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ASHBURTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1957

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I present my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1957.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of District (in acres).....	6,781
Population - Mid 1957.....	2,710
Population - 1956 Census.....	2,710
Number of Inhabited Houses.....	1,059

MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

In the statistics which follow, it will be noted that the Birth and Death rates are calculated as "Crude" and "Corrected".

The "Crude" rate represents the actual figures obtained by arithmetic proportion.

The "Corrected" or "Standardised" rate takes into account the difference in the distribution of the various age groups and the proportion of the sexes in Ashburton as compared with the rest of the country and gives a truer comparison between the state of affairs in this Urban District and that in the larger units.

BIRTHS

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Legitimate	18	17	
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	
Crude Live Birth Rate per 1000 total population			13.28
Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1000 total population			14.34
Crude Live Birth Rate for Devon			13.36
Corrected Live Birth Rate for Devon			15.23

STILL BIRTHS

NIL

ASSEMBLY ON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1931

Mr. Chairman and Members

I present to you my report for the year ended 31st December 1931.

REVENUE AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE YEAR

Total Revenue	£ 1,781,000
Ratepayers' Contribution	£ 1,450,000
Government Grants	£ 250,000
Income of Municipal Property	£ 81,000

EXPENDITURE OF THE YEAR

In the statement which follows, it will be noted that the total expenditure is £1,450,000, which is £331,000 less than the total revenue of £1,781,000.

The "Grants" referred to in the report are obtained by the Council from the Government.

The amount of £1,450,000 is the total amount of the year's expenditure, which is the sum of the various items of expenditure mentioned in the report. It is to be noted that the total expenditure is £331,000 less than the total revenue of £1,781,000.

Ratepayers' Contribution	£ 1,450,000
Government Grants	£ 250,000
Income of Municipal Property	£ 81,000
Total Revenue	£ 1,781,000

There have been no changes in the total population of the Council's area during the year. The total population is 100,000.

Yours faithfully,
The Mayor

DEATHS

The average age at death of all male deaths was found to be 71.1 years and for female deaths 74.3 years.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	22	19	41
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population.....			15.13
Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population.....			12.10.
Crude Death Rate for Devon.....			14.02
Corrected Death Rate for Devon.....			10.79.

Infant Mortality

NIL

Maternal Mortality

NIL

A total of 5 cases occurred in the Administrative County of Devon.

CAUSES OF DEATH

All Causes	41
Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases	2
Cancer and Other Malignant Diseases	7
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Diseases	9
Heart and Circulatory System	11
Respiratory Diseases (excluding T.B.)	6
Genito Urinary	1
All others	5

AGE AT DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
45-55	2	-
56-65	5	3
66-75	8	7
76-85	4	8
86 and over	3	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Measles	25
Whooping Cough	3
Meningitis (Meningococcal)	1

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

I am pleased to report that practically without exception Ashburton children are vaccinated against smallpox and immunised against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. Vaccination against poliomyelitis was started this year and all children in the accepted age group, whose parents consented, completed the course of two injections.

DEATHS

The average age at death of all male deaths was found to be 71.4 years and for female deaths 74.5 years.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population.....	12.13	12.10	12.10
Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population.....	10.02	10.72	10.72

A total of 3 cases occurred in the Administrative County of Devon.

CAUSES OF DEATH

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AGE AT DEATH

<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Total</u>
0-14	0	0
15-24	0	0
25-34	0	0
35-44	0	0
45-54	0	0
55-64	0	0
65-74	0	0
75-84	0	0
85+	0	0

Measles
Whooping Cough
Scarletina (Scarlatina)

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

I am pleased to report that practically without exception Ashburton children are vaccinated against measles and

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completed the course of two injections.

In general, I am happy to report that the public health of the community remains good, and I would like to conclude with a word of thanks to the Sanitary Inspector who has given his help and advice so readily in Public Health matters.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

R. BELLAMY.

Medical Officer of Health.

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I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

F. HILLARY.

Medical Officer of Health.