

GBR 55 : Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 55	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>1881-1882 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; John Carr, hotel owner, Berwick parish; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Hornccliffe and Norham Mains parish; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate, Berwick parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Longridge and Loanend Parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kylee parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary, Kylee parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden],, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; Henry Gourlay McCreath, corn merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given as John in 1880]; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank, Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Berwick parish; William Moor, farmer, St Cuthbert's, Cornhill parish; George Peel fish curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town farm, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Berwick parish; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p>David Carr, Felkington, Duddo and Felkington townships, appointed 11 July after special election.</p> <p>1882-1883 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; David Carr, Felkington, Duddo and Felkington parish; John Carr, hotel owner, Hide Hill, Berwick parish; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Bridge Street, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Hornccliffe and Norham Mains parish; John Wickliffe Crossman [John Crossman], farmer, Gainslaw Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Palace Green, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate, Berwick parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kylee parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary, Kylee parish; John Landels, farmer, West Loanend, Longridge & Loanend parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden],, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; Henry Gourlay McCreath, corn merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given as John in 1880]; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank,</p>	5 Sept. 1881 - 17 Sept. 1883

			<p>Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); William Moor, farmer, St Cuthbert's, Cornhill parish; George Peel fish merchant, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Russell, draper, Bridge Street, Berwick parish; David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town farm, Ancroft parish; Walter Tait, farmer, Shellacres,, Twizel & Grindon parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Ravensdowne, Berwick parish; Matthew Young, Hope Villa, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p>1883-1884 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; John Carr, hotel owner, 43 Hide Hill, Berwick parish; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, 59 Bridge Street, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, 1 Palace Green, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, 23 Castlegate, Berwick parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kyoeloe parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary, Kyoeloe parish; John Landels, farmer, West Loanend, Longridge & Loanend parish; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood & Thornton parish; Henry G McCreath, manure merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given as John in 1880]; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank, Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); William Moor, farmer, St Cuthbert's, Cornhill parish; George Peel fish merchant, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Russell, draper, 57 Bridge Street, Berwick parish; David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town farm, Ancroft parish; Walter Tait, farmer, Shellacres, Twizel & Grindon parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, 2 Ravensdowne, Berwick parish; Andrew Trotter, miller & farmer, Horncliffe Mill, Horncliffe & Norham Mains parish; Joseph Weatherston, slater & plasterer, 2 Greenside Place, Berwick, Berwick parish; William Wood, farmer, Duddo, Duddo & Felkington parish; Matthew Young, Hope Villa, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe - until April 1880; Ralph Forster; Robert Crossman; Henry Gregson; Captain Forbes; Captain Theodore Williams; Dr Fluker; Rev Charles Baldwin – from December 1881.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Thomas Fraser (Workhouse); John Alexander Macdonald [John Macdonald] (Berwick District) – until February 1882; James Mackay, Berwick District – from February 1882; Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District) until ?; John Paxton (East Norhamshire District) [the son of John Paxton above] from ?; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], Coldstream (West Norhamshire District);</p> <p>Relieving Officers: John Crosby (Berwick and Tweedmouth); Joseph Scott (Norham and Islandshire).</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse: John Rutherford.</p>	
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Item	GBR 55/1-7	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 5 September 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Carr; David Tait; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Macdonald [John Alexander Macdonald]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Broomhill Coal Company; Young & Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); Joseph Moffat (carting coals); John T Coulam (removing Alex Crosbie under Order of Justices to London); John Garden (removing pauper from Morpeth); Firewood: North British Railway Coy (old wood); Allan Brothers (repairing saws).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p>	5 Sept. 1881

			<p>Mary Wakenshaw, West End, pneumonia, fortnight, half bottle port wine, 7 pints milk; Elizabeth McMillan, Hatters Lane, childbirth, week, necessities; Agnes Dunn, 14 Chapel Street, broken collar bone, fortnight, necessities; Mary Wakenshaw, West End, debility, week, 2 lbs beef; Agnes Dunn, Chapel Street, broken collar bone, wholly, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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, Kyo, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Norham, Shoreswood, Twizel and a substitute list for Cornhill, were tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back that they had considered the accommodation provided for the Workhouse Nurse and discussed this with the Medical Officer. They concluded that it was very deficient and uncomfortable and that in many respects the Infirmary condition was defective. They recommended that as a temporary measure the Lying In Ward, room 10, be transferred to the adjoining room 11. Room 10 would then provide accommodation for the nurse, the only necessary expenditure being papering of the room. Agreed; the Committee were authorised to arrange for it to be papered and proper furniture provided.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums, including those for the School Attendance Committee, required from the parishes for the next half year, which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The following letters had been received from the Local Government Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the appointment and salary of Henry Alder Peters as Assistant Clerk to the Guardians. 2. Approved the appointment and salary of Dr John A Macdonald as Medical Officer for the Berwick District. <p>Other letters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Reply from the Board of Supervision, Edinburgh – acknowledging their letter concerning treatment of the itch which was receiving attention. 4. Reply from the Registrar General, stating that he would ask the Local Government Board to agree that the sub districts of Islandshire and Norhamshire should be united into one sub 	
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			<p>district, Norham and Islandshire under one Registrar, Joseph Scott.</p> <p>5. Letter from Dr Lambie, agreeing to discontinue the vaccination station at Berrington Lodge. He suggested that the station at Fenwick should also be discontinued for the same reasons. For both, and adopting the suggestions of the Local Government Board he gave a schedule of times and places.</p> <p>Acceptance of these was recommended by the Workhouse and Finance Committee. Agreed; the Clerk to inform the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Letter received from the County Asylum giving notice of removal of 5 of the male patients from the Borough portion of the Union to the Newcastle Asylum at Gosforth.</p> <p>Meeting of the Assessment Committee was fixed for 19 September.</p>	
Item	GBR 55/8-14	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 19 September 1881	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; George Hogg; Robert Marshall; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Thompson; William Cleghorn; Thomas Marshall; David Carr; William Allan.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, 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: Benham & Sons (engineers); James Ross (butcher); Thomas Lyon (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); James R Tomlin,</p>	19 Sept. 1881

			<p>solicitor, Richmond, (legal charges re James Nowland, lunatic).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Robert Somerville, Weatherly Square, debility, indefinite, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</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 15th October and 7th January. Contribution Orders were also sent to the overseers of the parishes comprising the district of the School Attendance Committee requiring them to pay their contributions on 7th January. [For details of payment by parish see original volume GBR 55, p.12.].</p> <p>Letters received: From the Local Government Board –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorisation of the additional expenditure of £160 16s 7d for recent alterations to the Workhouse. 2. Approval of the vaccination contracts for Drs Lambie and Macdonald. These were then confirmed. 3. Letter from Alexander Hattle, tenant of Grangeburn Mill, drawing attention to the dilapidated state of the main walls of the feeding shed of the farm. He requested that these were repaired before the cattle were taken in, not later than mid- October. John Crosby was asked to have it examined by Mr Drummond, mason, and specifications and estimate given to the Workhouse Committee who were asked to report back. 4. Letter received from James Paxton, Horncliffe, its assistant overseer, collector of rates and constable, tendering his resignation on account of failing health. This was accepted. He had been appointed in November 1855. They expressed their regret and recorded appreciation for his long and faithful service. They also informed the Overseers of their opinion that, with the concurrence of the ratepayers and vestry, that his successor could perform all the duties of the Overseers, making the appointment by the Guardians of a Collector of Rates unnecessary. 	
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Item	GBR 55/15-22	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 3 October 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; Thomas Marshall; David Carr; George Peel; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; George Lumsden; Andrew Thompson; William Allan; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Macdonald [John Alexander Macdonald]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah Isa Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant;</p>	3 Oct. 1881

		<p>Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; Jane Lockwell, Shaving and hairdressing at the Workhouse.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, 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: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); D A Lamb & Son (plumbers); George Frazer (joiner); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); William Patterson (slater & plasterer); Broomhill Coal Coy (engine coal); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); WC Caverhill & Co (iron merchants); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Thomas Wight (china merchant); Joseph Moffat (carting coal); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (expenses inquiring into settlement of James Nowland, lunatic at Morpeth and Richmond), (half years payment of stamps and sundries); E Willoby [Clerk] (law charges of London agent and witness expenses re James Nowland), (half years payment of stamps and sundries); Phoenix Fire Office (insurance premium); William Murray (printer); A Henderson & Son (printers); Hadden Best & Co (booksellers); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); Joseph Scott (half years payment of stamps and sundries).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Poor Law School (quarter's board clothing and education of Robert Docherty); Northern Counties Institution for Deaf & Dumb (as above of James Callan).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing Mary Ann Grant to Asylum).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Benham & Sons, engineers, (hot water apparatus and fitting for register safe).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Robert Somerville, Weatherly Square, bronchitis, one week, necessities; Joseph Mosley, Spittal, rheumatism, indefinite.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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,</p>	
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			<p>Cornhill, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, necessities and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back re the requests of Miss Rutherford and Miss Morton concerning their accommodation: Miss Rutherford's room be provided with a new carpet. Miss Morton's request for a private room should not be granted. It was a condition of her employment that that she should occupy the same rooms as the children. Both reports approved.</p> <p>The Committee also reported back on the request for repairs by Alexander Hattle, tenant of Grangeburn Mill, having received a tender from Mr Drummond, mason, for repairs to the feeding shed. Tender accepted.</p> <p>The Committee reported receipt of notice from John Davidson that he was giving up tenancy of the rope walk in the Workhouse garden from 11th November. Accepted.</p> <p>Letter received from the Board of Supervision, Edinburgh, enclosing copies of correspondence from the Inspector of Poor, Kelso, concerning the chargeability of Thomas Boyle to the Berwick Union whilst suffering from the itch. These contraverted [sic] the statements made by Boyle respecting his alleged improper treatment at Kelso.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board approving the vaccination contracts made with Drs Macdonald and Lambie, and reminding them of the law requiring public notice of the changes in arrangement. Agreed that public notice should be made throughout the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that St Albans Union had abandoned their Appeal against the Order concerning James Nowland.</p>	
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			Agreed that the contract made with Mrs Lockwell to provide shaving and haircutting services at the Workhouse should be renewed whilst considered appropriate.	
Item	GBR 55/23-29	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 17 October 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Thomas Darling; James R Black [James Black]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; George Peel; John Carr; David Tait; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Paxton [John Paxton]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous, clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</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 until 8th August; Henry Alder Peters, as above from 8th August; 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; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: John Macdonald; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island. Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p>	17 Oct. 1881

			<p>Collectors Poundage: H J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick;</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: In maintenance Account: Berwick Boys National School (tuition fees for indoor children); Berwick Girls National School (tuition fees for indoor children); St Mary's National School (tuition fees for indoor children). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance). Extra Medical Fees: John Macdonald (Berwick District); Thomas Fraser (Workhouse); Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (Vaccination Officer, quarter's salary); Joseph Scott (Vaccination Officer, quarter's salary); William [sic ?John] A Macdonald (Drs fees).</p> <p>The Clerk informed them that the Audit of accounts was due on 3 November and that in accordance with the District Auditors Act 1879 the share due by the Board in respect of Stamp Duty on the financial statement to be submitted by the Auditor was £4 10s, apportioned – School Attendance Committee 5s; Union Common Fund £4 5s.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald; Turnbull. 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: Duddo, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Loanend and Shoreswood were tabled.</p> <p>Letter from the Registrar General approving the order uniting the sub districts of Islandshire and Norhamshire from 1 November, following the agreement of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Letter from Morpeth Union accepting chargeability of Elizabeth Telford, widow, and her three children, now residing at Norham.</p>	
	GBR 55/30-38	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 31 October 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; William Allan; John Brown; David Tait; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Carr; William Cleghorn; George Hogg. Ex Officio Guardians: None.</p>	31 Oct. 1881

			<p>Medical Officers: Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Macdonald [John Alexander Macdonald]; Paxton [John Paxton]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, indoor funerals, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butchers); Young & Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocers); Elias Pearson (baker); George Brown (undertaker); Broomhill Coal Co (engine coal); Turnbull & Son (drapers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); William Redpath (draper); John Davidson (grocer); Joseph Moffat (carting coals); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller). In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging 39 vagrants). Vaccination Expenses: [Dr] M J Turnbull (vaccination fees); John Crosby, Berwick District, (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registration fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registration fees). School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott, Horncliffe Cottage, (quarter's salary as Attendance Officer).</p> <p>An account had been received from Newcastle Borough Asylum for 12 pauper lunatics placed there at the full rate agreed. An amended account had been submitted as requested in accordance with the law relating to patients sent from the Borough portion of the Union, dividing the bill and charging the Borough Council with the excess of the sum payable for lunatics sent to the County Asylum.</p>	
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			<p>trapped gullies. It was agreed that both reports be referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report to the next Meeting.</p> <p>Resignation letter received from John Husband, from Garston by Liverpool, Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Berwick, on account of failing health. He had completed collection and the books up to 29th October. His resignation was accepted and it was agreed to appoint a successor at the next meeting on the same terms and conditions, with an advertisement to be placed in each local paper.</p> <p>The chairman gave notice that he would present a motion at the next meeting that relief given to the outdoor poor be increased from 28th November until 3rd April next, except those except in non-resident, boarded out, and other special cases. The increase to be 6d per week for those receiving 3s per week and under; for those above 3s an increase of 1s provided the relief is intended for more than one person; widows with children dependent upon them be given 2s per week for each child. Unless otherwise ordered, all relief to revert to the current rate on 3rd April.</p>	
	GBR 55/39-47	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 14 November 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; John Jackson; William Hindmarsh; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; Andrew Mitchell; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; Robert Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Carr; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Flucker. Medical Officers: Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	14 Nov. 1881

			<p>Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); W A Johnston & Co (drapers); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Mitchell (draper); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); James White (farmer); James Renton (farmer). Collectors Poundage: Thomas Rule, Norham Norham Mains.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and Police Rate by 26 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 accounts and the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Ann Booth, aged 46, Walkergate Lane, ulcers, indefinite, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Andrew Simpson, aged 30, East Ord, injured elbow, fortnight; Margaret Burns, aged 25, Chapel Street, febris, indefinite, necessities; James Connolly, aged 27, head affection, indefinite, necessities; Alexander Patterson, aged 30, Spittal, consumption, indefinite, 1 ½ lbs beef; Richard Cummins, aged 19, hatters Lane, ch: [chronic] rheumatism, week, 1 ½ lbs beef; Richard Cummins, aged 19, Hatters Lane, ch: rheumatism, indefinite, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The audit of the Union accounts for the past half year had been completed and the statutory statement was presented.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they proceeded with the appointment of a new Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish. Applications and testimonials had been received from the following: Stephen Maxwell Cook, assistant overseer, Berwick; Benjamin Barker, clerk and organist, Berwick; William Butement Simpson, retired ship carpenter, Berwick; James Purvis, boot & shoemaker, Berwick;</p>	
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	GBR 55/48-55	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 28 November 1881	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Jackson; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Carr; George Hogg; John Carr; Robert Marshall.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Flucker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: None.</p> <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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Salaries: An advance of one month's wages was paid to Robert and Hannah Scott, Porter and Porteress.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butchers); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddard (grocer); Thomas Lyon (draper); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Co; John Davidson (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Firewood</p>	28 Nov. 1881

