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## ALNWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1947.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1947 is 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 2,157. Fifty seven permanent houses were erected by the Council. No houses were provided by Private Enterprise.

The Rateable Value is £43,433.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £168.

The population is estimated at 6,935.

Vital Statistics.

Births:- The number of births in the district - corrected for inward and outward transfers was 176, of which 103 were males and 73 females. Six of these were still births and nine were illegitimate.

Birth Rate 1947 - 25.4 per thousand per annum.

" " 1946 - 19.4 " " "

" " 1945 - 18.4 " " "

The Birth Rate for England and Wales 1947 - 21.0 per thousand per annum.

Deaths:- The number of deaths in the district - corrected for inward and outward transfers was 107 of which 48 were males and 59 females.

Death rate 1947 - 15.4 per thousand per annum.

" " 1946 - 14.2 " " "

" " 1945 - 13.7 " " "

The Death rate for England and Wales 1947 - 12.0 per thousand per annum.

Infantile Deaths.

The number of deaths in infants under one year of age was eleven - nine males and two females - none of which were illegitimate.

Infantile Death rate 1947 - 62.5 per thousand births.

" " " 1946 - 59.4 " " "

" " " 1945 - 74.6 " " "

The Infantile Death Rate for England and Wales 1947 - 41.0 per thousand Births.

Causes of Death at all ages.

Heart Disease	-	-	40	Bronchitis	-	-	3
Other Circulatory Diseases	1			Pneumonia	-	-	4
Cancer	-	-	14	Ulcer of Stomach	-	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1			Infantile Diarrhoea	-	-	1
Other Tubercular Diseases	1			Digestive Diseases	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	Kidney Disease	-	-	4
Influenza	-	-	1	Premature Births	-	-	2
Diabetis	-	-	2	Violence	-	-	2

All other diseases - 27.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of Infectious Diseases - excluding Tuberculosis - notified during the year was fourteen.

Scarlet Fever	-	-	5	Whooping Cough	-	6
Diphtheria	-	-	2	Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	1

Birth the cases of Diphtheria had been immunised but in one case only a single injection was received.





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Six of these cases of Infectious Diseases were admitted to the Fever Hospital of which four were cases of Scarlet Fever and two of Diphtheria.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

One hundred and two children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria, and three hundred and fourteen children over five years of age were given either primary or re-inforcing doses of toxoid.

Tuberculosis.

Five cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Water Supply.

The supply of water to the District was of good quality and sufficient quantity. With very few exceptions each house on the area has a piped supply. The Council are still considering schemes for improvement of the supplies.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Schemes are still under consideration for the provision of new sewage works

Dis-infestation.

We have a fully trained staff for this work and all complaints from private persons were dealt with. The sewers were systematically treated and cleared of rats.

Dr. B. Trevor-Roper.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

