

SUMMARY SHEET

P.1 Working at the workhouse, Kendal. Inmates helped in the kitchen. Tramps were accommodated in separate part of workhouse.
Mostly came in on a Friday and stayed for the weekend.

P.2 Tramps mostly men, maybe 20 at weekends.
Separate dormitories for men and women - no children.

P.3 Nursing sections for men and women. Over 50 people catered for. One resident was seamstress who looked after clothes for inmates. People had been bathed before they arrived.
Mostly over 40s catered for.

P.4 Inmates not paid for the work they did.
Men and women ate together.
Took in sick and mental patients. If too bad went to asylum in Carlisle.
Workhouse at Kirkby Stephen.

P.5 Most people came in from the Lake District.
Families split up.
Some inmates very deaf, worked cleaning for Mr & Mrs Clark, master and matron.
Food served.

P.6 Food bought locally.

P.7 Railings all round with attendant on the gate. Inmates had to sign out to leave premises.
Allithwaite man came looking for Respondent.
People used to break windows to get out.

P.8 Poor Law officers used to bring people to the workhouse.
Local doctors attended sick wards every day.

P.9 Inmates quite happy, because they were being looked after.

P.10 Visitors.
Bathing arrangements.
Mr & Mrs Owen, assistant master and matron.

P.11 New master and matron came in.
Workhouse closed 1948. Became Kendal Green hospital for the elderly.
Christmas at the workhouse.

P.12 Hours worked.

P.13 Holidays. Comparison with modern conditions.
Sarah Jane, a grandfather clock and kindling.