			<p>Account: North British Railway Co (wood); Andrew Minto (wood); Stephen M Cook (wood); Mutter Howie and Co (cartage); Garden Account: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of Workhouse garden).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Burns, aged 25, Chapel Street, cold etc, week, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Ann Booth, aged 42, Walkergate, ulcers, indefinite, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Andrew Wood, aged 38, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, fortnight, wholly; Alexander Patterson, Spittal, phthisis, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef (repeated for 2 weeks); Andrew Simpson, East Ord, injury elbow, fortnight, wholly; Elizabeth Johnston, Golden Square, chickenpox, fortnight, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported back concerning recommendations of alterations to the Workhouse, following the reports of The Commissioner in Lunacy and the Local Government Inspector.</p> <p>They had received a plan and report from Mr Gray, architect, and an estimate from D& A Lamb, plumbers.</p> <p>Gray, architect: 1. New men's dayroom, upstairs above present combined day and work room – estimated cost £65. 2. New dayroom placed in the lower portion of the men's yard - £30. 3. Improving upstairs sitting room by placing partition between it and the stair head - £6.</p> <p>If, after consideration the Guardians decided that if it was necessary to provide an additional day room for the men, the Committee recommended adoption of the first proposal to provide an upstairs room.</p> <p>They pointed out that this would not address the Commissioner's objection to the airing yard. They could see no way to deal with that other than instructing the Master to keep it as clear as possible of stacks of wood and also pointed out that the men were not limited to the airing yard for exercise, having access to the large garden adjoining the Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>They also recommended that the work suggested by the Local Government Inspector to the drainage of the baths and lavatories should be done at once and the acceptance of the tender of £7 from Lamb & Sons.</p> <p>The report of W I Gray, architect, was appended. He recommended that the most satisfactory would be to raise a storey over the present workshop and attached a drawing. He considered this the best position for a day room and provided ample dimensions; cost about £65. It would require the present roof to cover it, stronger joists and a wooden floor. The stair would start at the landing of the under flight of the present stair leading to the men's dormitories. Neither option 2 nor 3 would provide nearly enough space and would be unsatisfactory.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry Christison, seconded by David Tait, it was resolved: that the Board accepted the quote of £7 from D A Lamb & Sons to carry out the necessary work to the drainage of the baths and lavatories to proceed forthwith. On the motion of Henry Christison, seconded by George Lumsden, it was resolved that the report of the Committee be fully accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Master to be directed to at once to clear the men's yard of stacks of wood and relay it with gravel. 2. They approve the suggestion to erect a new day room upstairs at an estimated cost of £65. This should be postponed until the spring 1882 to avoid the discomfort to the inmates of the work being done in midwinter. Also this would avoid interference with the indoor work of wood chopping during its busiest season. 3. Meanwhile the Clerk submit Mr Gray's report to the Local Government Board for approval and agreement to the expenditure. <p>The following were presented: Letter from the Local Government Board notifying of payment to the Union of Government grant towards the salaries of the Medical Officers. Circular from Newcastle Union offering to supply boots and shoes for workhouse inmates. This offer to be considered when the above were next needed. A statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding. Letter from Miss Morton, Girls Attendant, requesting a testimonial as to her character. The Clerk was authorised to provide this. The Workhouse Committee presented the tender of Mr W Cochrane for the supply to the Workhouse 20 sacks of oatmeal at 35s per sack</p>	
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	GBR 55/56-60	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 12 December 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Thomas Darling; William Allan; John Brown; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; David Carr; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Flucker; Rev Charles Baldwin. Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); W C Caverhill & Co (ironmongers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Firewood: M Gray & Sons (old wood).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer and internal accounts were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Alexander Patterson, Spittal, pthisis, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef; Andrew Simpson, East Ord, injury elbow, 10th December, partially; Andrew Wood, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, week, wholly (repeated for 2 weeks); Rose Metcalf, College Place, childbirth, 10 days, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Margaret Moor, Golden Square, childbirth, 14 days, wholly, necessities; Robert Johnson, Golden Square, convalescent from fever, 14 days; wholly, necessities.</p>	12 Dec. 1881

			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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, Cornhill, Duddo, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kylloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledged receipt of the letter re proposed alterations to the Workhouse which will be considered. 2. Agreeing to appointment of John Weallans as Collector of Poor Rates of Berwick Parish. Mr Weallans had offered Robert Wood, butcher, High Street, as his surety. Accepted. 3. Reply concerning the appointment of an Assistant Overseer for the township of Horncliffe. They pointed out that in accordance with sec. 61, Statute 7th & 8th Vic, chap. 101, the vestry of a township had no power to nominate an Assistant Overseer. They referred the Guardians to the Board's General Order, 2nd Feb. 1872 and advised that the appointment of Collector of Rates only, lay with the Guardians. Resolved that they proceed to appoint a Collector of Poor Rates for Horncliffe at their next meeting. [As written. To make sense – see also minute of next meeting – “Assistant Overseer” should read Collector of Rates.] <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 31st December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day, next Sunday, the inmates of the Workhouse be given beef, plum pudding and beer, in lieu of the normal diet, and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Board was fixed for 26th December, which was expected to be a General Holiday in commemoration of Christmas. Resolved to hold the meeting in the morning at 11am to which the current meeting was adjourned at its rising.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Shoreswood was tabled.</p>	
	GBR 55/61-67	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 26 December 1881	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; William Allan; John Brown; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; John Carr.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Flucker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p>	26 Dec. 1881

			<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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah Isa Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; Jane Lockwell, shaving and hairdressing at Workhouse.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Walter Cochrane (mealseller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); John Davidson (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Garden: Robert B Middlemiss (straw & manure). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for Deaf & Blind (quarter's board, clothing and education of James Callan).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary A Baxendale, aged 55, Walkergate Lane, injury to elbow etc, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef for soup; Mary A Baxendale, aged 55, Walkergate Lane, injury to elbow etc, indefinite, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks);</p>	
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			<p>Mary Flynn, aged 45, Church Street, scalded foot, fortnight, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks);</p> <p>Robert Johnston, aged 47, Golden Square, debility from fever, fortnight, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef per week;</p> <p>Elizabeth Johnston, aged 21, Golden Square, debility after chickenpox, fortnight, wholly, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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>As agreed at the last meeting, they considered the appointment of a Collector of Poor Rates for the township of Horncliffe. An application had been received from David Lowrie, carpenter, Horncliffe, who had recently been appointed Assistant Overseer for Horncliffe, accompanied by a testimonial from George Brown, Overseer, and James Paxton, late Assistant Overseer. It was unanimously resolved that David Lowrie be appointed Collector of Poor Rates at the remuneration prescribed by the Order of the Poor Law Commissioners, 22nd April 1837. They also resolved the acceptance of the sureties of James Turner, slater, Horncliffe and Henry Elliot, builder, Horncliffe in a bond for £50.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board notifying payment of £13 10s, the amount repayable to the Guardians from a Parliamentary grant for additional fees paid to Registrars of Births and Deaths in the year ended at Michaelmas.</p> <p>Received the District Auditor's statement re the Officers' securities given at the Ladyday audit.</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:</p> <p>M A Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 9s 3d per stone, houghs of beef @ 4s 8d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb.</p> <p>Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 2s 1d per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 3 lbs 15 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 ½ lbs for 6d.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, reported that that on 15th December John Cairns, an inmate of</p>	
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			<p>the Workhouse, had been certified as a lunatic and placed in Newcastle Borough Asylum. His wife had since died without leaving any children. Prior to their marriage in November 1878 she had invested £200 in a building society, which remained there.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take steps so that the money could be used to defray the cost of the husband's maintenance in the Asylum.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that John Weallans, Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish, had not himself or by surety executed the bond required from him nor provided a Collector's monthly statement for November.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to request Weallans to complete the bond and provide the monthly statement forthwith. Also the Church Wardens and Overseers of the parish were to be requested not to permit Weallans to proceed with the collection of rates until they had been informed that the bond had been signed.</p> <p>The Master informed them that Mr Ralph Dodds, tea merchant, had offered to provide the Workhouse inmates with tea and cake on the evening of 30th December and Mr W P Carr, chemist, had sent 2 dozen bottles of lemonade for the children. The Chairman of the Board offered to provide the inmates with a dinner of beef and plum pudding on the New Year's Holiday (2nd January). The Vice Chairmen offered a supply of fruit for the children. These kind offers were accepted.</p>	
	GBR 55/68-75	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 9 January 1882	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; David Tait; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George W Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Carr.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Flucker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p> <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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>	9 Jan. 1882

			<p>Collectors Poundage: Henry L Williams, Ancroft, Kylloe; John Husband, Berwick; James Paxton, Horncliffe.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter were presented.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, 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; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: John Macdonald; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island. Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kylloe); John Husband (Berwick); James Paxton (Horncliffe).</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Co; John Stoddart (grocer); Thomas Strother (cabinet maker); D A Lamb & Son (plumbers); William Patterson (slater & plasterer); William Wilson (boot shoemaker); George Frazer carpenter; Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); David Fender & Son (millwrights); Adam Hogarth (blacksmith); John Crow (painter & paperhanger); William Drummond (mason); Knight & Co (forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage & sundries); Garden: William C Caverhill Co (ironmongers). Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance of Robert</p>	
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		<p>Docherty).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: John Crosby, [Relieving Officer] (removing John Cairns to Newcastle Asylum).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Dr Daniel Heagerty, Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Dr James Lambie, Islandshire (vaccination fees); Dr John Paxton, East Norhamshire (vaccination fees).</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers as follows: John Crosby – Berwick, Tweedmouth; Joseph Scott – Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the Treasurer, the parishes and internal accounts were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary A Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, injury to back, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs (repeated for 2 weeks); Mary Flynn, Church Street, scalded foot, 10 days, wholly, necessities; Elizabeth Johnston, Golden Square, syphilis, indefinite, wholly, necessities; Robert Johnston, Golden Square, debility, 16 days, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef; Mary Syms, Hatters Lane, ulcers, indefinite, partially.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagerty; Lambie, Macdonald; Turnbull. 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 Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within the Union.</p> <p>Agreed unanimously the resolution of Henry McCreath, that the practice, dating from 14 November 1881, of the Chairman writing the orders of the Board in relief cases into the Relieving Officers application and report books be discontinued; in future, reverting to the previous practice of these being completed by the Relieving Officers, subject to examination by the Clerk.</p>	
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			<p>Notification received from Newcastle Asylum of the death on 29 December of John Cairns. The decision of the previous meeting concerning his deceased wife's estate had therefore not been carried out.</p> <p>Letter received from Canon Watson, Tudhoe School concerning Robert Docherty, aged 13, whom they had maintained there since 1877. He was now strong enough to work and Christopher Traafe, ironworker, Gateshead, had offered to take him in, bringing him up as one of his own. This was agreed along with provision of the usual outfit up to a cost of £3.</p>	
	GBR 55/76-83	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 23 January 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Jackson; John Carr; Thomas Marshall; George Peel; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Cleghorn. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Flucker. Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah Scott, Porteress, were paid £5, a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); Firewood: Ralph Thomson (sharpening tools). In Maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children);</p>	23 Jan. 1882

			<p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of Borough and County patients); Newcastle Borough Asylum (maintenance of patients); Thomas Fraser (examination and certifying lunatic). Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Fraser, Workhouse; John Macdonald, Berwick District.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 28 January from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyløe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Letter from Canon Watson, Tudhoe School, asking for payment for Robert Docherty's outfit. To be paid.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary A Baxendale, Coxons Lane, throat affection, indefinite, necessities; Isabella Elliot, Well Square, lung congestion, fortnight, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Catherine McEachen, Coxons Lane, throat affection, indefinite, necessities; James McGinty, Chapel Street, ulcerated leg, month, necessities; Catherine McEachen, Coxons Lane, throat affection, indefinite, 1 ½ lbs beef; Hannah Simpson, Hatters Lane, childbirth, 3 weeks, 1 ½ lbs beef; Mary A Baxendale, Walkergate, injured back, indefinite, necessities; Elizabeth Castle, Chapel Street, fracture leg, 3 weeks, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Letter received from the London Guarantee and Accident Coy, in respect of a Guarantee policy to provide a security for John Weallans, recently appointed Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish. It enclosed a form of queries. After consideration the Guardians declined to complete this as they had an interest in the security.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board to their letters of 13th and 31st January, concerning the duties of the Assistant Overseer for Horncliffe township. The reply covered technical issues concerning the manner of appointment to the posts of Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer as outlined in Orders of 1872 and 1873. They enclosed a form to be used concerning the appointment of David Lowrie as Collector of Poor Rates.</p>	
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			<p>As there were other parishes in the Union with similar arrangements of appointment, they decided to refer the matter to a Special Meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee</p> <p>Also received: 1 From the Superintendent of Northumberland County Asylum his half yearly return of lunatics placed by the Union.</p> <p>2 From the Clerk of Peace for the County of Northumberland an Order of Quarter Sessions requesting from each Union a list of all lunatics chargeable showing the weekly cost of maintenance and clothing, and the amount (if any) in each case from relatives etc towards the cost. The Clerk was asked to provide this information in respect of the lunatics placed in the County Asylum.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr John Alexander Macdonald, Quay Walls, resigning the posts of Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for Berwick parish as he had been advised to reside in the South of England. He expressed his thanks for the courtesy shown to him.</p> <p>His resignation was accepted with one month's notice. Agreed to proceed to appointment of a successor at the next meeting on the terms and conditions agreed the previous July; the post to be advertised once in each local paper.</p>	
	GBR 55/84-92	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 6 February 1882	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh; Robert Marshall; John Carr; William Allan; David Carr; George Peel; Andrew Thompson; Robert Marshall; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison].</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Flucker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: None.</p> <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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>	6 Feb. 1882

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John McCall (undertaker); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (Highway and District rates); Garden: (as last); Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & Islandshire, (registration fees); Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & Islandshire, (registration fees); Workhouse Loan Account: Thomas Patrick (1st instalment, one year's payment). School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott, Horncliffe Cottage, (one year's salary as School Attendance Officer).</p> <p>John Crosby, Inquiry Officer, Berwick, Tweedmouth had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Elliot, Well Square, congestion of lungs, fortnight, necessities; Elizabeth Castle, Chapel Street, broken leg, fortnight, necessities; Fanny Robertson, Chapel Street, childbirth, fortnight, necessities 1 ½ lbs beef; Hannah Simpson, Hatters Lane, childbirth, 1 week, necessities, 1 ½ lbs beef; Catherine McEachin, Coxons Lane, chest affection, indefinite, necessities 1 ½ lbs beef; Mary A Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, lameness, indefinite, necessities; Isabella Elliot, Well Square, debility, week; Elizabeth Castle, Chapel Street, broken leg, fortnight, necessities; Catherine McEachin, Hatters Lane, chest affection, indefinite, Workhouse; Fanny Robertson, Chapel Street, childbirth, fortnight, necessities; Susan Dunlop, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, 10 days, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. 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>	
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			<p>4. Half yearly return from the Superintendent of Gosforth Asylum concerning the state of lunatics maintained there.</p> <p>5. Half yearly returns of the Vaccination Officers.</p> <p>6. Estimate of the expenses of the School Attendance Committee for the current quarter.</p> <p>7. Notification from the County Asylum of the death of Catherine Lynch.</p> <p>Letter from Robert Wood, 85 High Street, Berwick, withdrawing his name from the Bond with John Weallans.</p> <p>The Guardians decided that before they could release Robert Wood from the Bond they must satisfy themselves concerning the state of John Weallans' accounts and require from him a new security of equal responsibility. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Wood, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Berwick; he was also to inform Mr Weallans of Mr Wood's request, ask him to provide a fresh security and to satisfy the Clerk of the correctness of the Collectors Accounts. He was also to be informed of the irregularity of retaining a balance of £9 7s 10 ¼ d at the end of last month as shown in his monthly statement.</p> <p>They were informed that a sum, about £20, was held by Berwick and Tweedmouth Savings Bank to the credit of Mary Ann Smith, a pauper lunatic maintained by the Union in the County Asylum since 8th October 1874.</p> <p>Agreed that the Trustees of the Bank be asked to pay the money in her account to the Guardian's Collector. They undertook that the money would lawfully be used to defray the cost of her maintenance and the Collector's receipt would be a good discharge to the Trustees.</p>	
	GBR 55/93-99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 26 February 1882	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Carr; William Moor; John Carr; William Allan; David Tait; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; Andrew Thomson; George Peel; John Tait; William Cleghorn.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr W C Flucker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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-</p>	26 Feb. 1882

