee for inquiry and report.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>As Superintendent Garden's appointment as Relieving Officer for vagrants was due to end on 25 March, it was agreed to consider renewing the appointment at the next meeting.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 29 March. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled a return of the attendance of Guardians at the meetings since their</p>	
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			<p>appointment in April and June 1878.</p> <p>Notification received of the death of James Shannon in the County Asylum.</p> <p>The Board authorised John Watt to take extracts from the Minutes of the Guardians so far as they related to the annual contribution of £15 to the funds of Berwick Infirmary.</p>	
	GBR 53/428-434	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 March 1879.	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; George Bone; Thomas Darling; John Tait; William Tait; John Carr; John Watt; George Hogg; William Cleghorn; John Marshall; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Frederick C Davies, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	24 March 1879

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Hadden Best & Co (books & forms); Knight & Co (books & forms); Garden: James Dickinson (manure). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf & Dumb (quarter's education & clothing for James Callan).</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. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Alice Allan, aged 19, Chapel Street, childbirth. Alice Allan, aged 19, Chapel Street, childbirth.</p> <p>Further to notice given at the last meeting, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by George Bone, the appointment of Superintendent Garden [John Garden], as Assistant Relieving Officer for Vagrants was considered. He was unanimously appointed until 25 March 1880 with the same duties as before at the salary of £10.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that the Workhouse should be provided with two hydrants and a length of hosepipe for use in flushing the drains from time to time and in case of fire. They were asked to consider this further and to obtain an estimate of probable cost.</p>	
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			<p>The School Attendance Committee submitted their estimate of the amount they would require for the ensuing quarter.</p> <p>Letter received from R Lambert, Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth Parish, asking for additional remuneration. This was based on the same grounds as that recently made in respect of Berwick. He was now receiving half the original amount due to a decrease in poundage. This was supported by a letter from George Moor, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish. Agreed that it should be considered at the next meeting and the Finance Committee was asked to make inquiries.</p> <p>A printed statement prepared by George Culley, Inspector for the North East District, showing certain particulars for the Unions in the District relative to indoor and outdoor relief in the first week of January in 1876, 1877, 1878 & 1879.</p> <p>An order of removal was received from the Strand Union, for the removal to Berwick Union of Edward Clark, aged 56, alleged to have gained settlement by birth in Berwick parish. The Clerk was asked to search the Register of Baptisms and if failing to find a record, to apply for a copy of the depositions.</p>	
	GBR 53/435-444	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 April 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; John Marshall; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; John Watt; John Carr; James Nicholson; Matthew Young; George Bone. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. 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>	7 April 1879

			<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 Garden Account to be debited by the value of slops from the Workhouse for the past half year and this credited to the in maintenance account.</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers' Books showed that that they had paid to date for the education of non-paupers as follows; John Crosby – Berwick 19s 5d, Tweedmouth 11s 5d; Joseph Scott – Ancroft £1 12s 3d.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Sidey (plumber); James Henderson (carpenter); Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Mark Graham (mason); Thomas Weatherston (slater & plasterer); George Douglas (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); John Fender (farmer); Berwick Dispensary & Infirmary (annual subscription); Robert Marshall (printer); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); GF Steven (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (fees for proceedings before Justices, quarter's postages and sundry payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postages); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postages); Garden: Robert Small (manure). In Maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick St Cuthbert's RC School (fees for tuition of indoor children);</p>	
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			<p>Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certificate Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance & clothing for Robert & William Docherty); Morpeth Union (relief paid under suspended order to Mary Watson).</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 Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Thomas Davidson; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: John Husband, Berwick; H J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee.</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; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had considered the remuneration of Robert Lambert, Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth parish, as directed and a copy of their minute was tabled. Lambert had attended and explained that his average remuneration for the 6</p>	
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			<p>intermediate years was £34 9s, of the whole period about £35 (£34 10s 5d). The Committee recommended that he be offered a fixed salary of £35 per annum as the poundage collected was decreasing whilst the labour of collecting it remained about the same.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed that, subject to the agreement of the Local Government Board, and in accordance with the powers conferred by the Order of the Poor Law Board of 15 November 1867, Robert Lambert be paid a fixed salary of £35 per annum from 25 March 1879.</p> <p>Received from the Local Government Board a copy of the report of Mr Frere, Commissioner in Lunacy of his visit to the Workhouse on 3 March 1879. He reported that there were 27 paupers classified of unsound mind, 11 males and 16 females. The Medical Officer had directed his attention to one woman, Elizabeth Clark, who had been transferred from Morningside Asylum [Edinburgh], as he had doubts that she could now properly be considered a lunatic. Frere had conversed with her in private and she evinced no delusion of any sort nor seemed in any way of unsound mind. He considered that unless her state changes considerably, the Medical Officer should remove her from the list. He considered the rest to be properly categorised and suitable for care in the Workhouse.</p> <p>Most of the women were in the Lunatic Ward, in the charge of a paid nurse. The day room was tolerably comfortable but the airing court was a very dull strip of grass, too small for any real exercise. Planting a few plants and shrubs would improve the outlook from the ward windows. The WC's upstairs required attention; the water supply was difficult. The bathroom with lavatory attached which his colleague had mentioned in his last report was currently being repaired. Hopefully the escape of sewer gas would be prevented.</p> <p>As raised in the previous report, in which improvements were recommended, the male lunatics shared a cheerless day room with ordinary inmates, which was used for wood cutting during the day. Frere strongly recommended that action was taken. The bedrooms and bedding were in fair order and the patients as a body appeared happy and contented.</p> <p>The Master was asked to draw the Medical Officer's attention to the comment concerning Elizabeth Clark. The other matters were referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
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