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ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

### URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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### ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Public Health Staff

- (1) Medical Officer of Health (Part time) Thomas Forsyth, M.B. Ch.B. (Glas), D.P.H. (Camb).
- (2) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (Full time) George E. Marlow, M.Inst.M.& CY.E.Cert. R.S.I.

To
The Chairman and Members of the
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Gentlemen.

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary State of your District for the year 1940.

### SECTION A :-

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	6,190 acres
Population	6,316
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,766
Rateable Value	£35102
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£146

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the District are:-

Agriculture, Coalmining, Earthenware, Brickmaking and Biscuit making. No industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on the health of the population.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Total Male Female

Live Births	Legitimate Illegitimate	75 <u>4</u> <u>79</u>	45 1 46	30 <u>3</u> <u>33</u>
Birth Rate -	12.5 per 1000 population	n.		
England and Wales	Birth Rate, 1940 - 14.6	per 1000 Total	popula Male	tion. Female
Still Births	Legitimate Illegitimate	505	101	4014

Still Birth Rate - 59.7 per 1000 population. (Live and Still Births)

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England and Wales Still Birth Rate - 0.55 per 1000 population.

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Total Male Female
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Death Rate - 12.9 per 1000 population.

England and Wales Death Rate 1940 - 14.3 per 1000 population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

- (a) From Sepsis Nil
- (b) From other Maternal Causes Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	4	4	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	4	4	0

Infantile Mortality Rate - 50 per 1000 Live Births.

England and Wales Infantile Mortality Rate - 55 per 1000 Live Births.

Death Rate of Legitimate Infants - 53.33 per 1000 Legitimate Live Births.

Death Rate of Illegitimate Infants - Nil per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births.

Deaths occurred from the following diseases during 1940:-

Cancer	(all ages)	11
Whooping Coup	gh (all ages)	0
	(all ages)	0
Measles	(all ages)	0
Diarrhoea (un	nder 2 years)	0

### Causes of Death in 1940

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Influenza		 2	0	2
Cancer (Buccal)		 1	0	1
Cancer (Stomach and Duodenal)		 1	1	2
Cancer (Breast)		 0	ins lone o	1
		 3	4	7
Diabetes		 0	3	3
		 8	3	11
Heart Disease		 10	11	21
Bronchitis		 1	1 1	2
		 4	2	6
Other Respiratory Diseases		 1	0	1
Other Digestive Diseases		 1	that homes	2
Nephritis		 1	1	2
Premature Births		 2	0	2
		 1	0	1
Other Violent Causes		 2	0	2
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### General Provision of Health Services for the Area

### Hospitals

Fever Hospitals are provided by the Leicestershire Combined Hospitals Committee. The nearest to your District is Markfield Isolation Hospital.

Smallpox Hospitals for the treatment of Smallpox are provided by the Leicestershire County Council at Snarestone (23 beds and Syston (15 beds).

Tuberculosis The County Sanatorium at Markfield with 126 beds is adequate for the diagnosis and treatment of all types of Tuberculsois.

Maternity Provision is made for cases requiring Institutional treatment in the Leicester and Leicestershire Maternity Hospital, and in Leicester Royal Infirmary. Ashby Cottage Hospital Maternity Wing is much used by residents from your Area and from the surrounding Areas.

Children are ddmitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary and Loughborough Infirmary. Ashby Cottage Hospital admit children and many cases of enlarged Tonsils and adenoids, and other major operations such as appendices were operated on by the Honorary Surgeon Mr. Holford F.R.C.S.

Other Delicate and illnourished children (3 to 5 years) are admitted to the Childrens Convalescent Home, Woodhouse Eaves.

### Ambulance Facilities: -

Infectious diseases are removed in Ambulances provided by the Leicestershire Combined Isolation Hospitals Committee.

Non-Infectious diseases and Civilian Accidents. The St. Johns' Ambulance Brigade (Coalville) provides an Ambulance.

Colliery accidents are provided with Ambulances maintained by the Colliery Owners Association.

### Laboratory Facilities: -

Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations are provided by the County Council Laboratory, Leicester.