		<p>maintenance. Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah Scott, Porteress, were paid £5, a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given. Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Dunlop (draper); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Robert Brown (farmer); James Renton (farmer); Garden: William Wille (six young pigs).</p> <p>Financial transactions and accounts between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Elliot, Well Square, debility, week, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Alice Allan, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Susan Dunlop, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes or townships of Ancroft, Duddo, Kyloe, Norham Mains, Twizel and a substitute list for Norham were tabled. A Meeting of the Assessment Committee was fixed to revise such lists.</p> <p>As a consequence of issues arising from outdoor relief the following were ordered: 1. Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority to be informed that arrangements made by their officers for the isolation of a case of smallpox at West End, Tweedmouth were quite ineffective to prevent the spread of contagion and additional steps of isolation or other ways were required. 2. Andrew Ridpath, Mount Pleasant, to be informed of his brother's chargeability. 3. John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Martin Hennigan, late of Berwick, drainer, for neglecting to maintain his wife and three children who had therefore become chargeable.</p> <p>They then considered the appointment of Public Vaccinator for Berwick District. A letter had been received from Dr Heagarty enclosing his certificate of qualification and a letter</p>	
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			<p>from Dr MacKay withdrawing his application. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of John Carr, seconded by Andrew Thompson, that Dr Heagarty, Medical Officer of Tweedmouth District, be appointed Public Vaccinator for Berwick District on the terms advertised. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Rev Thomas Procter, it was agreed that a vaccination station be provided in Berwick parish; as Dr Heagarty was not prepared to name a suitable place, the Workhouse Committee should do so.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr MacKay thanking the Committee for his appointment as Medical Officer for Berwick District. The Common Seal was affixed to the signed contract.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back on the appointment of an Assistant Overseer for Horncliffe.</p> <p>The average poundage paid to the Collector over the last three years was £3 15s per annum. The Overseer had told them that the inhabitants desired that the present Collector should receive a similar sum in addition to the £5 paid to him for his duties as Assistant Overseer. On the motion of the Chairman, it was unanimously decided that David Lowrie, of Horncliffe, Collector of Poor Rates for Horncliffe, should be appointed as an Assistant Overseer for the township. As the Order Of 22 April 1837, under which the appointment was made, does not provide for him to be remunerated for his duties beyond the poundage payable to him as Collector, and that poundage is insufficient remuneration for both duties, it was further resolved that the Local Government Board be requested to amend the Order by directing that the person appointed to perform both duties for the Township should be paid a salary of £8 per annum.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, concerning the proposed new men's day room and asking for a plan of the entire Workhouse premises, showing the connection of the men's day room and yard with the adjoining wards and yards of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Agreed that an up to date plan be prepared and submitted.</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>Agreed to discuss the appointment of the Borough Superintendent of Police as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants, from 25 March, at the next meeting.</p>	
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	GBR 55/100-106	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 6 March 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Flucker. Medical Officers: Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Fender (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Firewood: John Davidson (rope manufacturer); Master of the Workhouse (petty charges of the Workhouse). Outdoor Medical Stores: James Grey (wine merchant).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Campbell, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessities; John Stewart, Chapel Street, inflammation of lungs, necessities, 1 lb beef; John Stewart, Chapel Street, inflammation of lungs, necessities 1 ½ lb beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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,</p>	6 March 1882
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			<p>Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Arising from Relief Cases: 1 The Clerk was ordered to ask Mr Lambert, Auctioneer, to pay to the Union the proceeds of a sale of furniture, belonging to three aged paupers, named Crisp, residing at Cheswick; 2 The Clerk was asked to ascertain from Mr Weatherhead, Solicitor, Duns, who was now entitled to ownership of a property at Leitholm, lately owned by Mrs Joan Alder who had just died in the Workhouse, leaving one child chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they then discussed the terms of re-appointment of the Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25th March. Agreed that the terms would remain the same for a year at a salary of £10. To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee asked for approval from the Board to an arrangement made by the Clerk with the concurrence of Alderman Thompson that one of the side rooms at the Corn Exchange be used as Berwick Vaccination Station for a rent of £5 5s per annum. Dr Heagerty, who was present, expressed approval. Agreed; to be sent to the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums, including those for the School Attendance Committee, required from the parishes for the next half year, which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board concerning the appointment of Dr James Mackay as Medical Officer for the Berwick upon Tweed District of the Berwick upon Tweed Union. They pointed out that he was already Medical Officer of the Rural Sanitary District of the Union. They had recently considered the situation of the same person holding the posts of District Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health and considered it inexpedient. For various reasons. As the Board understood that the Guardians could have appointed an independent medical practitioner, they asked that the decision be reconsidered. The Clerk was asked to describe to the Local Government Board the professional status of the five qualified medical practitioners they understood to be living in the Berwick District and to point out that the only other candidate, Dr Paxton, already held the post of District Medical Officer for East Northamptonshire. It was not in the Guardians' power to obtain the services of an independent medical practitioner.</p> <p>Letters received:</p>	
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			<p>1. Reply received from the Urban Sanitary Authority re the case of smallpox at West End Tweedmouth. They stated every care had been taken to isolate the patient.</p> <p>2. Application from Newcastle Union, requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Mary Harvey and her two children alleged to be deserted by Walter Harvey. As the Guardians were not satisfied about the alleged desertion, they declined the request.</p> <p>3. Letter from the Provident Clerks and General Guarantee Association, addressed to the Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Berwick, accepting his request for a guarantee policy. The Guardians accepted this policy in substitution of the bond of Robert Wood as surety.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 25 March. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p>	
	GBR 55/107-112	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 20 March 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; William Cleghorn; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; David Carr; George Hogg; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Young & Sons (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Lyon (draper); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board, clothing and education of James Callan).</p>	20 March 1882

			<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>Joseph Scott, Inquiry Officer, had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers in the parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe.</p> <p>Financial transactions and accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Stewart, Chapel Street, inflammation of lungs, necessities; Mrs Campbell, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental Valuation Lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Grindon, Shoreswood and Thornton were submitted.</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 had obtained estimates from George Angus & Co, Newcastle and Thornton & Co, Edinburgh for the supply of two water beds for the Workhouse. Agreed to accept the estimate of George Angus & Co.</p> <p>On the motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by George Hogg, it was agreed to reappoint John Garden, Superintendent of Police for the Borough, as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants for the year starting 25 March at a salary of £10 for the year.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board: 1. Reply agreeing to the contract with Dr Heagerty for Public Vaccination in the Berwick District in accordance with the schedule. The Common Seal was applied and public notice of the</p>	
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	GBR 55/113-122	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 3 April 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Carr; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Revds Thomas Procter; Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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: Hannah Rutherford, Matron;</p>	3 April 1882

		<p>Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J [sic] Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; Jane Lockwell, shaving and hairdressing at Workhouse.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, 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: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; W C Caverhill & Co (ironmongers); David Fender & Son (millwrights); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John McCall (undertaker); William Drummond (mason); David A Lamb & Son (plumbers); George Frazer (carpenter); James Renton (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); William Murray (printer); A Henderson & Son (stationers); Alexander Lounton (copying & correcting ground plan of Workhouse for Local Government Board); Berwick Advertiser; George Macaskie (advertising); GF Steven (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (fees for proceedings before Justices, quarters postage & sundries); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (quarters postage & sundries); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (quarters postage & sundries); Garden: George Frazer (carpenter); William Drummond (mason); Firewood: W J Grisdale (firewood).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (maintenance of Robert Docherty to 17 January 1882).</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott, Horncliffe Cottage, (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer, fees on proceedings before Justices).</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Andrew Oliver, Travellers Rest, fractured leg, indefinite, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2</p>	
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		<p>weeks); Margaret Hooks[?], Kiln Hill, childbirth, week, wholly, necessities (repeated for 2 weeks); Mary A Hastings, West End, erysipelas etc, indefinite, wholly, in Workhouse.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Statement prepared at the request of Mr Culley [Inspector] showing number of vagrants relieved over the past 10 years was presented.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parish of Berwick. The Relieving Officers' quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that Edward Willoby, Clerk, be paid £20 for his services to the Committee for the past year, the sum paid for the past six years. Agreed on the motion of Dr Fluker, seconded by Henry Christison. The School Attendance Committee similarly recommended that he be paid £10 for his services to them. Agreed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Henry Christison. Both payments were subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back on the circular from the Local Government Board concerning the danger from fire in Workhouses. The Master reported the following provisions already existed: 60 feet of fire hose for high pressure of water; bell communication from the male wards to the Porter, from the female wards to the Matron and from the infirmary to the nurse; a supply of buckets and a two storey ladder, reaching any window; a nightly inspection of the wards to ensure that all fires are extinguished or left quite safe. The Committee recommended the that 2 hydrants, one in the pathway opposite the infirmary, the other near the old men's ward would provide a full supply of water without the delay of contacting the officers of the Urban Sanitary Authority. When these were completed they should seek a reduction in the premium paid to the Phoenix Fire Insurance. On the motion of David Tait, it was resolved that that the report be approved and the Master authorised two arrange for provision of the two hydrants.</p> <p>The following letters were received from the Local Government Board: 1 Order changing the District assigned to Charles Hunton as District Auditor, reducing the district from 22 to 16 Unions and separate parish, the district to be renamed Northumberland Audit District.</p>	
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	GBR 55/123-132	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 17 April 1882	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Adam Darling; David Tait; Matthew Young; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; John W Crossman [John Crossman]; John Landels; William Allan; David Carr; John Carr; James W Black [James Black]; John Brown; Robert Marshall.</p>	17 April 1882

			<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by David Tait, it was resolved that James Black take the Chair until a Chairman for the ensuing year was elected. After election, Matthew Young took the Chair.</p> <p>Election of Guardians</p> <p>Ancroft: David Tait, Scremerston Farm, farmer; James Richardson Black [James Black], Cheswick, farmer; John Brown, Ancroft T[own] Farm, farmer;</p> <p>Berwick upon Tweed: Adam Darling, 1 Palace Green, manure manufacturer; Matthew Young, Hope Villa, seed crusher; Andrew Thompson, 2 Ravensdowne, ship owner; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], 59 Bridge Street, grocer; Thomas Darling; 23 Castlegate, gentleman; John Carr, 43 Hide Hill, hotel keeper; John Wickliffe Crossman [John Crossman], Gainslaw, farmer; James Russell, 57 Bridge Street, draper;</p> <p>Cornhill: William Moor St Cuthberts, farmer;</p> <p>Duddo & Felkington: David Carr, Felkington, farmer;</p> <p>Holy Island: George Hogg, Goswick, farmer;</p> <p>Horncliffe & Norham Mains: William Cleghorn Norham E Mains, farmer;</p> <p>Kyloe: John Jackson, Fenwick Granary, farmer; William Hindmarsh, Beal House, farmer;</p> <p>Longridge & Loanend: John Landels, West Loanend, farmer;</p> <p>Norham: William Allan, Newburn, farmer;</p> <p>Shoreswood & Thornton: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], Shoreswood, farmer;</p> <p>Tweedmouth (Urban Ward):</p>	
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			<p>Notice received from the District Auditor of his visit to audit the accounts for the half year ended 29 September 1881. Details of stamp duty due were given.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing the payment of £10 to the Clerk for his services as Clerk to the School Attendance Committee over the past year.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Dr Heagarty's quarterly report of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parish of Berwick.</p> <p>The Collector for Poor Rates for Berwick [John Weallans] had now executed the policy with the Provident Clerks Guarantee Society in respect of his surety. He had also presented his books and a letter from the Assistant Overseer stating that the Overseers had inspected his books up to 25 March and were satisfied that they were correct as far as they could ascertain. He also had paid into the Bank the money collected to that date. The Meeting were satisfied with the statement and authorised the Clerk to give up the Bond executed as surety by Robert Wood.</p> <p>The Meeting agreed to the proposal from the Workhouse Committee that the Garden House, less the stable, should be let to Thomas Mace, engine driver, for the six months remaining of the Guardians' lease, for £41; the terms to be considered at the termination in November. They also accepted the Committee's recommendation that the property in Spittal, belonging to Christopher Bryson, a Workhouse inmate, be offered for sale.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board concerning the proposed alterations to the Workhouse. They had considerable objections to them and suggested that Mr Culley, Inspector, and their architect, Mr P G Smith visit to discuss the alterations; a date was to be notified.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the half year were agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were authorised to get an estimate for printing 100 lists of paupers and arrange for the job to be done.</p>	
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	GBR 55/133-138	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 1 May 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; John W Crossman [John Crossman]; David Tait; James Russell; George Peel. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller).</p> <p>Salaries Account: Edward Willoby [Clerk] (allowance for conducting annual election of Guardians).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mabel Schofield, 14 Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Jane Flaherty, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	1 May 1882
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Kyloe.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had obtained an estimate for, and arranged that George Macaskie print the list of paupers.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of the report made by the Commissioners in Lunacy of the visit by Mr Frere to the Workhouse on 20 March. He reported that two women and one man had died since the visit in the previous year. One woman had been admitted and there were at his visit 25 inmates, 12 men and 13 women. All were suitable to be detained in a Workhouse. The women were well lodged and looked after by a paid attendant. As so many previous reports had stated, the room for males was unsuitable for its purpose. He expressed the hope that the men could be provided with as suitable accommodation as the women.</p> <p>He pointed out that male lunatic paupers from Berwick were cared for at Newcastle Borough Asylum, 70 miles away, and women at Northumberland County Asylum, 50 miles away. He expressed his opinion that, if there was a suitable lunatic ward for men with proper attendants, that some of the men of the chronic harmless class could be housed at the Workhouse; likewise, if a second nurse was engaged, some of the women could be transferred. This would remove a source of complaint; on visiting both Asylums, he received many grumbles from Berwick patients of the impossibility of receiving visits from friends.</p> <p>He had received no complaints from the insane inmates of the Workhouse; the beds and bedding were clean; dress was fairly good; he had no reason to think that they were not kindly treated. The male airing yard remained as previously described.</p> <p>Consideration of the report was deferred in view of the proposed visit of the Board's Inspector and Architect.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing for the time being to payment of £5 per annum to the Assistant Overseer for Horncliffe.</p> <p>Application from Belford Union requesting that they accept chargeability, of Elizabeth Kay on the ground that she was entitled to settlement, gained by the hiring and service of her late husband in the parish of Kyloe. Mr Scott [Relieving Officer] was asked investigate and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for the annual meetings to examine the outdoor poor as follows: Berwick District, 17 May 10am, Board Room;</p>	
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	GBR 55/139-146	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 15 May 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; David Tait; George Hogg; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Landels; David Carr; William Cleghorn; Thomas Marshall; Henry Gourlay McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Lillico (grocer); I T Herriot (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Fender (farmer); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (wheelbarrow & tools). Out Relief Account: Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & Islandshire District, (registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: E Willoby, Superintendent Registrar, (annual allowance for use of offices & safe); John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norham &</p>	15 May 1882

			<p>Islandshire District, (registrar's fees).</p> <p>Agreement received from the Local Government Board for the payment of £20 to the Clerk for his service to the Assessment Committee for the past year.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Duddo, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel were tabled.</p> <p>Statements of the receipts and payments by the Treasurer, a balance statement of the Union Accounts and a statement of the Union Common Good Fund Account, showing a distribution of charges to the parishes, for the past half year were tabled.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the audit of the Union Accounts for the half year ended on 29 September 1881 took place on 6 May. His statutory financial statement was tabled.</p> <p>Attention drawn to certain requirements were discussed and the following resolutions passed: Dr Macdonald was entitled to payment for attendance to the confinements of Fanny Robertson and Hannah Simpson last January.</p> <p>A vaccination contract be entered into with Dr Fraser, Medical Officer of the Workhouse, from the date of his appointment.</p> <p>In pursuance of 7 & 8 Victoria, chap 101, sec 31, the Board authorised the Relieving Officers, between the intervals of the meetings of the Guardians, to bury at the expense of the Poor Rates any dead bodies in their district and also any deceased paupers who at the time of death were in receipt of relief from the Board. These cases were to be reported to the next meeting of the Board for sanction.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board stating that after Michaelmas claims for repayment from the Parliamentary Grant in aid of the cost of lunatics in asylums would be paid annually instead of half yearly.</p>	
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			<p>Letter, dated 12 May, received from the Assistant Overseer of the parish of Berwick, forwarding a letter from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish.</p> <p>It stated that John Weallans, Poor Rate Collector of the parish, was not performing his duties to their satisfaction. They had repeatedly asked him to attend their meetings and produce certain books for their inspection. They had also found that outstanding poor rate was not being collected and that they would not be able to meet the call made by the Board nor the precept for the Borough Rate served upon them by the Town Treasurer unless immediate action was taken. They suggested that, if the Board suspended the present collector, that their Assistant Overseer, Mr Cook, be asked to collect the amounts now due. In that event, they asked that Mr Weallans be asked to hand over the books in his possession belonging to the parish.</p> <p>Signed by Churchwardens: John R Brough, James Wallace, Robert Gray. Overseers: Thomas Thompson, John Crow, Joseph Weatherston.</p> <p>Letter, date 13 May, received from John Weallans</p> <p>He resigned from the post of Poor Rate Collector for Berwick. He thanked those gentlemen who supported his appointment. He stated that he was unable to make out his statement or hand in his books as Mr Cook refused to hand them to him. On receipt he would balance them and hand them over to the Board.</p> <p>On the motion of James Black, seconded by John Brown, it was resolved that they accept Mr Weallans' resignation and not suspend him, on condition that the resignation was from that date and that he at once handed over all parish books and papers in his possession to the Clerk.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by John Brown, it was further resolved that at their next meeting they appoint a Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Berwick, in place of Weallans on the terms and conditions now in force, the post to be advertised in the local papers.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Mr Culley, Inspector, on a visit to the Workhouse, had suggested that prior to the expiry of the lease of the workhouse garden in November, the Guardians should try to negotiate a long lease of the garden so that it might be available for additions to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Referred to a special meeting of the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, reported that that he had been unable to obtain any information concerning the alleged settlement in the Union of Elizabeth Kay, of Preston, Belford. It was therefore decided not to voluntarily accept chargeability.</p> <p>Notification received from Newcastle Asylum of the death of Henry Ramsey, placed there by the Union.</p>	
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	GBR 55/147-154	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 29 May 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; John W Crossman [John Crossman]; David Tait; William Cleghorn; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; James Russell; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh; John Jackson; Thomas Marshall; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; John Landells; William Moor; William Allan; George Peel; Robert Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Andrew Thompson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butchers); William Redpath (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Thomas Wight (china merchant); Border Brewery Company; John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Mrs Rutherford [Matron] (removing 3 paupers to Alnwick); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Garden: Berwick Corporation half year's rent); one year's insurance premium. In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging tramps). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing James Brown to County Asylum). Collectors Poundage: David Lowrie, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 27 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham;</p>	29 May 1882

