

Notice of the Annual Election of Guardians of the Poor Highworth & Swindon Union

The Churchwardens and Overseers of the several parishes comprised in the above Union, and herein after named, will, in pursuance of the order of the Poor Law Commissioners for England and Wales, proceed on, the thirtieth day of March instant, to the Election of the number of the Guardians of the Poor set opposite the names of such parishes, for the year ending 25th March, 1838.

Parishes	No. of Guardians	Parishes	No. of Guardians
Bishopstone	1	Inglesham	1
Blunsdon St. Andrew	1	Liddington	1
Castle Eaton	1	Rodborne Cheney	1
Chiseldon	2	Stanton Fitzwarren	1
Draycot Foliat	1	Stratton St. Margaret	1
Hannington	1	Swindon	2
Highworth	3	Wanborough	3
Hinton Parva	1	Wroughton	2

Any person entitled to vote in say of the said parishes may propose as the Guardian or Guardians thereof, any number (not exceeding the number to be elected) of persons who are severally rated to the poor rate of any parish in the Union in respect of property of the annual value or rental of £25. The proposal must be written and must state the names, residences, and callings of the persons proposed, and the name of the proposer, and must be delivered to one of the Churchwardens and Overseers of such parish on or before the 23rd day of March inst.

Owners of rateable property in such parish, as well as rate-payees are entitled to vote, provided their names are on the register of owners, or if they send in to the Churchwardens and Overseers before the day of election their claims to vote, with a statement of their names and address and a description of their property.

Owners may also vote by proxy; but proxies must make the statements above mentioned for their principals, and transmit to the Churchwarden and Overseers the originals or attested copies of their appointments.

In case of a contest for the office of Guardians in any of the said parishes the votes will be given in papers to be left by the Churchwardens and Overseers two days, at least, before the day fixed for the election, at the house of those residents of the parish who are then entitled to vote. All residents out of the parish, and all persons who become entitled after that day, must apply to one of the Churchwardens and Overseers voting-papers on the day of election. The forms of nomination papers, statements of owners, and appointment of proxy, may be seen and copied by voters at the Board-room at Highworth.

A. S. Crowdy, Clerk to the Board of Guardians, Swindon, March 8th, 1837.

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Highworth & Swindon Union Contracts for Provisions, &c.

All Persons desirous of CONTRACTING with the Guardians of this Union, for Bread, Flour, and Meat, for the next three months, and for Grocery, Cheese, Butter, Clothes, Shoes, Coals, Soap, Candles, and other Articles of Consumption, for the next six months, from the 25th day of March instant, in both or one of the Districts forming this Union, are requested to deliver in Sealed Tenders, at my office in Swindon, on or before WEDNESDAY the 22nd day of March instant.

Security will be required for the performance of the Contract.

It is competent for any Persons to Tender for any of the Articles separately, or for either of the Districts of the Union. District, No. 1. - Comprises the Parishes of Blunsden St. Andrew, Castle Eaton, Hannington, Highworth, Inglesham, Rodborne Cheney, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton Saint Margaret.

District No. 2 – Bishopstone, Chisledon, Draycot Foliat, Hinton Parva, Liddington, Swindon, Wanboro', Wroughton. Forms of Tender may be had on application to me.

A. S. Crowdy, Clerk to the Board of Guardians

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 9 March 1837.

Highworth & Swindon Union Medical Contracts

The Board of Guardians will, at their Meeting to be held at Highworth, on WEDNESDAY the 14th March next, receive TENDERS from MEDICAL GENTLEMEN stating at what sum they will Contract for the Medical Relief of all Paupers in either of the undermentioned Districts of the Union, for the term of one year, from the 25th of March next. Such Tender must also state at what sum per case (but not to exceed a given sum) the Medical Gentleman will be giving to attend all such persons for whom the Board may consider Medical Relief necessary, who are not at the time able to pay for it, and yet may not be considered by the Board to come strictly within the description of Paupers.

