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Although only a short extract from the annual accounts, this document gives a good indication of the broad scope of responsibilities that the Elizabethan Acts of 1598 - 1601 required the Overseers to undertake during their unpaid period of office. The degree of assistance and support that they organised is well illustrated, as is the inter-dependence which existed within the community. The level of expenditure shown during the period of this extract may not be typical for the whole year, but it does perhaps suggest that the Poor Law Rate set for the parish was not inconsiderable and could have been a significant burden for many of those required to contribute. This extract, from the summer of 1667, also serves to dispel a commonly held misconception that outbreaks of plague in England ceased after 1666. In many rural areas at least, occasional outbreaks continued to be a fact of life for some time after that date.

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[Biddenden Church Wardens' and Overseers' Accounts]

The true and iust accompt of Thomas Rogers and Richard/ Williams Church wardens and John Taylor and Roger Draynor Jnr/ Overseers of the poore of the Parish of Biddenden of all such Sums of/ money as hath bene by them received and Payd for the vse of the Poore/ and putting out of Children in the yeere of our Lord one thousand six/ hundred sixty and seaven made and given vp the 24th of March 1667/8

Receipts

Inprimis received by vertue of the two/ Sesses [asesments] formerly subscribed the sume of	108	10	8
Item Rec'd of the former Overseers the Sume of	6	18	5
Item Rec'd of Mr Edm. Stede for the Rent of the Land/ that belongs to Adam Simses howse	0	5	0
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Payments by John Taylor

May i st
1667

Imp[rim]eis paid to James Willard for Potters Girle	2	6	
Item pd to Widow Clarke	3	0	
It. paid to Wid. Bristow	3	0	
It. pd to her more for keeping of Tukesburys Children	8	0	
It. pd to Mercy Brissenden	1	6	
It. pd to Wid. Beard	2	6	
Monthly paym[en]ts It. pd to Wid. Marketman for Joan Marrian	5	0	
It. pd to Wid. Wimble	1	6	
It. pd to Wid. Crowherst	1	6	
It. pd to Martha Earle	1	6	
It. pd to Wid. Downe	2	6	
It. pd to James Smiths Wife	4	0	
It. pd to Mary Blist	6	0	
It. pd to J. Wilkins Wife for looking to Mary Blist	1	0	

It. pd to Wid. Salter for Potters Girle	4	0
It. pd to Tho. Posts Wife	4	0
It. pd to Wid. Groom	2	6
It. pd to Wid. Burish for lodging of Wm Batemans Boy	1	6
It. pd to Goody Sampson for Borrows boy & Peppers boy	8	0
It. pd to Goody Grinstead for 2 of Auerys Children	8	0
It. pd to Goody Morlend for keeping Hammons Childe	4	0
It. pd to Goody Willard for keeping of Simes boy	3	6
It. pd to Goody Sloman for bringing Tho. Herndens Wife a Bed	1	0
It. pd to Goody Barton for keeping Whitemans Girle	4	0
It. pd to Goody Fawlkner for the biggest of Whitemans Girles	2	6
It. pd to Willards Wife for 2 of Stones Girles	6	6

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	It. given to Wid. Chandler for releif	1	0
	It. pd to Tho. Dunsteere for keeping of John Dunsteeres Childe	1	0
Releif	It. given to Goody Burish being lame and Sick	1	0
Coffin	It. pd to Robt. Sampson for a Coffin for John [?]dons Wife	5	0
	It. pd to John Powell for the Graue and Knell	2	0
Coffin	It. pd to Robt. Sampson for a Coffin for Auerys Boy	3	0
	It. pd to Powell for the Graue and Knell	1	6
	It. pd to Goody Smith and Grinsteeds daughter for carrying/ Downey Coffin & bringing the Childe to the graue	0	10
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**June i st
1667**

	Imp[rin]jeis paid James Willard for Potters Girle	2	6
	It. pd to Wid. Clarke	3	0
	It. pd to Wid. Bristow	3	0
	It. pd to her more for keeping two of Tukesburyes Children	8	0
	It. pd to Mercy Brissenden	1	6