			<p>Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Purves, Ord Check [sic], cerebritis, short time, 2 lbs beef; Robert McLaughlan, Chapel Street, bronchitis, necessities.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting they appointed a Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish. Applications and testimonials had been received from: Stephen M Cook, Assistant Overseer, Berwick; Arthur Robinson, First Assistant to Vestry Clerk, Fulham, London; William S Burrell, Solicitor's Clerk, Berwick; George Laidler, West Loanend, late Land Bailiff for Allerdean Trustees; Andrew Minto, provision merchant, Tweedmouth; David Cleghorn, hosier, Berwick; William B Simpson, late ship carpenter, Berwick; Ralph Dixon, accountant Berwick; Joseph H Graham, late Insurance agent, Tweedmouth. Andrew Thompson, seconded by John Crossman proposed Stephen Maxwell Cook. James Russell, seconded by John Brown, proposed George Laidler. Henry McCreath, seconded by David Tait proposed William S Burrell. They voted as follows: For Mr Cook – Andrew Thompson; John Crossman; Thomas Darling; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh; Henry Christison; John Carr; George Peel; Rev Thomas Procter; Rev Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker. – 11 votes. For Mr Laidler – The Chairman; James Russell; John Brown; William Cleghorn; John Jackson; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; John Landells; William Moor; William Allan; George Lumsden. – 11 votes. For Mr Burrell – Henry McCreath; David Tait. – 2 votes. As there was not a majority of Guardians voting for one candidate, Mr Burrell was withdrawn. The two Guardians who had voted for him were asked to vote again. Both voted for Mr Laidler who was duly appointed Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick Parish on the current terms and conditions, payment of 5d in the pound of all sums collected and accounted for; a Security of</p>	
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			<p>£400 was required. George Laidler accepted the post on these terms and said he would provide his security by the next meeting.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they accepted the suggestion of Mr Culley, Local Government Inspector, that on renewal of the present lease they secure the Workhouse Garden for a building site. It consisted of about 4 acres; the current lease expired on 11 November; they recommended that a special committee be appointed to negotiate with the Town Council on the proposals. This was accepted and the following were appointed to the special committee: The Chairman; James Black; John Brown; John Crossman; Robert Marshall; James Russell; David Tait.</p> <p>As the date fixed for the examination of the outdoor poor in Northhamshire clashed with the opening of the new public buildings in High Street, it was agreed to postpone the former to 1 June.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board concerning the arrangements for the disposition and burial of those dying in the Workhouse. Referred to the Workhouse Committee with the recommendation that it be adopted as far as deemed necessary for the particular circumstances.</p> <p>A vaccination contract for the Workhouse, signed by Dr Fraser, was tabled and approved; to be forwarded to the Local Government Board.</p>	
	GBR 55/155-160	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 12 June 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; James Russell; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; David Carr; David Tait; John W Crossman [John Crossman]; William Allan; George Peel; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Marshall; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott</p>	12 June 1882

			<p>[Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and clothing shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butchers); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Berwick parish (poor rate); George Macaskie (printing & advertising); Garden: Berwick Parish (poor rate).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes for May and for April, Berwick, by the then Collector.</p> <p>The following letters were received from the Local Government Board: 1 Agreement to non-resident relief for Isabella Anderson, 11 years, whilst residing with her uncle and aunt in Glendale Union. 2 Approval of the appointment of George Laidler as Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish and authorising his remuneration.</p> <p>Letter received from the Manager of the Mutual Accident Association Limited, concerning the application of George Laidler for a Guarantee Policy and asking for completion of a series of questions. Agreed that the Clerk should reply asking that they address the questions to the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick parish.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat etc will expire on 24 June. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p>	
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	GBR 55/161-167	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 26 June 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; William Cleghorn; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Carr; George Hogg; John Carr; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse;</p>	26 June 1882

		<p>Sarah I Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; Jane Lockwell, shaving and hairdressing at Workhouse.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); I T Herriott (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (expenses at District Meetings); Garden: Waite Bros (garden seeds). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board, clothing and education of James Callen). Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott (removing Alexander Robertson from County Asylum); John Rutherford (removing Beatrice Seaward to County Asylum). Collectors Poundage: John Weallans</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Catherine Elliot, aged 9, Spittal, measles, fortnight, groceries; Alexander Elliot, aged 1 ½, Spittal, measles, fortnight, groceries.</p> <p>Received: 1 A supplemental Collectors monthly statement Board for the parish of Berwick. 2 The Relieving Officers' quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children. 3 A comparative statement for the North Eastern District of expenditure by the Boards of Guardians for the year ended Michaelmas 1881, provided by George Culley, Inspector.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Union</p>	
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			<p>with bread, meat etc as follows: M & A Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 10s per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 2d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb. Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 2s 1d per stone; outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 3 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3lbs 8oz for 6d. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that, following the resignation of Elizabeth Morton, Girls' Attendant, the Board fill the post immediately on the same terms, conditions and remuneration. Agreed. Post to be advertised in the local papers and appointment to be made at next meeting.</p> <p>George Suthren, hairdresser, Hide Hill, had agreed to shave and cut the hair of the Workhouse inmates on the same terms as his predecessor. Agreed to employ him. Salary £9 per annum, paid quarterly, with one month's notice by either party.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board concerning the precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of smallpox and other infectious diseases among workhouse inmates.</p> <p>Received circular and accompanying petition to the House of Commons in favour of a bill closing public houses on Sundays. John Brown proposed, seconded by George Peel, that they support the petition. There was no other support, so it was not carried.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to bring to the notice of the Governors of Berwick Infirmary the admission to the Infirmary of William Waters who had been seriously injured on the railway near Ayton. He was brought to Berwick for admission but was not permitted to remain there.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Elizabeth Wilson, widow, born in the parish of Edrom, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p>	
	GBR 55/168-178	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 10 July 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; David Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; James Russell; John W Crossman [John Crossman]; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Revs Thomas Procter; Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p>	10 July 1882

			<p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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 for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter were presented.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, 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; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island. Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth. Henry J Williams, Collector of Rates, Ancroft, Kyloe.</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: Adam Winlaw, boot & shoemaker (new goods, repairs); John Wilson & Son, plumbers (new goods, repairs); Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); John Cockburn & son (joiners); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Border Brewery Coy; M Gray & Sons (masons); James Grey (spirit merchant); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; Adam Hogarth (blacksmith); George</p>	
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	GBR 55/179-184	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 24 July 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Carr; David Tait; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; David Carr; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker</p>	24 July 1882

		<p>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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Lillico (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller) GF Steven (advertising); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Scotch paupers).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 31 July 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 accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Tabled: 1 Trial balance sheet of the Guardians' accounts for the year ended on Midsummer. 2 Copy of Sheriff's Warrant for the removal of Margaret McPherson and three children from Edinburgh to Berwick Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>3 Half yearly return received from Newcastle Borough Asylum containing the state and condition of the patients funded by the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no additional applications for the post of Girls' Attendant at the Workhouse had been received. The one applicant was Miss Taylor, 7, Parade, Berwick. After consideration of her application and testimonials, they interviewed her. It was unanimously agreed that Alexina Taylor be employed as Girls Attendant at the Workhouse. Her salary was £15 per annum, with lodgings in the Workhouse and a weekly allowance of rations – 7lbs bread, 2lbs flour, 2 lbs beef, 2lbs mutton, 3 ½ pts milk, ¾ lb sugar, 4 oz tea, ¾ lb rice, 7lbs potatoes, 8 oz butter, ½ lb cheese. The employment was subject to 1 month's notice on either side.</p> <p>George Culley, Local Government Inspector, and P G Smith, Architect, attended as notified in April.</p> <p>Mr Smith reported that he had inspected the Workhouse buildings and considered the plans submitted by the Guardians for an additional men's day room. He considered that the plans were unsatisfactory and that he could not recommend them to the Local Government Board. He considered that the existing buildings could not be satisfactorily improved. He was in agreement with Mr Culley that the Guardians should consider erecting an entirely new Workhouse on an improved and extended site, with accommodation for at least 150 inmates. Mr Culley drew attention to the cost of relief in the Union as shown in the last statement, pointing out the expediency of the provision of efficient accommodation and of endeavouring to make savings in the cost of relief by frequent application of the Workhouse Test. He also referred to a Bill before Parliament which would require additional accommodation for the relief of vagrants.</p> <p>Having heard other representations and observations, it was agreed that a meeting be fixed to allow full discussion. This would need to be held after the pressures of harvest and 18th September was decided.</p>	
	GBR 55/185-190	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 7 August 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Peel; John W Crossman [John Crossman]; David Carr; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Brown; William Allan; David Tait; James Russell. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor</p>	7 Aug. 1882

			<p>relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, indoor funerals, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); I T Herriot (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John McColl (undertaker); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates). Garden: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates).</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Newcastle Union (relief of Mary Harvey & two children while under order of removal).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Paxton, East Northhamshire District, (vaccination fees); John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Northham & Islandshires District, (registrar's fees).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Northham & Islandshire District, (registrar's fees).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries:</p> <p>Elizabeth Morton, Girls' attendant (from 24 June to 10 July).</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the current half year for the education of children of non-paupers as follows:</p> <p>John Crosby – Berwick & Tweedmouth;</p> <p>Joseph Scott – Ancroft, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyoie, Northham, Shoreswood.</p> <p>The District Auditor planned to audit the Union's accounts for the half year to 25 March on 10 August. Under the District Auditor's Act 1879, they were required to pay towards the Stamp Duty, to be apportioned to the School Attendance Committee special fund and the Union common fund.</p>	
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	GBR 55/191-195	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 21 August 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; Adam Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Moor; James R Black [James Black]; James Russell; Thomas Darling; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]; Paxton [John Paxton]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p>	21 Aug. 1882

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Flannagan, Tweedmouth, childbirth, week, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the half yearly audit had been completed on 12 August and the statutory statement was presented. The statutory security for all officers was presented except for that for the Collector of Rates for Horncliffe. It had been inadvertently retained by Joseph Scott and will be got from him.</p> <p>He read a series of requirements and suggestions made by the auditor: To provide the Relieving Officers with new out relief lists on the prescribed form for use from 29 September. Agreed. To ask the Local Government Board whether Sec 40, Education Act 1876, limiting to 3d per week, the fee for the education of outdoor children did not also apply to indoor children when sent out to school as in the Union. Agreed. To consider the propriety of voluntarily discontinuing the present form of Workhouse medical relief book or of applying to the Local Government Board to sanction its use was referred to the Workhouse Committee. In consequence of an irregularity in the present appointments by the Justices of Thomas Rule, Collector of Rates for Norham and Norham Mains to also be Assistant Overseer for them, that the Guardians at their next meeting approve Thomas Rule as Assistant Overseer and determine his remuneration for the post.</p>	
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			<p>In future orphans and deserted children residing with relatives not legally liable to support them, be given relief on the conditions applicable to boarded out children. All relief given otherwise in respect of such children to end on 29 September.</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 lease of Grangeburn Mill and land from Berwick parish was due to expire on 11 November. The Clerk was asked to raise this with the Churchwardens and overseers of the parish with the intention to re let the property.</p>	
	GBR 55/196-201	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 4 September 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; David Carr; David Tait; James Russell; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, indoor funerals, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Coy; George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John McCall</p>	4 Sept. 1882

			<p>(carpenter). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing John Grey to Newcastle Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Alexander Kerr, Church Street, enlarged glands, one pint cod liver oil; Margaret Mewis[?], Well Square, childbirth, fortnight, necessities; William Wood, aged 24, Spittal, incipient phthisis, indefinite, necessities; Elizabeth Stewart, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>As notified at the last meeting, Thomas Rule was appointed as Assistant Overseer for the parishes of Norham and Norham Mains. As the Poor Law Commissioners Order, 22 April 1837, did not provide for remuneration beyond the poundage payable to him as Collector and this was considered insufficient for the duties of Collector and Assistant Overseer it was resolved to ask the Local Government Board to allow payment of £4 3s pa for his services as Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>Application, with a testimonial, received from John Short, Fenham Mill, for the post of School Attendance Officer. Also received a minute from the School Attendance Committee, showing, subject to approval of the Board, that they had appointed John Short as School Attendance Officer in place of Joseph Scott, who had resigned, at a salary of £20 pa, paid quarterly. Agreed to confirm the appointment.</p> <p>As instructed by the Special Committee, the Clerk had, in respect of the lease of the Workhouse garden negotiated with Berwick Town Council a new lease, of £29 pa. which was accepted by the Town Council who had forwarded the conditions of letting. This was ratified by the Board and it was agreed to ask the Local Government Board for approval of the Board's lease of the garden for a term of five years.</p>	
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			<p>As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk had approached the churchwardens and overseers of Berwick parish re the lease of Grangeburn Mill and land. The Parish had asked that they apply to the Poor Law Board [sic] for consent. The letter was signed by Overseers – Thomas Thompson; Joseph Weatherston; John Crow; Walter P Carr; Churchwardens – James Wallace; John Carr; Robert Gray.</p> <p>Agreed; to ask the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>Circular received from the Local Government Board listing the Poor Law Acts passed during 1882.</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>	
	GBR 55/202-206	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 18 September 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; William Allan; John Jackson; James Russell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer);</p>	18 Sept. 1882

			<p>John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Lillico (grocer); I T Herriot (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Border Brewery Coy; James Grey (spirit merchant); Garden: William Kille (5 pigs).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary H[?] Murray, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Duddo, Norham Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Grindon, Loanend were tabled.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the Meeting on 24 July concerning the proposal made by the architect and Local Government Inspector that a new Workhouse be erected on a new and extended site, the proposal was discussed.</p> <p>It was resolved that that a meeting of a Committee of the whole Board be held on the day of the next meeting, 2nd October. The Committee would then inspect the Workhouse buildings and ascertain any deficiency (if any) existing in the accommodation; take statements from the Medical Officer and Master on the matter and report to the Board.</p> <p>Received from the Local Government Board: Approval of the appointment and salary of John Short as School Attendance Officer. Circular requesting a return of the quantity and cost of spirits, wine, and malt liquors consumed in the Workhouse in the year ending 31 December 1881. An amended circular describing Poor Law Legislation in the 1882 session.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 30 September. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p>	
	GBR 55/207-216	Minutes of Berwick Board of	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; James R Black [James</p>	2 Oct. 1882

		<p>Guardians held on 2 October 1882</p> <p>Black]; Thomas Darling; George Hogg; John Carr; John Brown; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Jackson; David Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]; Paxton [John Paxton]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce, firewood consumed in the Workhouse stores during the last quarter.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston etc Coal Company; William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Border Brewery Company; John Cockburn & Son (joiners); John Wilson & Son (plumbers); George Simpson (slater & plasterer); David Fender & Son (millwrights); John McCall (undertaker); Phoenix Fire Office (fire insurance premium); George Macaskie (advertising, printing); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); Knight & Co (forms); Hadden Best & Co (books & forms); David Mills (stationery); E Willoby [Clerk] (Justice Clerk's fees, quarter's postage and sundry payments); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's as above); Firewood: North British Railway Company (old sleepers); A Henderson & Son (twine); Mutter Howey & Co (cartage); Allan Bros (repairing saws); Thomas Renwick (old rope); Garden: Thomas Middlemiss (manure); George Simpson (slater & plasterer); Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf & Dumb (quarter's board etc of</p>	
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			<p>James Callan).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: John Weallans, Berwick;</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Alexina Taylor, Girl's Attendant (from 24 July); Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; George Suthren, barber. Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Christina Lamb, Walkergate Lane, typhoid fever, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Lambie; MacKay; Turnbull. 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, Cornhill, Horncliffe, Kyloe.</p> <p>Dr Mackay and the Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts.</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. The estimate of the contributions required by the School Attendance Committee to meet the expenses of the Committee for the year from 26 October 1882 was also presented. Agreed.</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. (including an amended tender from the undertaker to include lettering of names etc on coffins for use at the Workhouse) and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p>	
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	GBR 55/217-229	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 16 October 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; William Allan; George Peel. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous, clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</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: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island. Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth. David Lowrie, Collector and Assistant Overseer, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage). Non Resident Account: Sunderland Union (relief advanced to Violet Sinton).</p>	16 Oct. 1882
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			<p>He could not say whether these faults attributed to the origin of the fever, but considered that they were not what they should be.</p> <p>2 Extract from minutes of Committee Meeting on 9 October</p> <p>The Medical Officer [Dr Fraser] and Inspector of Nuisances [Mr Cruden] attended. His report was presented. He reported that that morning the drains had been treated with paraffin. Seven closets and 10 gulley traps were found defective; all emitting the smell of the oil. A drain at the side of the imbecile ward had been opened up and was found to be stopped up.</p> <p>Two cases of typhoid were reported in the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that a plumber and mason be employed to undertake the necessary work to ensure the drains and traps were in a proper sanitary condition, acceptable to the Inspector.</p> <p>The Medical Officer informed the Meeting of the Board of Guardians that the cases of fever arose within the Workhouse amongst the ordinary inmates.</p> <p>Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting of the town members of the Workhouse Committee had been held on 11 October to discuss with the Workhouse Medical Officer the advisability of removing the children from the Workhouse.</p> <p>Present: Thomas Darling; John Carr; James Russell; Matthew Young; Henry Christison.</p> <p>Thomas Darling chaired.</p> <p>Dr Fraser reported that there were six cases of typhoid, most were amongst the children. He suggested the advisability of removing the rest of the children.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had discussed the situation with Mr Alder, Treasurer of the Hospital, who said that if it was a case of emergency and Dr Fraser recommended the children be sent to the hospital, they could be sent there and he was sure the Hospital Committee would agree.</p> <p>The Master said he could move the children to another part of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Committee decided that for the present that the children be removed from their wards, the boys to the old women's bed room, presently unoccupied, and the girls to an unoccupied room in the imbeciles' ward.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled a statement from the Medical Officer of the Workhouse on the printed form and drew attention to the second answer alleging that there had not been sufficient accommodation in the Workhouse for infectious cases.</p> <p>The Meeting of the Board confirmed the proceedings of the Workhouse Committee and directed that the reports be brought to the notice of the adjourned meeting of the Committee of the whole Board on 30 October.</p>	
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		<p>From the Local Government Board:</p> <p>1 Reply concerning the Guardians' request for agreement to a further lease on the Workhouse Garden for a period of five years from 11 November. The land was known as Greenses Garden and had been leased for 14 years, from 12 November 1868. The Local Government Board would await the Guardians' decision concerning providing additional Workhouse accommodation before dealing with the request.</p> <p>Similarly referred to the above Committee.</p> <p>2 Reply authorising payment of salaries to the Assistant Overseer for Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>3 Letter enclosing forms preliminary to the letting of Grangeburn Mill and land.</p> <p>The portion of the forms requesting the Guardians to apply to the Local Government Board to consent to the letting was completed and signed by the Churchwardens, Overseers and certain of the inhabitants of Berwick parish.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved in the existing circumstances to defer sealing the request.</p> <p>Letter received from Alexander Hattle, tenant of Grangeburn Mill and land, offering to retake the property for one year at a rent of £35.</p> <p>It was resolved to recommend that the Churchwardens and Overseers let the property on those conditions up to a term which, considering the terms of adjoining properties, they deemed most advantageous.</p> <p>Letter received from George Bruce, Spittal, offering £10 for the copyhold property at Spittal, belonging to Christopher Bryson, an inmate of the Workhouse. The Meeting approved the offer and authorised the steps to be taken to convey the property to Mr Bruce.</p> <p>Letter received from Glendale Union enclosing a medical certificate stating the permanency of the sickness of Joseph Steel. Living at Etal Rhodes.</p> <p>The Meeting accepted this and authorised non resident relief to Steel and his family.</p> <p>Medical Certificate:</p> <p>Joseph Steel. aged 32, first attended 2 ½ yrs ago, gardener, Rhodes, chargeable to Berwick Union, spinal disease, permanent, totally unable to follow any employment. Signed by George Smith, Medical Officer.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Castleward Union to accept the chargeability and pay the expenses incurred of William Watson, a lunatic, aged 56, sent by Berwick Union to Newcastle Asylum on 25 September. He had gained settlement by residence at Gosforth in Castleward Union.</p>	
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	GBR 55/230-238	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 30 October 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; John Landells; James Russell; Robert Marshall; George Hogg. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker; Rev Charles Baldwin. Medical Officer: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Shaw & Sons (census register). School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott (salary as School Attendance Officer to 21 August); John Short (as above from 21 August to 29 September);</p> <p>Received Parliamentary Grant in aid of Medical Officers' salaries.</p>	30 Oct. 1882

