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ALNWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year 1948.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1948 is on
similar lines to that of 1947.

General Statistics.

The Area of the District remains the same at 4778 acres.
The number of inhabited houses is 2266. Of the 112 houses completed
during the year 105 were with state assistance.
The Rateable Value is £44,013.
The sum represented by a penny rate is £169.
The population is estimated at 7,238 and the figure is taken as a
basis in calculating the birth and death rates.

Vital Statistics.

Births:- The number of births in the district during 1948 (corrected
for inward and outward transfers) was 178 of which 84 were males and
94 females.

Three of these births were still births and twelve were illegitimate.

Birth rate 1948	-	24.6	per thousand per annum.
" " 1947	-	25.4	" " " "
" " 1946	-	19.4	" " " "

The Birth Rate for England and Wales 1948 - 17.5.

Deaths:- The number of deaths (corrected for inward and outward transfers)
was 90 of which 51 were males and 39 females.

Death rate 1948	-	12.4	per thousand per annum.
" " 1947	-	15.4	" " " "
" " 1946	-	14.2	" " " "

The Death rate for England and Wales 1948 - 10.8.

Infantile Deaths:- The number of deaths of infants under one year of age
was 10 - six males and four females of which one female was illegitimate

The Infantile death rate 1948	-	55.2	per thousand births.
" " " " 1947	-	62.5	" " " "
" " " " 1946	-	59.4	" " " "

The Infantile Death rate for England and Wales 1948 - 34 per thousand
births.

Causes of Death at all ages.

Heart Disease	33	Infantile Diarrhoea	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Disease	8	Nephritis	4
Cancer	9	Premature Birth	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	Suicide	1
Other Tubercular Diseases	0	Road Traffic Accident	1
Bronchitis	2	Other violent causes	2
Ulcer of Stomach	1	Pneumonia	5
		Other digestive diseases	2
All other causes	18.		

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles or
Puerperal Fever.

ALFRED WATKINS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report for the financial year 1954-55

The Council, in its annual report, has the pleasure to state that the year 1954-55 has been a successful one for the District Council.

The Annual Report is divided into two parts.

The first part contains the report of the Council on the work done during the year.

General Statement

The Council has the pleasure to state that the year 1954-55 has been a successful one for the District Council.

The Council has been able to carry out its programme of work and to maintain the standard of services provided.

The Council has also been able to secure a further increase in the rate of interest on its loans.

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Infectious Diseases.

The number of Infectious Diseases, excluding Tuberculosis, notified during the year was 19.

Chicken Pox	4	Scarlet Fever	5
Measles	7	Erysipelas.	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	Puerperal Fever	1

Twenty two cases of Infectious Disease were admitted to the Alnwick Fever Hospital of which five were from the Urban District, all cases of Scarlet Fever.

Tuberculosis.

Three cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Water.

The Water supply during the year was satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Minor works of renovation on the mains etc, were carried out to augment the supply with good results. All houses with few exceptions are on a piped supply. A public enquiry was held and approval of the Ministry of Health received to the proposal to obtain a new source of supply, namely the Senna Wells, situated approximately 6 miles from the town and yielding about 230 gallons a minutes. This water has been subjected to bacteriological and chemical analysis and proved satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Schemes and plans for the provision of a new sewage disposal works are nearing completion.

Meat and Food Inspection.

Meat Inspection is carried out at the Slaughter Houses by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Council with the approval of the Ministry of Food. All food shops etc., were regularly inspected by the Sanitary Inspector and all condemned food disposed of.

Disinfestation.

All works in connection with rodent control was carried out by the Council's trained staff in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries recommendation. The Refuse Tip and Sowers have been systematically treated with good results. All the cases of disinfestation were dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector.

Dr. B. Trevor-Roper.

MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH.