	It. pd to Wid. Beard	2 6
Monthly paym[en]ts	It. pd to Wid. Marketman for Joan Marrian	5 0
	It. pd to Wid. Wimble	1 6
	It. pd to Wid. Crowherst	1 6
	It. pd to Martha Earle	1 6
	It. pd to Wid. Downe	2 6
	It. pd to James Smiths Wife	7 0
	It. pd to Mary Blist	6 0
	It. pd to J. Wilkins Wife for looking to Mary Blist	1 0
	It. pd to Wid. Salter for Potters Girle	4 0
	It. pd to Tho. Posts Wife	4 0
	It. pd to Wid.Gram	2 6
	It. pd to Wid. Burish for lodging of Wm Batemans Boy	1 6
	It. pd to Goody Sampson for Borrows boy & Peppers boy	8 0
	It. pd to Goody Grinstead for Auerys Childe	4 0
	It. pd to Morlens Wife for Hammons Childe	4 0
	It. pd to Wid. Willard for keeping Simes Boy a fortnight	1 9
	It. pd to Wid. Barton for keeping Whitemans Girle	4 0
	It. pd to Fawlkner for the bigest of Whitemans girles	2 6
	It. pd to Jo. Willards Wife for 2 of Stones girles	6 6
	It. pd to Tho. Dunsteere for keeping Jo. Dunsteeres Childe	1 0
	It. pd to Goody Shelly for washing & tending Goody Gram 2 months	2 0
	It. giuen to Goody Burish being lame	0 6
Releif	Sent to Humphery being sick and Weake, a Neck of Veale	0 9
	Sent to Humphery a Bushell of Wheate	3 0
	Sent to Tho. Humphery 5 li [lbs] of Beef: it cost	1 2
	It. pd Daniel Ward for a warrant to take E.Lattenden	0 6
	It. spent at the making of the poore Sess	3 10
	It. given Edward Wen a tovet of Wheate	1 6

	It. pd Daniel Ward for a Warrant to take Clemants/ of Cranbrooke	1	0
Shoes	It. pd Rich. Brissenden for a payer of Shoes/ for Simses Boy	2	6

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**July i st
1667**

	Imp[rin]is paid Edward Wenn for Potters Girle	2	6
	It[em] p[ai]d: to Wid[ow] Clarke	3	0
	It pd: to Wid. Bristow	3	0
	It pd: her more for keeping two of Tukesburys Children	8	0
	It pd: to Wid. Beard	2	6
	It pd: to Wid. Marketman for Joan Marrian	5	0
	It pd: to Wid. Wimble	1	6
	It pd: to Wid. Crowherst	1	6
Monthly paym[en]ts	It pd: to Martha Earle	1	6
	It pd: to Wid. Downe	2	6
	It pd: to Wid. Smith	6	0
	It pd: to Mary Blist	6	0
	It pd: to Jo: Wilkins Wife for looking to Mary Blist	1	0
	It pd: to Wid: Salter for Potters Girle	4	0
	It pd: to Thos: Posts Wife	4	0
	It pd: to Wid: Gram	2	6
	It pd: to Wid: Burish for lodging Wm Batemans Boy	1	6
	It pd: to Goody Sampsons for Borrows Boy & Peppers Boy	8	0
	It pd: to Goody Grinsted for Auerys Childe	4	0
	It pd: to Jo: Morlens Wife for Hammans Childe	4	0
	It pd: to Goody Burton for Whitemans girle	4	0
	It pd: to Goody Fawlknor for the biggest of Whitemans girles	2	6
	It pd: to John Willards Wife for two of Stons girles	6	6
	It pd: to Thos: Dunsteere for keeping Jo: Dunsteers childe	1	0