#### Nursing in the Homes: -

The Ashby-de-la-Zouch Nursing Association provides a District Nurse. Infectious Diseases are not attended by the District Nurse. No provision is made for nursing such diseases as Measles etc., in the homes.

### Clinics and Treatment Centres:-

These are provided by the Leicestershire County Council. An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly in the Baptist Schroolroom, Brook Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The nearest School Clinic is held at the Health Centre Bridge Road, Coalville.

A Tuberculosis Dispensary is held weekly at Coalville. An Orthopaedic Clinic is held at Bridge Road, Coalville. Venereal Diseases Clinic is held at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

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An Orthopasic Clinic is held at Bridge Road, Conville.
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### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

### Water Supply

Water is supplied by the Swadlincote and Ashby Joint Water Board from the Melton Reservoir. With the exception of a few outlying properties the whole of the Urban District is supplied with water from the Public Mains.

No. of Samples taken for Analysis:-

### Results

Source of	NAME OF THE	Satisfactory	Unsa	tisfactory
Samples	Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
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Number of wells closed Nil - Number of wells cleansed Nil

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well
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The quality of the water supplied by Public Mains is satisfactory.

There has been no shortages of water during 1940.

Negotiations are proceeding for the supplementary supplies of water from a neighbouring Authority in case of emergency.

### Drainage and Sewerage: -

### Closet Accommodation: -

Total number in the District on 31st. December, 1940:-

(1) Privies ----- 71 (2) Pail-Closets -- 49 (3) Water-Closets -- 1110

Number of closets converted to the Water Carriage system during the year:-

(1) Privies ----- Nil (2) Pail-Closets -- Nil

Number of Privies converted to Pail-Closets during the year.. 6

# Public Cleansing: -

House Refuse is collected by the Council's workmen with a covered motor lorry and conveyed to a tip where it is deposited in layers and covered with earth.

Earth Closets and Privies are emptied at night by Council workmen and the contents carted on to suitable land and ploughed in.

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### Public Cleansing: -

Ashpits are emptied at regular intervals and the contents dealt with in the same manner as House Refuse.

Cesspools are emptied quarterly by the Council's workmen and the contents carted on to arable land and ploughed in.

At Blackfordby Parish the removal and disposal of House Refuse and the cleansing of Earth Closets Privies and Ashpits, is carried out by a Contractor under the supervision of the Council's Surveyor and disposed of in a similar manner to that at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

The additional population created by evacuation has lengthened the intervals between collections of refuse but not to any great extent.

### Salvage: -

Salvage is collected weekly by the Local Authority. The classes of Salvage material collected are:-

Waste Paper - Bones - Scrap Metal - Rags - Bottles - Rubber.

Waste foodstuffs are collected by local Pig and Poultry keepers.

The collection of salvage lengthens the intervals of ordinary Refuse collection by half a day in each week.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area:-

Total	number	of	complaints	received		 	28
Total	number	of	defects or	nuisances	discovered	 	215

Vertible	Inspections	Revisits
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	126	42
Tents, Vans etc.	2	1
Slaughter Houses	227	-
Food Premises	11/1	8
Dairies and Cowsheds	57	26
Offensive Trades	4	-
Animal Keeping	10	4
Workshops etc.	24	- 9
Shops	8	2
Other Premises	49	16
TOTAL	551	108

### Notices:-

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1940	4	5
Issued during year	82	62
Complied with during year	50	56

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Statutory Action necessary	28	10
Outstanding on 31st. December, 1940	8	2

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Outstanding on 1st. January, 1940.	4	3
Issued during year	28	10
Complied with during year	24	11
Outstanding on 31st. December, 1940.	8	2

### Summary Action

No. of Summonses Issued Nil

No. of convictions obtained Nil

### SHOPS:-

Action taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934

	Outstanding from previous year.	Defects found	Defects Remedied	Outstanding 31st.Dec.1940
Sanitary Conveni	ences. 1	2	3	0
Temperature	Wantion - cuts	omitae on	ripri <b>"</b> Pagozili	1
Ventilation	-	-	-	-

### CAMPING SITES: -

Nil.