			<p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: May Trotter, Walkergate Lane, abscess of thigh, 1lb beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; 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, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Clerk read the Minutes of a Meeting of Committee of the whole Board held that morning. Present: James Black; David Tait; Thomas Darling; George Hogg; Rev Charles Baldwin; Henry McCreath; James Russell; Robert Marshall; Dr Fluker; John Carr. Chairman Matthew Young.</p> <p>The Clerk read a report from Mr Culley, dated 21 October, of his inspection of the Workhouse owing to the outbreak of typhoid fever, and suggestions.</p> <p>He also read a letter from William Wilson, dated 28 October, enclosing a resolution from the Ratepayers, held in the King's Arms Assembly Rooms on 4 October "That this meeting of Ratepayers considers that the present Workhouse is sufficient for the requirements of the Union".</p> <p>The opinion of the Meeting was that it was desirable to remove all female lunatics, who were fit cases for an asylum, from the Workhouse and that the services of the Attendant be dispensed with. The remainder would be placed with the other lunatics in order that the rooms currently used by them would become available.</p> <p>The services of a competent architect to be obtained to go through the Workhouse to see if it could be reclassified.</p> <p>The Committee then considered Mr Culley's recommendations. It was agreed that the first three resolutions be referred to the Workhouse Committee and the necessity of any new traps. It was also decided that clause 4 of the report be sent to the Urban Sanitary Authority with the suggestion made by Mr Culley.</p> <p>Mr Culley's Report was then given.</p>	
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			<p>Address – Greencroft, Darlington. Dated 21 October 1882.</p> <p>It stated that he inspected the Workhouse on 17 October in relation to the recent outbreak of typhoid, accompanied by the Medical Officer of the Workhouse and the Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances of the Urban Sanitary Authority.</p> <p>He brought to their attention:</p> <p>1 The first two cases presented on 29 September; one an adult woman sleeping in the hospital, the other a girl sleeping in the girls' dormitory. On 4 October (5 days later) two more cases occurred in different parts of the Workhouse – ie. within 5 days outbreaks in four separate parts of the Workhouse. This suggested to him a more sudden and deadly influence than an escape of sewer gas from defectively ventilated water closets or faulty traps - a dietetic origin. The Medical Officer gave evidence that seemed conclusive against milk being the origin. One possibility was that the outbreak could be connected to temporary contamination of the water supply. The water had been turned off at night for about six weeks before the outbreak. Since the water had been turned on both night and day there had been no new cases. That would appear to indicate an escape of sewer gas or solid matter into the empty water pipes.</p> <p>2 Very few of the water closet soil pipes were ventilated and the separate supply cisterns of those closets were very small.</p> <p>3 Several of the sink traps in the yards were defective and as the yards were very confined, the effect was similar to an escape of sewer gas into a room.</p> <p>4 Twelve inch sewers belonging to the Borough passed round the west and north ends of and through the centre of the Workhouse premises. There was no ventilation of the sewers within 100 yards of the Workhouse, except three small holes in manhole covers. The only ventilation of the town sewers in the neighbourhood appeared to be by three inch pipes run up to the eaves of a few houses.</p> <p>He then stated that with the present accommodation, it was impossible to open out the confined airing yards and he did not consider it possible to make any additions on the present site. To provide adequate accommodation, he considered it necessary either to build a new Workhouse or move the children to some other building. He was not sure that removal of the children would provide, on the present site, accommodation suitable for the other types of inmate, including vagrants. He advised consulting a competent architect on that matter. He also called their attention to the need for adequate facilities for isolation in an emergency, like the present.</p> <p>He made the following suggestions:</p> <p>The soil pipes of all water closets should be ventilated by air shafts equal in diameter to the soil pipes.</p> <p>Larger supply systems should be provided for some of the water closets.</p> <p>Detached water closets in the yards should be converted into earth closets.</p> <p>They should inform the Urban Authority of the great danger arising from intermittent water supply and lack of sufficient ventilation of sewers.</p>	
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			<p>The motion of James Black, seconded by Henry McCreath, that the Board confirm and adopt the proceedings of the Committee of the whole Board was passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk asked the Board to nominate an architect for the above purpose. He tabled a letter from the Clerk of the South Shields Union suggesting Joseph A Morton, architect, South Shields, was experienced and competent in the needs of Workhouses. George Culley concurred.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to ask for his advice on the suggestions of the Committee.</p> <p>The following had been received:</p> <p>1 Circular from the Local Government Board giving payment of £106 17s, repayable from the Parliamentary grant in aid of the salaries of the Medical Officers.</p> <p>2 The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter.</p> <p>3 Notice from the County Lunatic Asylum that the weekly charge for the maintenance of pauper lunatics had been reduced from 9s 11d to 9s 7 ½ d.</p> <p>4 Notice from Newcastle Lunatic Asylum that they were reducing the period of notice of removal from 6 months to 3 months.</p> <p>Letter received from Rosamund Waite, Branch Secretary of the Girls Friendly Society, Norham Branch, The Vicarage, Norham.</p> <p>She asked if the Board of Guardians would allow an associate of the Society to visit and hold a class for any girls in the Workhouse who might wish to become members. They would not interfere in any way with the discipline or working hours. They would take care to observe all rules and regulations that might be thought necessary.</p> <p>Referred for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>At the behest of the Workhouse Committee, tenders and samples for the supply of 20 sacks of new made oatmeal were presented. Agreed to accept the tender of Walter Cochrane, Railway Street, at 36s per sack.</p>	
	GBR 55/239-245	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 13 November 1882	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Cleghorn; Thomas Marshall; John Brown.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	13 Nov. 1882

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 28 November 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>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston Coal Company; George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Mitchell (hosier); James Grey (spirit merchant); James Lillico (grocer); Border Brewery Coy; Young & Son (grocers); Knight & Coy (ink); Garden: Berwick Corporation (half year's rent workhouse garden).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic from County Asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norham and Islandshire, District, (registrar's fees);</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norham and Islandshire, District, (registrar's fees);</p> <p>Collectors Poundage and Salaries: George Laidler, Berwick; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Kylee, Tweedmouth.</p>	
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	GBR 55/246-252	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 27 November 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Adam Darling; David Tait; Robert Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next five weeks.</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 Inquiry Officers, John Crosby and Joseph Scott were repaid for payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Out Relief Account: Inquiry Officers: John Crosby; Joseph Scott.</p>	27 Nov. 1882

			<p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p> <p>Dr Mackay's District [Berwick]:</p> <p>Joseph Bell, aged 52, Woolmarket, lameness, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Ann Chambers, aged 42, Chapel Street, imbecility, permanent, partially;</p> <p>Charles Davidson, Ness Street, debility etc, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Jane Emery, aged 28, Church Street, imbecility, permanent, partially;</p> <p>George Fairbairn, aged 43, Shore Gate, phthisis etc, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Mary Harvey, aged 58, Eastern Lane, rheumatism, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Elizabeth Jamieson, aged 58, Sallyport, rheumatism, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Mary Ann Jamieson, aged 55, Ness Street, infirm, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Martha Kerr, aged 57, Bishop's Entry, melancholia, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Robert Kerr, aged 49, Church Street, paralysis, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Euphemia Kinghorn, aged 55, Railway Street, disabled wrist, permanent totally;</p> <p>William Marsh, aged 22, Hatters Lane, fractured leg, few weeks, totally;</p> <p>Jane McCormack, aged 60, Hatters Lane, imbecility, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Isabella McDonald, aged 58, Ravensdowne, debility, probably permanent, partially;</p> <p>James McGaurlick, aged 61, Chapel Street, chronic bronchitis, probably permanent, totally;</p> <p>Phillis McLaughlan, aged 23, Chapel Street, childbirth;</p> <p>Henry Nicholson, aged 31, Church Street, imbecility, permanent, partially;</p> <p>Mary Oliver, aged 48, Woolmarket, amputated leg, totally;</p> <p>Agnes Robertson, aged 44, Sallyport, epileptic, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Minnie Scott, aged 25, Church Street, imbecility, permanent, totally;</p> <p>William Smith, aged 42, Church Street, hydrocephalus, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Robert Turner, aged 58, Ravensdowne, epilepsy, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Isabella Veitch, aged 45, Infirmary Square, imbecility, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Hannah Walker, aged 49, Foul Ford, blindness, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Margaret Weddell, aged 46, Black Bull Yard, childbirth;</p> <p>Helen Young, aged 50, Foul Ford, disabled wrist, permanent, totally;</p> <p>Dorothy Young, aged 19, High Street, childbirth.</p> <p>Dr Heagerty's District [Tweedmouth unless stated]:</p> <p>Andrew Anderson, aged 59, dementia, permanent, wholly;</p> <p>Hannah Archer, aged 60, West End, ulcerated legs, 3 months, partially;</p> <p>Prudence Armstrong, aged 65, Kiln Hill, dementia, permanent, wholly;</p> <p>Jane Black, aged 48, West End, paralysis, permanent, wholly;</p>	
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			<p>Elizabeth Sinton, North Sunderland, [not in Berwick Union], Ancroft parish, debility.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Berwick, Tweedmouth were tabled.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Norham Mains, Norham, Twizel.</p> <p>On Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse were to have beef, plum pudding, beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>It was appeared that Ann Sutherland, a tramp, aged 37, now an inmate of the Workhouse, had been given a train ticket from Newcastle to Berwick by the prison officer on leaving Newcastle Prison. She had been imprisoned, having committed an offence at Tynemouth. The Clerk was asked to write to the Prison for clarification of their action.</p> <p>Letter from Tynemouth Union accepting chargeability without an Order of Justices of William Watson, a pauper lunatic, placed by Berwick Union in Newcastle Borough Asylum.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Application was made for immediate payment to the following parishes to be made: Berwick, Duddo, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to thank Captain and Mrs Forbes, West Coates House, for their gift of jellies and fruit to the children in the Workhouse suffering from typhoid.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Edward Hoffernan, labourer, Chapel Street, for neglecting to maintain his wife and children in the event of them accepting an offer of indoor relief and therefore becoming chargeable to the Union.</p>	
	GBR 55/253-258	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; Adam Darling; David Tait; John Carr; George Hogg; John Brown.</p>	11 Dec. 1882

		<p>11 December 1882.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Robert Carr Fluker. Medical Officers: Dr; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master tabled a list of tradesmen employed to carry out sundry repairs to the Workhouse over the previous quarter and the accounts paid.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dunlop & Son (drapers); Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young & Son (grocers); James Lillico (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Wight (china merchant); E Willoby [Clerk] (share of audit stamp); John Main (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Spittal pay station); [? wrong way round]; Berwick parish per George Laidler (poor rate). Garden: Berwick parish per George Laidler (poor rate). School Attendance Committee: E Willoby [Clerk] (share of audit stamp);</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property for the past quarter were presented.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth Buchan, aged 29, Woolmarket, childbirth, progressing favourably, necessities; James Johnston, aged 47, Spittal, cancer of lip, permanent, grocer [sic].</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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	GBR 55/259-264	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 26 December 1882	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; John Carr; George Peel; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <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 and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Alexander Wilson (removing Irish pauper). 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); Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (half year's board etc of James Callan). Lunatics Account: Dr Fluker (certifying lunatic); John Crosby (removing lunatic); Joseph Scott (removing lunatic).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Alexina Taylor, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress;</p>	26 Dec. 1882

			<p>George Suthren, barber; Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant;</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Robertson, aged 45, 20 Chapel Street, indigestion, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; 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, Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>A letter from Thomas Rule accompanied the statements for the last four, explaining for the delay in submitting these and the payment for Norham township. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Rule that the Guardians were satisfied with his explanations except for the non collection from the ratepayer who alleged his assessment required amendment but had not taken steps to refer the matter to the Assessment Committee. Mr Rule was told to enforce payment.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Union for the following quarter with bread, meat etc as follows: M A Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 10s 5d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 3d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb. Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 5 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 5 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 1s 11d per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 5 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 10 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 ½ lbs for 6d. Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the half yearly audit of the Union Accounts had been completed on 16 December and the statutory statement was tabled.</p> <p>The auditor had made a number of requirements and suggestions: 1 Guardians of the Union in which non resident paupers to that Union were residing be asked</p>	
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			<p>to administer such relief in the manner prescribed by the General Consolidated Order.</p> <p>2 The Clerk obtain forms for dietary tables and the Workhouse Committee be requested to consider and report on what amendments were necessary to the existing tables.</p> <p>3 The Local Government Board be asked to approve the improved form of inventory book, used in the Workhouse.</p> <p>4 To discontinue keeping an outdoor medical store in the Workhouse at the end of the current quarter.</p> <p>On the motion of Adam Darling, seconded by David Tait, it was decided that Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, continue his long standing practice of paying relief to certain outdoor paupers partly through tickets which recipients handed to contractors of outdoor supplies who handed them back to Crosby on payment of the sums stated on the tickets. One ticket per family was sufficient until the contractor's terms were changed.</p> <p>Two orders, accompanied by circulars, issued by the Local Government Board were tabled. The first referred to the Register of Securities which were required to be kept under Sec14, Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act 1882.</p> <p>The second contained regulations concerning casual paupers consequent on the Casual Poor Act 1882.</p> <p>With respect to the latter, the Guardians, having considered their powers and duties, decided not to give any special direction to the Master until some experience had been gained of the effect of the new order. In the meantime, the Master would comply as far as possible with the requirements of the new order, reporting to them any circumstances where he was unable to do so. The Workhouse Committee were requested to consider and report on any changes advisable in the prescribed dietary for casual paupers in order to assimilate it to that of inmates.</p> <p>The Chairman offered to provide the inmates of the Workhouse on New Year's Day with a dinner of beef and plum pudding and the Vice Chairmen fruit for the children.</p> <p>These kind offers were accepted by the Board.</p>	
	GBR 55/265-276	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 8 January 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Brown; George Peel; Adam Darling; John Carr; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Jackson; James Russell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Tait.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	8 Jan. 1883