	It pd: to Goody Shelly for Washing and tending goody Gram	1	0
Coffin	It pd: to John Hills for a Coffin for James Smith	5	6
	It paid John Powell for the Grave and Knell	2	0
	It pd: to Wid: Harding for James Smiths Lodging and such/ things as he had in the time of his sickness	5	0
	It pd: to Thos: Collens for drinke for him at seuerall times	1	2
Releif	It pd: for a peece of Lamb for Jo: Gardner & his Wife being sick	1	3
Plague	It pd: to Tho: Mount for 11 li [lbs] of Beef for Peckham & Gutsell/ being shut up in their houses at Bettenham Wood	2	9
	It: given to the Watchman to releiue the Sick people	10	0
	It pd: for a neck of Mutton for John Mannings	0	10
	It pd: for a neck of Mutton for Goodman Packham	0	9
Shoes	It pd: to Rich: Brissenden for a payer of Shooes for Wid: Chauntler	2	8
releife	It: given to Jo: Gardner & his Wife being sick a Legg of Mutton	1	0
	It: sent to the sick people at Bettenhams wood 8 li [lbs] of Beef	2	0
	It: given to the Watchman to releue the sick people	8	0
	It: sent Goodman Beecher by Rob: Draynor to releue ye Sick	8	0
releif	It: sent Jo: Gardner & his Wife being sick 5 li [lbs] of Beef	1	2
	It: sent to ye two infected howses at Betnam Wood Gutsells/ & Brungers two necks of veale	1	9
	It pd: John Mayham for carrying the meat to them	0	2
	It pd: to Goodman Marketman for fetching a bundle/ of Straws for Goody Brunger		
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**August i st /
1667**

Imp[rin]is paid to Goody Wenn for Potters girle	2	6
Item payd to Wid: Clarke	3	0
It pd: to Wid: Bristow	3	0
It pd: to her more for keeping two of Tukesburys Children	8	0
It pd: to Wid: Beard	2	6

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	It pd: to Wid. Marketman for Jean Marrian	5	0
	It pd: to Wid. Wimble	1	6
Monthly paym[en]ts	It pd: to Wid. Crowherst	1	6
	It pd: to Martha Earle	1	6
	It pd: to Wid. Downe	2	0
	It pd: to Mary Blist	6	0
	It pd: to Jo: Wilkins Wife for looking to Mary Blist	1	0
	It pd: to Wid: Salter for Potters girle	4	0
	It pd: to Thos: Posts Wife	4	0
	It pd: to Wid: Gram	2	6
	It pd: to Wid: Burish for lodging Wm Batemans Boy	1	6
	It pd: to Goody Sampson for Borrows Boy & Peppers boy	8	0
	It pd: to Goody Grinstead for Auerys Childe	4	0
	It pd: to Jo: Morlens Wife for Hammons girle	4	0
	It pd: to Goody Burton for Whitemans girle	4	0
	It pd: to Goody Fawlknor for the bigest of Whitemans girle	2	6
	It pd: to John Willards Wife for two of Stons girls	6	6
	It pd: to Thos: Dunstere for keeping of Jo: Dunsteers childe	1	0
	It pd: to Goody Shelly for washing & tending goody Gram	1	0
	It pd: to Wid. Smith	7	0
Releife to the/ viseted	It pd to Goodman Beecher to Releue the viseted	12	0
	It pd: to Goodman Beecher in part of his Wages	1	0 0
	It pd: to Tho: Mount for 12 li [lbs] of Beef for the viseted	2	8
	It pd: to goodman Beecher in full of his Months Wages/ after the rate of ten shillings six pence the week	19	4
	It: given to John Marketman to buy things for the Sick	6	0
	It: given to John Marketman for the releif of the sick people	10	0
	It pd: to Thos: Mount for 13 li [lbs] ½ of Beef part of it was given to/ John Gardner & his Wife being sick and the rest sent to the/ Sick at Bettenham Wood	3	0
Coffin	It pd: to Robt sampson for a Coffin for Mercy Brissenden	5	0

	It pd: to Jo: Marketman for one weekes Wages	6	0
	It: given to Jo: Marketman for the use of sick people	10	0
	It pd: to Jo: Bishoppenden for 10 li [lbs] of Beef for the visited people	2	0
releif	It: given to Wid: Harper being sick	0	6
	It pd: to Will Day for 18 fagots for the sick people	3	0
	It pd: to him more for a hand Borrow to carry the Dead	1	0
	It pd: to Jo: Marketman one weekes wages more	6	0
	It. given to Jo. Marketman to prouide things necessary for <the> sick	10	0
	It pd: to Tho: Mount for 10 li [lbs] of Beef for the sick people	2	3
	It pd: to John Marketman for one weekes Wages more	6	0
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**September i st
1667**