The Contract must include all necessary Medical and Surgical attendance, Medicines and Appliances, (including Vaccination) for all Paupers in the Union, (Midwifery only excepted, for which, where the order is given by a competent authority, 10s. 6d. A case extra will be paid.) For all persons whom the Board order to be vaccinated, and whom they may not consider as coming strictly under the description of Paupers, 1s. Per case extra will be paid.

The Districts of the Union comprise the following parishes:

District, No. 1. - Blunsden St. Andrew, Castle Eaton, Hannington, Highworth, Inglesham, Rodborne Cheney, Stanton Fitzwarren, and Stratton St Margaret.- Population in 1831, 5736.

District No. 2 – Bishopstone, Chisledon, Draycot Foliat, Hinton Parva, Liddington, Swindon, Wanborough, Wroughton. - Population in 1831, 6875.

Signed by order of the Board.

A. S. Crowdy, Clerk of the Union, Swindon, February 20th, 1838.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 1 March 1838.

Highworth & Swindon Union To Bakers, &c.

The Board of Guardians of this Union hereby give Notice, that they will, at their Meeting, to be held at the Workhouse at Highworth, on Wednesday the 20th day of June next, receive Tenders from persons willing to supply

the Workhouse, and Poor of the Union, with BREAD and FLOUR, (best seconds) from the 24th June instant, up to and inclusive of the 29th September next.

The Bread and Flour to be delivered at such times and places, and in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians or their Officers, shall direct.

It is competent for any person to tender for either of the undermentioned Districts of the Union, separately:

District, No. 1. - Containing the Parishes of Blunsden St. Andrew, Castle Eaton, Hannington, Highworth, Inglesham, Rodborne Cheney, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton Saint Margaret.

District No. 2 – Bishopstone, Chisledon, Draycot Foliat, Hinton Parva, Liddington, Swindon, Wanborough, Wroughton.

Security will be required for the performance of the Contract.. - By order of the Board.

A. S. Crowdy, Clerk of the Union.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 7 June 1838.

Highworth & Swindon Union Medical Contracts

The Board of Guardians will, at their Meeting to be held at Highworth, on WEDNESDAY the sixth day of March next, receive TENDERS from MEDICAL GENTLEMEN stating at what sum they will Contract for the Medical Relief of all Paupers in either of the undermentioned Districts of the Union, for the term of one year, from the 25th of March next. Such Tender must also state at what sum per case (but not to exceed a given sum) the Medical Gentleman will be giving to attend all such persons for whom the Board may consider Medical Relief necessary, who are not at the time able to pay for it, and yet may not be considered by the Board to come strictly within the description of Paupers.

The Contract must include all necessary Medical and Surgical attendance, Medicines and Appliances, including Vaccination for all Paupers, and all other persons in the Union whom the Board may order to be vaccinated, (Midwifery only excepted, for which, where the order is given by a competent authority, 10s. 6d. A case extra will be paid.), and the tender must also state the prices at which the Medical Gentleman will be willing to provide double and single Trusses for all persons for whom they may be ordered by the Board.

The Medical Officer will also be required to make a weekly return of Sickness and Mortality, and to attend the Meeting of the Board when summoned for that purpose.

The Board do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest Tender.

The Districts of the Union comprise the following parishes:

District, No. 1. - (including the Union Workhouse) Blunsden St. Andrew, Castle Eaton, Hannington, Highworth, Inglesham, Rodborne Cheney, Stanton Fitzwarren, and Stratton St Margaret.- Population in 1831, 5736.

District No. 2 – Bishopstone, Chisledon, Draycot Foliat, Hinton Parva, Liddington, Swindon, Wanborough, and Wroughton. - Population in 1831, 6875.

Signed by order of the Board.

A. S. Crowdy, Clerk of the Union, Swindon, February 13th, 1839.

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