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce, firewood and outdoor medical stores transferred to the Workhouse stores during the last quarter.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, 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; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kyloe.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Walter Cochrane (mealseller); John Stoddart (grocer); M Gray & Sons (masons); W A Johnston & Co (drapers); J Wilson & Son (plumbers); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; M & A Smith (butchers); Elias Pearson (baker); James Lillico (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); John Fender (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Co; John Brough (pavior); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); D Fender (millwright); J Cockburn & Son (joiners); Adam Hogarth</p>	
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			<p>(smith); William Patterson (slater); Berwick etc Gas Light Co; Thomas Thompson (ironmonger); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas Wight (china merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Hadden Best & Co (books & forms)</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging vagrants).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Fraser; James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty;</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (quarter's salary); Daniel Heagarty, Berwick, (vaccination fees); James Lambie, Islandshire (vaccination fees); John Paxton, East Norhamshire (vaccination fees); M J Turnbull, West Norhamshire (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Wood, aged 24, Spittal, phthisis, very weak, 1 ½ lbs beef; John Docherty, aged 59, West End, asthma, confined to bed, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Lambie Mackie [sic]; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes except Norham Mains.</p> <p>Medical and Relieving Officers' quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back on their consideration on the recommendations contained in the Auditor's report and other matters.</p> <p>1 As an alternative diet when milk could not be maintained, they recommended that treacle be used in the quantities previously agreed and included in the new tables.</p> <p>2 They attached a dietary table for vagrants.</p> <p>3 A copy of the new Vagrant Order be sent to Mr Morton, architect, adding that the Guardians intended to carry it out strictly.</p> <p>4 They sanctioned orders to Workhouse tradesmen for the next five weeks.</p> <p>5 Dr Mackay had claimed extra fees of £2 for two cases of childbirth, Agnes Leddy and Elizabeth Buchan. They recommended that he was entitled to the extra fees.</p> <p>The Guardians approved and confirmed the decisions of the Committee.</p> <p>The Meeting then considered the new dietary tables for workhouse inmates entered on the</p>	
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	GBR 55/277-283	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 22 January 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; William Allan; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; George Hogg; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for 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 Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers for the past half year as follows: John Crosby – Berwick, £3 8s 7d; Tweedmouth 6s 9d; Ancroft, 14s 6d. Joseph Scott –Holy Island, 9s 9d; Kylloe 4s 3d; Norham 9s 6d; Shoreswood £1 7s 3d.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 27 January 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>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates for Workhouse and garden). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of lunatics to 31st December); Newcastle City Asylum (as above). Non Settled Poor Account: Sunderland Union (Edward W Wilson).</p>	22 Jan. 1883

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Swinney, aged 8, Spittal, t. fever, very weak, 1 lb beef, ½ pint p. wine; William Wood, aged 24, Spittal, phthisis, very weak, beef, necessaries; John Docherty, aged 59, West End, asthma, improved, beef, necessaries; Hugh Divine, aged 50, Church Street, scald of face, beef, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Mackay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the township of Norham was tabled. A meeting was arranged to revise the list and hear certain appeals.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported that three accounts for school fees and an account for rent due to the Corn Exchange Company were for dates prior to that allowed by law for payment by the Guardians without an Order from the Local Government Board. The Committee had authorised the Clerk to apply for this.</p> <p>The following minutes from the Workhouse Committee were tabled: 1 They had considered, as requested by the Guardians, provision of a stone yard. They considered that the wood yard attached to the vagrants' ward could be reconverted into a stone yard with a new cart way entrance to the street; a shed for wood chopping could be erected in the wash house yard. They had resolved that it would be expedient to defer the matter until the architect, Mr Morton's, report had been received. 2 The Master had informed them that on the evening of 9th January the Girls' Attendant, Miss Taylor, was in a state of intoxication in the dining room. The Committee recommended her dismissal. 3 They recommended that the porter's lodge should be provided with a lath and plaster partition screen to protect the sitting room and bedroom from the draughts from the outer door. 4 They asked that the Local Government Board be asked to sanction the use of a form of Out Relief List without having therein a column for relief given in kind.</p> <p>The Master informed the Meeting that Alexina Taylor, Girls' Attendant, was again in a state of intoxication on the previous Tuesday. She had been suspended from duty and offered the choice of leaving at once or remaining in the in the old women's wards until this meeting. She preferred the former and therefore left on 17th January. The Guardians confirmed the proceedings and her dismissal on 17th January. They referred to the Workhouse Committee to consider the expediency of appointing a successor.</p>	
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	GBR 55/284-289	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 5 February 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; David Tait; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Adam Darling; David Carr; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Brown; James Russell.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p> <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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (as above);</p>	5 Feb. 1883

		<p>St Mary's National School (as above).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: M J Turnbull, [Medical Officer], (certifying lunacy of Agnes Fulton).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (vaccination registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & Islandshire District, (vaccination registration fees);</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & Islandshire District, (registration fees);</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: John Short, Attendance Officer, (quarters salary).</p> <p>Workhouse Loan Account: Matthew Young [Chairman?] (second instalment of loan of £530, £45 1s 5d, 1 year's interest on £486 17s 5d- £21 18s 2d).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries:</p> <p>Alexina Taylor, salary from 25 December to 17 January, Girls' Attendant.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Kylloe.</p> <p>Report from Workhouse and Finance Committee:</p> <p>As requested, they had considered the expediency of refilling the post of Girls' Attendant. They concluded that this should be delayed until the report on the Workhouse alterations had been received and this was their recommendation.</p> <p>Letter received from Mr Morton, architect, that he was ready to make his report to the Committee. A full meeting of the Workhouse Committee was therefore fixed for 12 February.</p> <p>John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, submitted his half yearly return and a supplemental return for 1881. In the former there were only three cases of children not vaccinated. Having heard the causes for delay, the Meeting decided to postpone consideration of enforcement action.</p> <p>Documents tabled:</p> <p>1 Notice from Matthew Young of the transfer to him of the mortgage securing the repayment and interest on the Workhouse loan of 7 February 1881.</p> <p>2 Letters from the Local Government Board notifying payment to the Union of £9 in respect of a</p>	
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	GBR 55/290-302	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 19 February 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Peel; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; David Carr, Robert Marshall; John Jackson; John Carr; David Tait; George Hogg; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Landels.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>George Culley, Local Government Board Inspector.</p> <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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, indoor funerals, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	19 Feb. 1883

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston Coal Company; M & A Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); G Craik & Sons (blacksmiths); James Lillico (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; Young & Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); Firewood: A Henderson & Son (old twine); Ralph Thompson (sharpening tools); Garden: William Wille (6 store pigs).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Corn Exchange (rent of room for vaccination station); A Henderson & Son (binding vaccination register).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Thomas H Pattison (painting and lettering for notice board); Thomas Hogg (repairing heating for office).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Robertson, aged 47, Chapel Street, paralysis, 1 lb beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Mr Culley, Inspector, drew attention to the provisions of the new Act and Order concerning relief of the casual poor. He was told that the Workhouse was complying as far as the accommodation allowed. He suggested that the vagrants should not be detained till 9am of the third day. They should be allowed breakfast and discharged at the earliest practicable time on that day. The Workhouse Committee were requested to ensure this. Mr Culley made some further suggestions; referred to the Committee.</p> <p>The report of the Special Meeting, held on 12 February, of the Workhouse and Finance Committee, to which J H Morton, architect, presented his report for changes to the</p>	
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	GBR 55/303-311	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 5 March 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; John Carr; George Peel; Adam Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Landles. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Paxton. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	5 March 1883

			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse 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 Committee had also considered, as requested, arrangements for the treatment of casuals: The Master a) to be authorised that vagrants be discharged at 8am on the day they were so entitled. b) to adhere to the dietary prescribed by the Order, using the permitted alternative of bread and cheese on days soup was not prepared for other inmates. c) obtain for the next meeting estimates for clothing suitable for male and female vagrants to wear on Sundays. d) obtain a sufficient supply of tools for vagrants to break stones and a stone measure; and negotiate with the Borough Surveyor for their use for the roads at 1s 6d per cubic yard. e) The WC used by male vagrants to be transferred to the site of the closet previously used for fumigating and the roof of the shed continued up to the wall between the two yards. The existing WC would be pulled down.</p> <p>On the motion of John Carr, the Guardians approved the above report and authorised the Clerk to withdraw the request to the Local Government Board concerning the dietary.</p> <p>They also considered the tenders and samples for clothing obtained for males and accepted the estimate of W A Johnston & Company for 13 suits at 14s 11d per suit.</p> <p>In consequence of the necessary absence of the country members at the Cornhill Hiring, it was resolved to defer consideration of the proposed alterations of the Workhouse to the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Fraser concerning the proposed infirmary was read.</p> <p>The letter from the London Vigilance Association deferred from the last meeting was considered. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by H G McCreath, it was agreed to provide their support of the Maintenance of Children Bill and their willingness to petition Parliament in its favour.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr J Paxton, Medical Officer and Vaccinator for East Northamptonshire, tendering his resignation from the end of the quarter or as soon as the Board could relieve him from his duties. He pointed out he was the oldest officer of the Board, apart from the Clerk. He expressed his gratitude for the constancy and kindness of his fellow officers and the lenity [sic]</p>	
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		<p>of the Board to his shortcomings. He confessed that he had transgressed by breaking the letter of the law, though had always endeavoured to act in its true spirit by conscientiously doing his duty both to the paupers and the rate payers.</p> <p>Agreed on the motion of Henry Christison to accept Dr Paxton's resignation from 25th March. As before, the district of East Norhamshire would consist of the 11 Poor Law townships forming the entire parish of Norham; the area being 15169 acres and the population 2682.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the last meeting, they considered the terms of appointment of the Medical Officers of the districts of Islandshire and West Norhamshire from 25th March. On a like motion they agreed that:</p> <p>Islandshire District as before would consist of the parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe and the township of Haggerston in Ancroft parish, the area being 13654 acres, population 1701.</p> <p>West Norhamshire District as before would consist of the parish of Cornhill, the area being 4944 acres, population 688.</p> <p>The salaries of the three districts were:</p> <p>East Norhamshire £35 pa;</p> <p>Islandshire £25 pa;</p> <p>West Norhamshire £8 pa;</p> <p>excluding the fees prescribed by the general consolidated order of the late Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Fees for vaccination in East Norhamshire district would continue at the existing rates: 1s 6d and 3s respectively.</p> <p>At the next meeting, the Guardians would appoint a public vaccinator for East Norhamshire and Medical Officers for East Norhamshire, Islandshire and West Norhamshire from 25th March. The appointments for East Norhamshire would be advertised once in each local newspaper.</p> <p>They then discussed the terms of re-appointment of the Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25th March. Agreed that the terms would remain the same for a year at a salary of £10. To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>At the request of the Rural Sanitary Authority, the Clerk tabled a letter from the Local Government Board concerning the non-receipt of returns of cases of sickness in East Norhamshire. He also tabled a letter from Dr Paxton with his relief list for the current quarter and apologising for not sending the returns previously.</p> <p>In view of his resignation, no further action was taken.</p> <p>Letter received from Philip Spence, an imbecile inmate, requesting his discharge from the Workhouse; to be forwarded to Dr Fraser for him to authorise the discharge if Mr Spence was fit to be at liberty.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Tabled a statement from George Culley, Inspector, of indoor and outdoor relief given in the North East District in the first week of January 1872, 1882 and 1883.</p>	
	GBR 55/312-321	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 19 March 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; Robert Marshall; George Hogg; Andrew Thompson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; David Carr; Walter Tait; William Allan; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; John Jackson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. 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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master gave a list of the tradesmen employed on sundry repairs at the Workhouse during the current quarter and Orders were issued for rendering accounts.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Scremerstonetc Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); Margaret Cowe grocer); Border Brewery Co; George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Garden: Parish of Berwick (rates); Thomas Thompson (garden tools).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	19 March 1883

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, paralysis, totally, 1 lb beef; Thomas Somerville, Chapel Street, bronchitis, necessities; Peter Tait, Infirmary Square, dyspepsia, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Minutes of the Finance and Workhouse Committee: Request from Philip Spence to be discharged from the Workhouse. Dr Fraser reported that Spence was weak minded, but not very so; he was not dangerous to himself or others and could be discharged on trial. The Committee recommended that Philip Spence could discharge himself.</p> <p>The tenant of Garden House asked for two new fireplaces and replacement of the upstairs floor. The Committee had examined the house and decided that it was necessary to repair the floor and that the Corporation should be asked to do so. They recommended that the Guardians should supply a small range for the kitchen and a grate for the upstairs room, if obtainable, second hand. They considered that the rent charged warranted the provision of better grates.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Committee and requested that they proceed with provision of the grates.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that Mr E Willoby be paid £20 for his services as their Clerk for the year ending 25th March, the same amount as the previous seven years. Agreed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>The Master submitted a statement founded on the allegations of some casual poor that Belford and other casual wards did not detain them for more than one night. Agreed that that this statement be forwarded to Mr Culley, Inspector.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they considered the appointment of a Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the East Northamptonshire District, consequent on the resignation of Dr Paxton; also the appointments of Medical Officers for Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Districts.</p> <p>East Northamptonshire District – The Clerk reported that one application had been received in</p>	
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			<p>response to the advertisement, from John Paxton, junior, Norham, which was read to the Meeting.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by David Tait, John Paxton, junior, Norham, be appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator; salary for the former £35 pa, excluding fees prescribed by the General Consolidated Order of the late Poor Law Board. The present Public Vaccinator, Dr Paxton, was requested to continue his contract throughout April, when the half yearly vaccinations were due. Future arrangements with Dr John Paxton, junior, would be negotiated.</p> <p>Islandshire District – It was unanimously agreed that James Lambie, Lowick, be appointed Medical Officer, for a term of three years from 25th March, salary £25 pa.</p> <p>West Norhamshire District – Matthew James Turnbull, Coldstream, was similarly appointed at a salary of £8 pa.</p> <p>For both, the salaries excluded fees prescribed by the General Consolidated Order of the late Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Agreed that the Local Government Board be informed that for both districts it was not possible to procure medical practitioners who were fully qualified and resident in their district. Both appointees were fully qualified but not resident in their districts. Therefore the appointments were limited to three years.</p> <p>They then discussed the terms of re-appointment of John Garden, Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25th March for one year. Agreed that the terms would remain the same as before, salary £10. Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had prepared a petition to the House of Commons concerning The Maintenance of Children Bill according to a form supplied by the London Vigilance Association. Agreed that this should be signed by the Chairman and forwarded to Lieut. Colonel Milne Home MP for presentation.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the amended dietary in the Workhouse.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, the Guardians considered the proposed alterations to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Adam Darling suggested that they consider purchasing from Berwick Corporation part of the ground on the other side of Featherbed Lane [now Brucegate], currently the Workhouse garden. It could be connected to the Workhouse by a subway or covered passage and used to erect any additional buildings required by the Local Government Board.</p> <p>At the request of the Meeting, the Clerk read the report of the Workhouse Committee and the</p>	
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			<p>letter from the Workhouse Medical Officer.</p> <p>After consideration, it was resolved, on the motion of David Tait, seconded by Andrew Thompson, that the alterations in the Workhouse, suggested by the architect's report and plans be not agreed to.</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 Clerk tabled the return of attendances of the Guardians at meetings held in the current year.</p> <p>The current rates of relief to the outdoor paupers were due to expire at the next meeting, returning to the usual summer rates of relief.</p> <p>Ordered that that all cases of outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and Report Books and in the Relief Order Book for consideration by the Guardians at their next meeting to which the matter is adjourned.</p>	
	GBR 55/322-332	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 2 April 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Brown; David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; Andrew Thompson; John Landels; Robert Marshall; George Peel; James Russell; Thomas Marshall.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</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, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book for the last four weeks, was</p>	2 April 1883