	Imp[rin]is paid to Goody Wenn for Potters Girle	2	6
	Item pd: to Wid: Clarke	3	0
	It pd: to Wid: Bristow	3	0
	It pd: to her more for two of Tukesburyss Children	8	0
	It pd: to Wid: Beard	2	6
	It pd: to Wid. Marketman for Joan Marrian	5	0
	It pd: to Wid. Wimble	1	6
	It pd: to Wid. Crowherst	1	6
	It pd: to Martha Earle	1	6
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[Fifth page]	It pd: to Wid. Downe	2	0
	It pd: to Mary Blist	6	0
Monthly paym[en]ts	It pd: to J. Wilkins Wife for lookeing to Mary Blist	1	0
	It pd: to Wid. Salter for Potters Girle	4	0
	It pd: to Thomas Posts Wife	4	0
	It pd: to Wid Gram	2	6
	It pd: to Wid Burish for lodging Will Batemans Boy	1	6

	It pd: to Goody Sampson for Borrows boy and Peppers boy	8	0
	It pd: to Goody Grinstead for Auerys Childe	4	0
	It pd: to John Morlens Wife for Hammons Girle	4	0
	It pd: to Goody Burton for Whitemans Girle	4	0
	It pd: to Goody Fawlkner for the biggest of Whitemans girles	2	6
	It pd: to Jo. Willards Wife for for [sic] the biggest of Stons girles	2	6
	It pd: to Tho. Dunsteere for keeping John Dunsteeres childe	1	0
	It pd: to Goody Shelly for Washing and tending goody Gram	1	0
	It pd: to Wid Smith	7	10
	It pd: to John Willard for keeping Joan Fry 10 dayes sicke	6	0
	It pd: to goody Cruttenden for the least of Stons girles	4	0
Releife	It pd: to John Marketman for the Releife of the sick	10	0
	It pd: to Thomas Mount for 10 li [lbs] of Beef for the sick people	2	3
	It pd: to John Marketman for one Weekes Wages more	6	0
	It pd: to him more for two dayes wages	2	0
	It giuen to the sick at the Wood	3	6
	It pd: to Mr Rogers for seuerall things the sick people/ had of him the particulars appeare by his Bill	18	7
	It pd: to Tho. Mount for the 8 li [lbs] of Beef for the sick people	1	8
Releife	It giuen to the sick people at the Wood	6	0
	It giuen to the sick people at Bettenham wood	3	0
	It pd: to Tho. Mount for the 8 li [lbs] of Beef for the sick people	1	8
releife	It giuen to Wid Harper being sick and lame	1	0
	It pd: pd to Richard Harding for a payer of Cards for Goody Wen	2	0
	It pd: to Tho: Mount for 9 li [lbs] of Beef for the sick people	1	10
relief	It giuen to Wid Harper being sick	1	0
	It giuen to the sick people at Bettenham Wood	6	0
Shoes	It pd: to Rich. Brissenden for a paire of Shoes for R:Collens	3	6
	It pd: to Tho. Mount for the 8 li [lbs] of Beef for the sick people	1	8
	It pd: to Will: Day for 21 Faggets for the poore at the Wood	3	6

October list		
1667		
	Inprimis paid to Goody Wenn for Potters Girle	2 6
	It pd to Wid Clarke	3 0
	It pd to Wid Bristow	3 0
	It pd her more for keeping two of Tukesburyes Children	8 0
	It pd to Wid Beard	2 6
	It Pd to Wid Marketman for Jeane Marrian	5 0
	It pd to Wid Wimble	1 6
	It pd to Wid Crowherst	1 6
Monthly paym[en]ts	It pd to Martha Earle	1 6
	It pd to Wid Downe	2 0
	It pd to Mary Blist	6 0
	It pd to J. Wilkins wife for looking to Mary Blist	1 0
	It pd to Wid Salter for Potters Girle	4 0
	It pd to Thomas Posts Wife	4 0

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