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ALNWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1946.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1946 is again in the nature of a brief interim report.

GENERAL STATISTICS

The Area of Alnwick remains the same at 4,778 acres.
The number of inhabited houses is 2,100.
The Rateable Value is £41,086.
The Sum represented by a penny rate is £164.
The Population of Alnwick is estimated at 6,900.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS. The number of births in the district - corrected for inward and outward transfers - was 135, of which 75 were males and 60 were females. Five of these were still births and five were illegitimate.
Birth Rate 1946 - 19.6 per thousand per annum.
Birth Rate 1945 - 18.4 per thousand per annum.
Birth Rate 1944 - 17.2 per thousand per annum.
The Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1946 was 19.6 per thousand per annum.

DEATHS. The number of deaths in the district - corrected for inward and outward transfers - was 98, of which 49 were males and 49 were females.
Death Rate 1946 - 14.2 per thousand per annum.
Death Rate 1945 - 13.7 per thousand per annum.
Death Rate 1944 - 13.2 per thousand per annum.
The Death Rate for England and Wales for 1946 was 11.5 per thousand per annum.

INFANTILE DEATHS. The number of deaths in infants under one year of age was 8 of which one was illegitimate.
Infantile Death Rate 1946 - 59.4 per thousand births.
Infantile Death Rate 1945 - 74.6 per thousand births.
Infantile Death Rate 1944 - 35.7 per thousand births.
The Infantile Death Rate for England and Wales for 1946 was 43.0 per thousand.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Heart Disease	27.	Brochitis	2.
Other Circulatory Diseases	19.	Pneumonia	4.
Cancer	14.	Nephritis	1.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	8.	Syphilis	1.
Other Tubercular Diseases	1.	Polio - myelitis	1.
Infantile Diarrhoea	1.	Violence and Accidents	3.
Diphtheria	1.	All Other Causes	9.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Number of Infectious Diseases - excluding tuberculosis - notified during the year was 66, comprised as follows:-
Measles 51. Puerperal Fever 1.
Diphtheria 7. Enteric Fever 1.
Scarlet Fever 5. Erysipilas 1.
Six of the seven cases of Diphtheria - including the one fatal case - had NOT been immunised.
Twelve cases of Infectious Diseases were admitted to the Fever Hospital during the year and of these six cases - all Diphtheria - came from the Urban District.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Sixty eight children under five years of age and 152 between the ages of five and fourteen years were immunised against Diphtheria during 1946.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Six cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply to the Area were sufficient and of good quality and Bacteriological Tests were satisfactory. All houses in the area have piped supply direct to the house. Progress with the new scheme for the Water Supply has been disappointing.

SEWERAGE.

A Public Enquiry has been held and work is proceeding on the preparation of a scheme to reconstruct the Sewage Works. No trouble has been experienced with the sewers.

HOUSING.

Fifty temporary and eighteen permanent houses were completed and work commenced on a further forty - eight permanent houses.

DISINFECTION.

Extensive work has been done on Rodent Control in conjunction with the Ministry of Food, including a complete treatment of all sewers.

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DISTRIBUTION.

Sanitary work has been done on houses and in connection with the supply of food, including a complete treatment of all sewers.

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