		<p>given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce and firewood consumed in the Workhouse during the last quarter.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: George Suthren, barber; Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; S J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress;</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: George Macaskie (printing, advertising); John Stoddart (grocer); William Wilson (boot & shoe manufacturer); Berwick, Tweedmouth Gas Light Co; William Patterson (slater & plasterer); John Cockburn & Son (joiners); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Lillico (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); James Renton (farmer); John Fender (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Adam Hogarth (blacksmith); John Wilson & Son (plumbers); David Fender & Son (engineers); Berwick Advertiser; G F Steven (advertising); Knight & Co (publishers); E Willoby (Justice Clerk's fees, ½ years postages etc); John Crosby (as above); Joseph Scott (as above); David Mills (stationer); Firewood: John Davidson (sack manufacturer); Ralph Thompson (sharpening saws); Garden: Thomas Thompson (ironmonger); M Gray & Sons (builders). Out Relief: Northern Counties Institute for Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board etc for James Callan).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Dr Mackay's District: Ann Chambers, aged 42, Chapel Street, imbecile, favourable; Thomas Conlan, aged 57, Chapel Street, lumbago, necessities; Mary Harvey, aged 58, Eastern Lane, rheumatism, totally disabled; Jane Amery, aged 21, Church Street, imbecile, good;</p>	
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			<p>Letter received from Superintendent Garden thanking the Guardians for renewing his appointment as Assistant Relieving Officer for casuals.</p> <p>The Clerk raised the following matters which had been held in suspense pending the decision on the Workhouse alterations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The letting of the Parish property of Grangeburn Mill and land. 2 The appointment of a Girls' Attendant at the Workhouse. 3 The need for improved traps for the Workhouse drains. <p>Agreed to defer these to the next meeting; meanwhile the Workhouse tradesmen be asked to examine the drains and advise on the traps required to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Henry Christison raised the matter of £77 6s entered as uncollectable in the Collectors monthly statements for the parish of Berwick. Agreed that the Collector be asked to attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee to explain the details.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by Andrew Thompson, that the thanks of the Board be given to Matthew Young for his services as Chairman to the Guardians during the past year.</p> <p>A similar vote of thanks was given to the Vice Chairmen, James Black and Thomas Darling, on the motion of Henry Christison, seconded by the Chairman.</p>	
	GBR 55/333-352	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 16 April 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Trotter; William Wood; John Landells; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; Joseph Weatherston; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; William Allan; Walter Tait; William Hindmarsh; George Peel; David Tait; James Russell; George Hogg; John Jackson.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: On the motion of Matthew Young, it was resolved that James Black take the Chair until a Chairman was elected for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Election of Guardians</p> <p>Ancroft:</p> <p>David Tait, Scremerston Farm, farmer;</p> <p>James Richardson Black [James Black], Cheswick, farmer;</p>	16 April 1883

			<p>John Brown, Ancroft T [Town] Farm, farmer; Berwick upon Tweed: Thomas Darling, 23 Castlegate, gentleman; Adam Darling, 1 Palace Green, manure manufacturer; Matthew Young, Hope Villa, seed crusher; Andrew Thompson, 2 Ravensdowne, ship owner; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], 59 Bridge Street, grocer; John Carr, 43 Hide Hill, hotel keeper; James Russell, 57 Bridge Street, draper; Joseph Weatherston, 2, Greenside Place, slater & plasterer; Cornhill: William Moor St Cuthberts, farmer; Duddo & Felkington: William Wood, Duddo, farmer; Holy Island: George Hogg, Goswick, farmer; Horncliffe & Norham Mains: Andrew Trotter, Horncliffe Mill, miller & farmer; Kyloe: John Jackson, Fenwick Granary, farmer; William Hindmarsh, Beal House, farmer; Longridge & Loanend: John Landels, West Loanend, farmer; Norham: William Allan, Newburn, farmer; Shoreswood & Thornton: George R Lumsden [George Lumsden], Shoreswood, farmer; Tweedmouth (Urban Ward): Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath], Main Street, Tweedmouth, manure merchant; Robert Marshall, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth, farmer; George Peel, Sandstell Road, Spittal, fish merchant; (Rural Ward): Thomas Marshall, Unthank, farmer; Twizel & Grindon: Walter Tait, Shellacres, farmer.</p> <p>James Richardson Black was unanimously appointed Chairman on the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by Andrew Thompson. Accordingly, he continued to chair the meeting.</p>	
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			<p>Thomas Darling and Andrew Thompson were unanimously appointed Vice Chairmen on the motion of Dr Fluker, seconded by the Chairman, Thomas Darling having preference.</p> <p>The following Committees were appointed: Workhouse & Finance Committee Thomas Darling; James Black; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; Henry Christison; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; James Russell; Robert Marshall; Henry McCreath; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh. Assessment Committee Elected Guardians – Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James Black; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians – Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman; Rev Thomas Procter. School Attendance Committee Elected Guardians – James Black; John Brown; George Hogg; Andrew Trotter; John Jackson; William Allan; George Lumsden; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians – Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman; Rev Thomas Procter; Captain T Williams. The dates of the first meetings of the Committees were fixed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented. The necessary adjustments were made between various accounts.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his half yearly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, to the Common Fund, the County Rate and other charges based on rateable value.</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.</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 Clerk presented a certificate from the School Attendance Committee of the expenses legally incurred to date, which were approved.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Hannah Cuthbert, aged 32, Church Street, heart disease and chronic dyspepsia, partially disabled; Rachel A Swanson, aged 54, Woolmarket, spinal disease, totally disabled; John Roughead, aged 26, Spittal, typhoid fever, very weak, half bottle port wine, 2 lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Turnbull. 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, Duddo, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Dr Heagarty's quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parish of Horncliffe was tabled.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee recommended the Guardians pay Edward Willoby £10 for his services as Clerk to their committee over the past year. Agreed.</p> <p>Report of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee. As requested the Collector of Rates for Berwick parish attended to explain the reasons why £77 6s due could not be collected: properties empty and over rated £58 10s 6½d properties for which owners pay rates and are also allowed commission £18 15s 5 ½ d. The Committee was satisfied with the statements, but drew attention to the illegality of discharging sums as over rated without seeking the approval of the Assessment Committee. The Guardians approved the explanation.</p> <p>Letters from the Local Government Board: 1 Agreeing the employment and payment for three years of Drs Lambie and Turnbull as District Medical Officers. 2 Agreeing the appointment of Dr John Paxton jr as Medical Officer for East Norhamshire District at a salary of £35 pa. 3 Agreeing the reappointment and payment for one year of Superintendent John Garden as Assistant Relieving Officer for Vagrants. Medical contracts were completed for the three doctors. 4 Requesting a report concerning the arrangements for public vaccination in East Norhamshire District.</p>	
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			<p>4 The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that on 12th February he had applied to Hexham Union to accept, without orders of removal, the chargeability of William Douglas. On 9th March he had applied to Houghton le Spring Union to accept, without orders of removal, the chargeability of Isabella Mason. In neither case had he received a reply.</p> <p>It was agreed that if no reply had been received within a week, he was authorised to take action to obtain an Order of Justices for their removal to their last legal place of settlement.</p> <p>Circular from the Central Association for Stopping the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor on Sunday, enclosing a petition to Parliament to promote a Bill for closing public houses on Sunday in England.</p> <p>Henry Christison moved, seconded by George Hogg, that the petition be left to lie on the table.</p> <p>John Brown moved, seconded by William Wood, that the petition be adopted by the Board.</p> <p>For Mr Brown's amendment – 10 Guardians;</p> <p>For Mr Christison's motion – 8 Guardians.</p> <p>The amendment was carried, the Common Seal applied and it was signed by the Chairman.</p>	
	GBR 55/353-358	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 30 April 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; James Russell; Robert Marshall; George Peel; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; Adam Darling; George Hogg; Joseph Weatherston.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p>	30 April 1883

			<p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the payment of £10 to Edward Willoby, Clerk, for his services to the School Attendance Committee.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Johnson, Spittal, cancer, very weak, 2lbs beef; John Roughead, aged 26, Spittal, fever, improved, 2 lbs beef, ½ bottle wine.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the arrangements for vaccination and contract with John Paxton Jr for the East Northhamshire District. The Clerk was asked to prepare the documents and contract and its execution by John Paxton.</p> <p>Application from Gateshead Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Margaret Lawrie, aged 23, single woman, and her illegitimate child. After hearing the report of John Crosbie, the Guardians being satisfied that she was settled within the Union and removeable, accepted the application.</p> <p>Application from South Shields Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Jane Grant Miller, aged 38, wife of Thomas Miller. After hearing the report of John Crosbie, the Guardians being satisfied that she was settled within the Union and removeable, accepted the application.</p> <p>Letters received from Morpeth Union which indicated that Robert Chrisp, a non resident pauper, had inadvertently not been paid relief for the past quarter. Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, was ordered to arrange payment.</p> <p>Reply received from Hexham Union, declining for reasons stated, to accept chargeability of William Douglas. Ordered that enquiries be made to obtain evidence of his settlement.</p> <p>Received the annual report and state of Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary, with forms for orders of relief. The latter to be kept by the Clerk for their use by Guardians.</p>	
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			<p>Meetings for the annual examination of the outdoor poor were fixed: Berwick District – 16 May. The Board Room, 10am; Spittal Pay Station, 2pm; Tweedmouth Pay Station, 3pm. Islandshire District – 22 May. Cat Inn, Cheswick 11am; Plough Inn, Beal 1pm. Norhamshire District – 31 May. Fisher's Arms, Horncliffe, 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham, 1pm.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against: James Thompson, 5, Eleanor Street, Cullercoats, mason, late of Tweedmouth; John Milligan, Pennicuik [sic], plasterer, late of Tweedmouth; for neglecting to maintain their respective wives and children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Master submitted a tender from James Hope, plumber, Tweedmouth, for the materials and work needed for conducting water into the Workhouse and fixing hydrants. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for consideration.</p>	
	GBR 55/359-365	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 14 May 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Wood; David Tait; George Hogg; Joseph Weatherston. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. 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 and had ascertained their accuracy.</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>Letter received from the Local Government Board sanctioning the payment of £20 to the Clerk for his services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee. Payment made.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Morrison & Marshall (drapers); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); William Richardson (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); William Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Davidson (grocer); John Mitchell (hosier); J Dunlop & Son (drapers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead</p>	14 May 1883

			<p>(milk seller); Garden: Berwick Corporation (half year's rent); Insurance premium (one year). Non Resident Account: Newcastle Union & Sunderland Union (relief paid over past quarter). Lunatics Account: Newcastle Union (charges for removal to and maintenance in Asylum of Adam Paulin). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (vaccination registration fees); Joseph Scott (Norham District vaccination fees). Registration Expenses: E Willoby (one year's rent for Register Office); Joseph Scott (registrars fees).</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Somerville, aged 25, Chapel Street, haemophysis, 2 lbs beef; John Roughhead, aged 26, Spittal, t. fever, ½ bottle wine, 7 pts milk.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Duddo, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Completed vaccination contract for East Norhamshire District received from Dr J Paxton with a letter naming Dr Paxton senior as deputy for the office of District Medical Officer. The contract was affixed with the Seal and forwarded to the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board, acknowledging receipt of extract of minutes, report of Committee and report and plan of the architect concerning the practicability of altering the present workhouse. Before considering this, they had asked their Inspector, Mr Culley, to interview the Guardians as soon as his commitments permitted.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poplar Union notifying the death of Margaret Marshall, a non resident pauper of the Berwick Union on 5th May.</p>	
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			<p>Minutes of the Workhouse and Finance Committee were tabled:</p> <p>1 Provision of an outfit for Jane Cowe Gibson, on going into service from the Workhouse, was agreed.</p> <p>2 Robert Scott, Porter, allowed 2 days leave to attend a job interview.</p> <p>3 The Master reported that two girls in the Workhouse, White and Hand, had contracted an infectious disease. Recommended they be detained in the Workhouse until they were certified free from disease.</p> <p>4 They had considered the plumber's estimate. They recommended that the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and prepare a specification and that an advertisement be placed in the local papers asking for tenders.</p> <p>5 They reported that the piggeries required reroofing and the floors cemented to comply with the requirements of the Urban Sanitary Authority. In view of the visit of Mr Culley, they suggested that the matter be delayed.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, the recommendations of the Committee were accepted.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector of Rates, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Davison, Carter, Monkwearmouth, to repay the cost of the relief of his mother, Alice Davison, now an inmate of the Workhouse.</p>	
	GBR 55/366-370	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 28 May 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; Matthew Young; Andrew Trotter; Joseph Weatherston; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Adam Darling; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Robert Marshall; George Hogg.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	28 May 1883

			<p>Supplies and services: County Rate; Police Rate; Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse). Garden: Parish of Berwick (poor rate).</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next five weeks.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Millar, aged 36, Catherine Millar, aged 14, Elizabeth Millar, aged 7, Chapel Street, all suffering from typhoid, necessities for family, 1 pint milk & wine; Thomas Somerville, Chapel Street, phthisis, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Kylvie and a substitute list for Tweedmouth were tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled: As requested, a specification for the proposed additional water supply to be used for flushing drains had been provided by D M McGregor, surveyor. On the suggestion of the Master, the Committee had decided that one of the new drains should be extended to join the pipe supplying water to the cistern for the steam boiler as the current water supply did not provide constant pressure. Subject to this addition, the Committee approved the specification and decided that tenders should be advertised for submission by 2nd June. Agreed that the Urban Sanitary Authority be asked for permission to connect the above with their mains. The Guardians approved the above proceedings.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board returning and approving the vaccination contract with Dr Paxton for East Northamptonshire District. They also reminded the Guardians that a public notice be published of the change in vaccination arrangements. Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the precepts for payment to the County Treasurer of the County and Police Rates.</p>	
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	GBR 55/371-376	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 11 June 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; William Allan; David Tait; James Russell; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Peel; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; George Hogg; Joseph Weatherston. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book for the past four weeks was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston etc Coal Company; W J Johnston & Co (drapers); Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); William Richardson (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station); Alexander Henderson (audit stamp). School Attendance Committee: audit stamp.</p>	11 June 1883

			<p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Norham, Kyloe were tabled.</p> <p>Notice received from Charles Hunter, District Auditor, that he would audit the accounts for the past half year, commencing on 20 June.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>1 Tenders received for work to the water supply from: George Craik & Sons, ironfounders, £16 5s. John Wilson & Son, plumbers £17. The tender from George Craik was accepted.</p> <p>2 Letter received from the Urban Sanitary Authority giving permission for the additional water supply, subject to certain conditions – to place the use of such additional water supply under the control of the Authority's surveyor. The committee considered this was reasonable.</p> <p>3 They had inspected the aged men's day room. The flooring at its east end was rotting away. They recommended that a section c. 5 yds by 4 yds be removed and replaced by cement. They also recommended that the broken pieces in the cement floor of the cookhouse yard be repaired.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, seconded by Joseph Weatherston, the Minutes were approved and adopted.</p> <p>Notice received from the Mutual Accident Association Limited that the annual premium on the Guarantee Bond in favour of George Laidler, Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish had not been paid and therefore the Association's liability would cease proximo [?] June.</p> <p>Letter received from George Laidler proposing in place of the above Bond, the Guardians accept a Bond with the following gentlemen as sureties: Thomas Laidler, farmer, Chatton Henlaw, Belford: Joseph John Laidler, farmer, Haigsfield, Coldstream.</p> <p>This proposal was accepted.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat etc will expire on 30 June. The Workhouse</p>	
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			<p>Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Circular received from Swansea Union concerning the election of Guardians and suggesting a memorial in favour of a form of ballot. They decided against supporting the memorial.</p> <p>A Committee of the Chairman and Vice Chairmen were proposed to arrange the annual kettle of the Guardians.</p>	
	GBR 55/377-382	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 28 June 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; David Tait; Thomas Darling; John Carr; James Russell; John Brown; Adam Darling; George Hogg; George Peel; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master tabled a list of tradesmen employed to carry out sundry repairs to the Workhouse over the previous quarter and the accounts paid.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Hadden, Best & Co (books & forms); Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf & Dumb (quarter's board etc of James Callen).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse;</p>	28 June 1883

		<p>Sarah I Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Somerville, aged 23, Chapel Street, consumption, disabled, 1 pint c l [?cod liver oil]; Isabella Burns, aged 22, Fetter Lane, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Duddo, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts for half year ending on 25 March had started on 20 June adjourned until 23 June and again until 27 June. The financial statements and loan accounts allowed by the Auditor were tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled: 1 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: M A Smith – rounds & flanks of beef @ 10s 3d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 3d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d 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 @ 2s per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 3oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 ½ lbs for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 ½ lbs for 6d. Agreed. 2 The Clerk reported: a) The proposed lease of the Workhouse garden did not contain a clause permitting right of entry to it up to February, after expiry of the lease to remove growing crops, as the current lease did. The Committee considered that the crop could be harvested in November and therefore it was not necessary to insist on insertion of the clause.</p>	
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			<p>b) Consideration of who should receive the present year's rent of Grangeburn Mill and land. As the agreement to let had been made by Mr Cook as agent for the Church Wardens and Overseers, the Committee considered that he should receive and account for the rent now due. On the motion of Henry McCreath it was agreed to approve and adopt the tenders and the proceedings of the Committee.</p> <p>The Clerk drew the Guardian's attention to a mis-statement of the Guardians' calls upon the parishes within Berwick Borough, which had appeared in an article in the Berwick Advertiser.</p>	
	GBR 55/383-393	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 9 July 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; David Tait; Thomas Darling; Joseph Weatherston; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Walter Tait; William Wood; Andrew Trotter; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce, firewood and outdoor medical stores transferred to the Workhouse stores during the last quarter.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous were presented.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Thomas Wight (china merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (wine merchant); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); William Richardson (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer);</p>	9 July 1883

