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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEARS

1946

AND

1947

Council Offices,
Junction Road,
ANDOVER,
Hants.



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ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Junction Road,
ANDOVER,
Hampshire.

5th November, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Andover Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I present the annual reports for the years 1946 and 1947.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area - 67,811 acres.

	<u>Mid 1946</u>	<u>Mid 1947</u>
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	11,490	11,680
Number of inhabited houses according to the rate books	3,068	3,205
Rateable values	£93,866	£95,400
Sum represented by a penny rate ...	£392	£403

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The conditions are similar to those previously reported. There is a large military centre at Tidworth, largely but not entirely within this district. Here, there is a considerable amount of War Department property occupied by civilians, which is exempt from the supervision of this Council.

Agriculture, including dairy and poultry farming, is the main occupation. There are, in addition, engineering works at Anna Valley and Longparish, and a national by-products factory at Grateley.

<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>	<u>Mid 1946</u>			<u>Mid 1947</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births</u>						
Legitimate ...	218	122	96	274	147	127
Illegitimate ...	16	9	7	25	12	13
<u>Still Births</u>						
Legitimate ...	8	4	4	6	4	2
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Deaths</u> ...	170	81	89	132	66	66



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	<u>Mid 1946</u>	<u>Mid 1947</u>		
Birth rates per 1,000 of estimated resident population ...	20.36	25.6		
Still birth rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...	32.8	19.6		
Death rates per 1,000 estimated average population ...	14.8	11.5		
	<u>Male</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u> <u>Female</u>		
Deaths of infants under 1 year	3	2	2	1
Death rates of all infants per 1,000 live births	21.3	10.3		

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis	...	Nil	Nil
No. 30 Other Puerperal causes	...	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	28	16
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	Nil	1

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>1946</u>		<u>1947</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	...	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	-	-	-
Diphtheria	...	-	1	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	1	3	2
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	...	-	-	3
Syphilis	...	-	-	1
Influenza	...	3	4	-
Measles	...	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	...	-	-	-
Encephalitis	...	-	-	-
Cancer	...	15	15	8
Diabetes	...	-	-	8
Intracranial vascular lesions	...	7	8	12
Heart Disease	...	24	24	27
Other Diseases of circulatory system	...	2	-	2
Bronchitis	...	3	5	1
Pneumonia	...	6	5	1
Other respiratory Diseases	...	-	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum	...	-	-	-
Diarrhoea	...	-	-	-
Appendicitis	...	2	-	-
Other digestive diseases	...	1	1	2
Nephritis	...	-	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis	...	-	-	-
Other maternal causes	...	1	3	-
Premature Births	...	-	-	-
Congenital causes	...	-	-	-
Suicide	...	-	1	1
Road traffic	...	3	1	-
Other violence	...	2	2	1
All other causes	...	10	15	9
TOTAL DEATHS	81	89	66	66

Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Laboratory Facilities.

(a) The Public Health Laboratory at Winchester now issues material for diphtheria immunisation and undertakes the bacteriological examination of samples.

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulances for infectious cases are supplied by the Isolation Hospital at Salisbury, whilst accidents and non-infectious cases are dealt with by the two Andover Town Ambulances.

(c) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No change, with the exception that the Andover Health Centre is now open for one complete day (Thursday).

(d) Nursing in the Home.

The area is served by various Nursing Associations, whose District Nurses undertake maternity cases and general nursing in the home.

Section C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water Supply.

There have been no extensions or improvements with the exception of new supplies for Council Housing Sites. No shortage of water has occurred.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No change.

Rivers and streams - no action taken.

3. Public Cleansing.

The collection of indestructible refuse and salvage is undertaken in all parishes.

Regular emptying of pail closets and cesspools is carried out by contract in the parish of Shipton Bellinger.

<u>SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE ARMA</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Inspections of Drainage	52	66
Inspections for Nuisances	45	43
Informal Notices Served	12	10
Drainage Tests and Inspections	47	51
Rooms Disinfected	7	9
Dairies and Cowshed Inspections	41	33
Inspection of Water Supplies	37	51
Slaughterhouse Inspections	2	2

Shops and Offices

It was not found necessary to take any special action under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

Smoke Abatement

It was not found necessary to take any action.

4. Schools.

There have been certain improvements due to the introduction of washing facilities and school meals, but there has been difficulty in getting redecoration or structural works carried out.

Section D.

<u>HOUSING INSPECTIONS.</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under P.H., or Housing Acts)	1,301	503
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,405	601
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under H. Con. Reg. 1925 and 1932	930	219
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,031	301
(c) Number of houses in which no action was found necessary...	310	78
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	97	25
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	76	29

<u>Housing Action</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
(a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	9	7
(b) Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action	Nil	Nil
<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.</u>		
Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-		
(a) By owners... ..	Nil	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil	Nil
Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	9	15
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-		
(a) By owners... ..	8	9
(b) By Local Authority	Nil	Nil
Proceedings under Sections 11, 13 and 26 of the Housing Act, 1936:-		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertaking was given not to let	Nil	Nil
Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-		
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit	Nil	Nil

Housing

There has been a progressive deterioration of the standard of housing accommodation in the district due to the high cost of building and shortage of labour and materials. The Council were, however, very active and made considerable progress with their Housing Programme in spite of all these difficulties, and are able to report the completion during the years under review, of

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
(a) Permanent Traditional Houses	8	46
(b) Prefabricated Temporary Houses	22	4
(c) Swedish Timber Houses	4	2

In addition to the above the conversions of service hutments were completed as follows:

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Eastover Camp	4	19
Grateley Camp	14	16
Weyhill Camp.	In course of conversion, 25 huts being occupied by squatters.	
Fyfield Camp.	In course of conversion for 25 family units.	

Requisitioned houses were occupied by the following family units. 1946 - 19. 1947 - 20.

In addition to the Council's programme:-

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Permanent Traditional houses erected		
by Private Enterprise	16	17

The survey of all houses as recommended by the Hobhouse Report on Rural Housing and as required by the Ministry of Health was proceeded with during 1946 and was completed during 1947.

The final categorisation was as follows:-

Number of houses recorded 2,456.

The following food was condemned during the years:

<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
84 lbs. Dried Fruit.	12 tons 9 cwts. 62 lbs. Potatoes.
168 lbs. Tomatoes.	112 lbs. Fish.
	100 " Dried Fruit.
	30 " Luncheon Sausage.
	51 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Bacon and Ham.
	101 gallons Mixed Pickles.
	17 " Pickled Herrings.
	84 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Bread and Cakes.

<u>Canned Foods</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Stews and Soups	Nil	48 cans
Jam	1 can	3 "
Meat	Nil	15 "
Vegetables & Fruit	11 cans	34 "
Fish	11 "	1 "
Milk	116 "	279 "

<u>Water Supply</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Number of Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination	11	21
Number of Samples reported satisfactory	7	15
Number of Samples reported not entirely satisfactory	3	3
Number of Samples reported unsatisfactory	1	3

Adulteration

The Council are not a Local Authority under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Section F.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the years under review the following children were immunised against Diphtheria, viz:

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Children under 1 year	78	150
" over 5 years	19	-
Booster doses	73	28

Infectious diseases notified were as follows:

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
Scarlet Fever	7	8
Diphtheria	2	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-
Erysipelas	1	1
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	2	5
Non-pulmonary	2	1
Measles	9	90
Whooping cough	20	43
Chicken Pox	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	3
Meningitis	1	1
Pneumonia	1	2

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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