			<p>Johnson & Co (brewers); Adam T Gunn (draper); Young & Son (grocers); Adam Winlaw (shoemaker); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); James Hope (plumber); Mark Graham (mason); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Firewood: R B Middlemiss (old wood); Thomas Renwick (old rope); Garden: Waite Bros (seeds); Robert B Middlemiss (manure & straw).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Fraser; Daniel Heagerty; John Paxton.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (Vaccination Officer salary); Joseph Scott (Vaccination Officer salary); Daniel Heagerty vaccination fees); John Paxton (vaccination fees); Matthew Turnbull (vaccination fees).</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: John Short (School Attendance Officer Salary); Knight & Co (books).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries:</p> <p>Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;</p> <p>Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;</p> <p>John A Woods, Treasurer;</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;</p> <p>John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;</p> <p>Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer;</p> <p>District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull.</p> <p>John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;</p> <p>Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island;</p> <p>Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kyloe.</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers as follows:</p> <p>John Crosby – Berwick, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Joseph Scott – Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Shoreswood.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p> <p>Ann Forsyth, Spittal, dropsy, weak, 1 ½ lb beef;</p> <p>Isabella Burns, aged 22, Fetter Lane, childbirth, necessities;</p>	
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			<p>Thomas Andrews, aged 40, High Street, broken ribs. Totally disabled.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Lambie; Paxton. 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>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Cornhill was tabled.</p> <p>Medical and Relieving Officers' quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>The following were received:</p> <p>1 Order from the Local Government Board requiring a meeting to be held in the parish of Berwick to obtain the necessary consent to the letting of Grangeburn Mill and land. They had sent the necessary forms to the parish officers for completion and return. The Clerk reported the meeting was fixed for the following Thursday.</p> <p>2 Application from Glendale Union, requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Elizabeth Straughan. Mr Scott, Relieving Officer, was asked to inquire into the grounds of settlement and report.</p> <p>Glendale Union stated that in future they would relieve non settled poor. Agreed that from the end of the current half year they would take advantage of the offer.</p> <p>3 Letter from Mr T P Dodds, Eilans Gate, Hexham, forwarding terms of admission to the North Eastern Counties School.</p> <p>4 Notification received of the annual meeting of the Conference on Local Government Administration for the four Northern Counties, to be held at Gilsland on July 31st and August 1st. The Clerk informed the meeting of the legislation passed on 18th June permitting payment from the Union's Common Fund of reasonable expenses incurred in attending any Conference of that description. Henry Christison gave notice that he would propose a motion at the next meeting that a deputation should attend and reasonable expenses be paid.</p> <p>5 The District Auditor's report of his annual examination of the books and the Officers' securities was tabled.</p> <p>6 The half yearly statement from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the state and condition of the patients funded by them was tabled.</p> <p>7 The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p>	
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			<p>1 It was agreed that the cards showing arrangements for religious ministrations be reprinted.</p> <p>2 Dr MacKay had claimed extra medical fees of £2 for attendance on Mary Ann Gallagher during childbirth. The Committee was satisfied his explanation warranted this payment.</p> <p>3 The Master produced his estimate of provisions and necessaries required for the next five weeks. Approved.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait the Minutes were approved and adopted.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, at the request of the District Auditor, he had obtained from Matthew Young, Hopeville, Berwick, and produced a Deed of Assignment, dated 22 February 1882, duly stamped and executed, by which Thomas Patrick, Hide Hill, Berwick, for considerations therein mentioned, assigned to Matthew Young, his Executors, Administrators and assigned absolutely all the balance of the ten equal annual instalments of £66 19s 7d secured by the deed of 7th February 1881 in favour of Thomas Patrick and charged upon the Common Fund of the Union. The instalments due and payable subsequent of the date of Assignment were therefore rightly claimed by Matthew Young.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Davison, of Monkwearmouth, carter, to recover arrears due under the Order of Maintenance made upon him to repay the relief given to his mother, Alice Dawson, resident in the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to take the necessary steps to obtain repayment of the relief given to Mrs Phillis Turner from the dividends from gas shares held by her trustees, in pursuance of the decree of the County Court of Berwick made on 7 August 1879.</p> <p>The Master raised the practice adopted in the Union concerning the detention of vagrants on Sundays. Vagrants admitted on Friday nights, who had done their task of work on Saturday were not discharged until Monday morning. The editors of the Local Government Chronicle had expressed the opinion that such vagrants were entitled to be discharged on Sunday morning. In adjoining Unions, vagrants applying for admission on Sunday [sic - ?Saturday] nights were by custom, discharged on Sunday morning.</p> <p>It was considered not desirable to discontinue at present the practice of detaining vagrants over Sundays and it was decided to consult Mr Culley [Inspector] and draw his attention to the variance in practice and seek his opinion.</p>	
	GBR 55/394-400	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Thomas Darling; John Brown; Matthew Young; John Jackson; John Landells; Joseph Weatherston;</p>	23 July 1883

		23 July 1883	<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 31 July 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>Payments were ordered for: Non resident poor: Morpeth Union; Poplar Union; Sunderland Union. Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of Borough and County patients to 30th June); Newcastle City Asylum (the like for Borough patients).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that all Guardians had been given notice of Henry Christison's proposed motion concerning a deputation to the Conference at Gilsland with reasonable expenses paid. In the absence of Mr Christison, Dr Fluker moved, seconded by John Jackson, the motion as notified. It was unanimously agreed that two Guardians be appointed to attend, with reasonable expenses to be paid from the Common Fund. David Tait and Henry Christison were suggested. In the event of either being unable to attend, another Guardian would be asked.</p> <p>The Treasurer, J A Woods, proposed that W L Miller and H W Weddell, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, be authorised to sign receipts on his behalf. Agreed.</p>	
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			<p>Notice received from the Northumberland County Asylum of the death on 15th July of Leonard Davidson, a pauper patient.</p> <p>The Master informed the Meeting of the death of Alice Dawson. It was agreed to continue the proceedings against her son, Thomas, to recover the sums due for her maintenance for eight weeks and the costs incurred.</p> <p>Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] reported on his enquiries into the settlement of Elizabeth Straughan, alleged to be removeable from Glendale Union. It was decided to ask for further information and a medical certificate of her permanent disability before accepting chargeability.</p> <p>Letter received from Chester le Street Union concerning Mrs Pratt, wife of George Pratt, resident at 9 Foul Ford, Berwick upon Tweed. She was sent to Sedgefield Asylum as a pauper lunatic in October 1882 where she remained chargeable to that Union. As she was irremovable from Berwick at that time she was sent to Sedgefield. They asked that Berwick Union accept chargeability and arrange her transfer to their County Asylum. Mr Pratt had paid for the cost of her maintenance in the Asylum.</p> <p>The Meeting having alluded to the fact that it did not have a County Asylum available for Mrs Pratt and that her husband was in a position to support her, decided that it was not a proper case for them to voluntarily accept chargeability.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on progress in reclaiming relief paid to Phillis Turner. Mr Dunlop, solicitor, had undertaken to draw and pay over the dividends from her gas shares as soon as their claim equalled the amount of the dividends now declared payable. The Guardians were satisfied with the arrangement.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Circular advocating the objects of the Central Emigration Society. 2 Abstract of the annual poor rate return for the year to Ladyday 1883 and a trial balance sheet of the union accounts for the quarter to Midsummer 1883. <p>At the behest of the Master:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 They referred to the Workhouse Committee painting etc of the outside woodwork and other parts of the Workhouse deemed necessary and asked that they obtain tenders. 2 They authorised him to take proceedings before the Justices against an inmate, Robina Gibson, and charge her with misbehaviour in failing to work when requested and wilfully disobeying lawful orders. 	
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	GBR 55/401-405	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 6 August 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; George Hogg. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Non Resident Account: Newcastle upon Tyne (relief paid over the past quarter)</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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>Laid before the Board: 1 Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing to payment of reasonable expenses for two Guardians and the Clerk to attend the Conference at Gilsland on 31 July and 1 August. The Clerk reported that Mr Peters, Assistant Clerk, had attended, representing the Union. 2 Circular from the Local Government Board, requiring returns from the Vaccination Officers of the vaccination of children whose birth was registered between 1st July and 31st December 1882. The returns had been presented to the Board of Guardians and were satisfactory, all children had been vaccinated or otherwise accounted for. 3 Letter from Glendale Union with further information concerning the settlement of Elizabeth</p>	6 Aug. 1883
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	GBR 55/406-413	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 20 August 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; William Wood; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; David Tait; John Landells; George Peel; John Brown; James Russell; Joseph Weatherston; Andrew Trotter.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day</p>	20 Aug. 1883

			<p>Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butcher); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates); John Davidson (grocer); William Richardson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Assistant Clerk (expenses to attend Poor Law Conference at Gilsland). In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children). Non Settled Poor Account: Belford Union (relief advanced in past quarter). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & District, (registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norham & District, (registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collector's monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of Berwick.</p> <p>Reply received from George Culley, Local Government Inspector, Greencroft, Darlington, to the Guardians' request for clarification of their power under the Casual Poor Act 1882 to detain over Sunday casual paupers admitted on Friday evening. His reading of the Act was that they should be discharged on the Monday morning [the practice at Berwick]. However, a contrary opinion had recently been given in the Local Government Chronicle. As no official decision had been given, he advised that, without reference to what he had said, they should consult the Secretary to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>He added that if his interpretation of Sec 4 was correct, Guardians were bound to detain all vagrants admitted on Friday over Sunday unless they came within one of the provisos of Article 9 of the Order. He considered it would be a very liberal interpretation of the first proviso to consider it applicable to all vagrants admitted on Friday; individual cases could be treated by the Master under the second proviso.</p> <p>In his view all decent men on the tramp objected to being discharged on Sunday and that it was well worth the slight expense to keep all vagrants off the roads on Sunday. However, it was</p>	
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			<p>desirable that men in search of work should, under the second proviso, be discharged as early as possible on Monday, the most important day to find work. They agreed to accept his suggestion to obtain the opinion of the Secretary to the Local Government Board. Meanwhile they would continue the current practice.</p> <p>A statement prepared by Mr Culley of the expenditure of the Boards of Guardians in the North Eastern District for the year to Michaelmas 1882 was tabled.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to inform Mr Culley of the case, reported by the Master, of a vagrant, John Clark, aged 36, a tinsmith, who arrived at the Workhouse on Tuesday 14th August. He was suffering from the itch [scabies] and had been infected when staying at the following vagrant wards: North Shields (two nights), Morpeth (two nights), Rothbury (one night, having arrived on a Saturday and been discharged on Sunday morning), Wooler (two nights). He was treated for the itch at Berwick.</p> <p>Circular received from Rotherham Union enclosing a memorial against an alleged proposal to adopt the ballot at the election of Guardians. Agreed that it should lie on the table.</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>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing an order directing the Guardians to let the Berwick Parish property, Grangeburn Mill and lands. They asked to be informed of certain particulars of the letting. Agreed to: 1 Ask Mr Stevenson, architect, to visit the property, report on repairs which were absolutely necessary and the probable cost. 2 Nominate Thomas Darling, Mayor, and Joseph Weatherston and Robert Marshall a committee, to accompany Mr Stevenson. 3 The Workhouse Committee to receive the report, prepare conditions for letting and advertise for offers.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, reported back on the facts of settlement of Elizabeth Straughan. She was entitled to the settlement of her father, who by birth and by hiring and service was in Glendale Union, where she now was. Therefore, the Guardians declined to accept her chargeability.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, reported on the following applications to relatives of</p>	
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	GBR 55/414-419	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 3 September 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Brown; Thomas Marshall; David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Report received from Mr Stevenson, architect, on the condition of buildings at Grangeburn Mill and necessary repairs.</p>	3 Sept. 1883

			<p>He had visited accompanied by the Mayor, Mr Weatherston and Mr Marshall, on 28 August to assess the above.</p> <p>In general, the buildings were far from good with the exception of the Mill where the main walls and timbers were in fair repair with the exception of the east gable.</p> <p>Cattle shed and open yard – The shed for cattle was in very bad repair; part of it was roofed with tiles but the timbers were much decayed. The roof was too flat and past repair. The tenant wanted the area of the whole yard and shed entirely covered in. It would be necessary to rebuild part of the walls, provide new timbers and tiles as shown on the drawings. Estimated cost £38.</p> <p>The tenant desired a root house at end as shown. Cost about £6 10s.</p> <p>Dwelling House – The house was very small and neither the walls nor timbers were in good repair. It was not totally done and could last 15 or 20 years. The tenant complained strongly about the state of the floors in in the kitchen and pantry. The floors were laid with flags on a bed of sand; they were mostly broken and in bad repair and underneath harboured rats. He recommended that those floors were laid with concrete on a bed of clean broken stones. Estimated cost £6.</p> <p>Cow byre and adjoining stable – The roofs required some ties to strengthen the roof; new divisions or travis[?] were wanted in the stable. Estimated costs £3 10s.</p> <p>Mill – The east gable was being damaged by leakage of water from the mill lade. The wood troughs conveying water to the mill wheel required repair. The wall, where defective, required pinned up and pointed with cement. Estimated cost £4 7s [?].</p> <p>Water supply for wheel – the reservoir was silted up and did not seem to have been cleaned out in the previous 20 years. It was only able to drive the wheel for one hour continuously, of which the tenant complained. The deposit in the reservoir was likely to improve the soil if spread on adjoining fields. He therefore suggested that they could arrange for the tenant to clean it a comparatively low cost. If done at the cost of the owners the estimate was at least £25.</p> <p>The reservoir could be partially improved by a concrete wall on the on its S side. He stated that was absolutely necessary for efficient working of the mill. Estimated cost of concrete wall £12. He emphasised the costings were only approximate, though he believed likely to be close to the mark.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, it was resolved the repairs and other work contained in Mr Stevenson's report, with the exception of the removal of the deposit from the mill pond, should be undertaken before the property was relet. Application was to be made to the Local Government Board for their approval of the necessary expenses being incurred and charged to Berwick upon Tweed Parish Property Account and to the rents to be received first applied in liquidation thereof.</p>	
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	GBR 55/420-427	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 17 September 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; George Peel. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</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 tabled a list of the Workhouse tradesmen employed on sundry repairs in the current quarter.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); M & A Smith (butchers); William Richardson (grocer); James Grey (spirit</p>	17 Sept. 1883

			<p>merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Joseph Scott (payments at annual examination of paupers); Firewood: North British Railway Company (wood); Mutter, Howey & Co (cartage); Garden: Robert B Middlemiss (manure). Non Resident Relief Account: Alnwick Union (relief paid to Margaret Hall to 30 June). Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic to Newcastle Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Trotter, aged 60, Crawford's Alley, sprained ankle, totally disabled, necessities; M Moseley, aged 33, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Esther Norris, aged 28, Norham, childbirth; Thomas Leddy, aged 45, Woodside, heart & kidney disease, dropsical, breathless and emaciated, quite unable for any work, probably for life which will not in all likelihood be a long one.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. 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: Duddo, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains and Twizel.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the township of Norham was tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled: 1 Estimates to be obtained for the next meeting for painting all doors and windows outside and re lettering, painting and papering the Porter's two rooms and the Lunatic Attendant's two rooms. 2 It was decided to defer the decision re providing a fish dinner until there was information concerning the experience of other Unions.</p> <p>Tenders for the proposed painting and papering had been received. It was decided to accept the tender of Thomas H Pattison, Woolmarket, Berwick.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing the report of Mr Phillips, Commissioner in Lunacy, of his visit to the Workhouse on 2 August and drawing attention to his</p>	
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		<p>remarks concerning the case of Agnes Robinson.</p> <p>The females classed of unsound mind occupied a special ward; the men were scattered about the house. Whilst going about the building he considered that the separation of the sexes was hardly sufficient. The general accommodation had undergone no change since the visit of his colleagues in 1882.</p> <p>He had no reason to think that those detained were otherwise than kindly treated and was glad to hear that the women had walking exercise daily beyond the grounds, except the epileptics, and that the men were permitted to walk out once a week.</p> <p>All the men worked, more or less, and some of the women assisted in housework.</p> <p>The diet was good for both sexes. The rooms were clean, as was the bedding. Ventilation of rooms was satisfactory and he understood that sanitary improvements had recently been made to the ventilation of drains connected to the closets and sinks. The appearance of both sexes was satisfactory.</p> <p>Agnes Robinson was in bed, slowly convalescing, he thought, from extreme debility. He would have recommended her removal to an asylum for treatment had the Master and Matron not informed him that she had been worse and that there were domestic reasons for her melancholy. The case required watching by the Medical Officer and if she became at all worse she should be transferred to an Asylum.</p> <p>The Meeting was informed that Agnes Robinson died on 29 August. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Received:</p> <p>1 Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Thomas Leddy 33. He left the town in May last and was now at Woodside, permanently disabled. He was receiving 2s a week relief and a medical certificate accompanied the application. The Guardians were satisfied that he was settled and removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>2 Resolved to ask Glendale Union to relieve for six months from 29 September the paupers resident in that Union and chargeable to Berwick Union, including Thomas Leddy.</p> <p>3 Letter from the Local Government Board, giving their opinion that casual paupers admitted to the vagrant wards on Friday evening could be detained over Sunday.</p> <p>They agreed to support the Bradford Union in applying to the Local Government Board to urge that the law should be altered to give power to Guardians to recover from a putative father the cost of maintenance in the Workhouse of the mother, whilst her pregnancy rendered her a charge upon the Union.</p>	
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