#### REGULATED BUIDLINGS: -

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken.	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	1	4	Nil	Satisfact:
Tents, Vans etc.	1	3	Removed	-
Canal Boats	-		- 1	
Offensive Trades	1	4	Nil	Satisfact:

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS: -

Number	of	Council Houses infested	 	 Nil
		other dwelling-houses found infested .		 3
		houses disinfested		 3

Disinfestation of the three houses was carried out by the Local Authority by means of Fumigation with Cimex fumigators and spraying with Zaldecide fluid.

### SCHOOLS: -

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Sanitary Conditions... ... Water Supply of Schools ... Satisfactory. Public Supply Mains. No. of Schools disinfected.

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Number in Area: -

(a) Publicly owned ... 1 (b) Privately owned .. 0

Number of Inspections:-

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There is a continual stream of clean water running through the Bath and the water is chlorinated at regular intervals. The Swimming Pool is emptied, cleansed and refilled fortnightly.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### MILK SUPPLY

### Cowkeepers

Number on Register		 36 39
Number of Inspections made		 39
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	r	 6
Number of contraventions found during the year		 18
Number of contraventions remedied during year		 22
Number of contraventions outstanding on 31st. December		 2
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Number of Inspections made		
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	r	 6
Number of contraventions found during the year		 6
Number of contraventions remedied during year		 7
Number of contraventions outstanding on 31st. December		 1

### Total Contraventions

No. 141240 (40 known)	from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st. December.
Cleansing	4	14	17	1
Structural Alterations	3	4	6	1
Utensils	-	1	1	-
Other	1	5	5	1

## Milk Sampling

Class	Total No. of samples taken for examination	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
Designated	- 46.	- 1	
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PIRAL BEALLER -

MEAT	SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.	
N	umber of inspections	32
Place	es where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-	. 144
N	umber of inspections	12
E	ight Informal Notices were issued and complied with.	
Tì	he following were condemned and estroyed:-	
	24 lbs. tinned beef 6 dozen imported rabbits	
	14 tins of soup 6 lbs. of tripe	
	6 tins of Luncheon meat	
	HOUSING	
1.	INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR	
(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	126
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	168
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the	
	Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	10
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	14
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(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	51
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in conse of Informal action by the Local Authority or their Office	equence ers23
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-	
(a)	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	18
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) by owners default of owners	10 Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	10
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	8
	(a) by owners	Nil

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	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made N	Til
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished frequesuance of Demolition Orders	Vil
(a)	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
1.35	(1) Number of seperate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Vil
	(2) Number of seperate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Vil
4.	HOUSING ACT. 1936 PART 4 - OVERCROWDING:-	
(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year (2) Number of families dwelling therein (3) Number of persons dwelling therein	2 2 16
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	6
(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	4 28
(a)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Vil
	Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases	
	Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1940.	

DISEASES	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	12	STATE OF STA	
Whooping Cough	6		
Diphtheria	7	the Public Health (	
Erysipelas	3		
Measles	50	large and Better !	
Acute Pneumonia	2	3 . 12	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1,03,000 250 11 11 11	

# Age Distribution of Cases of Infectious Diseases

Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Measles
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3 - 4	1	-	-	3
4 - 5	1	-	-	5

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Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Measles
5 - 10	4	3	-	26
10 - 15	2	1	-	6
15 - 20	1	1	-	4
20 - 35	1			1
35 - 45	-	1	2	-
45 - 65	1	1	1	-
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Comparison of the case rates of Ashby Urban District 1940 with corresponding case rates for England and Wales.

Diseases		Asi	hby U	rban District	E	nglar	nd and	d Wales
Scarlet Fever	1.9	per	1000	population	1.63	per	1000	populat:
Whooping Cough	0.9	17	11	"	1.34	"	11	11
Diphtheria	0.9	**	11	"	1.16	11	"	"
Measles	7.9	11	11		10.24	"	11	"
Erysipelas	0.47	7 "	11	"	0.33	"	11	"

### Prevention of Blindness:-

No action was taken under section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for the prevention of blindness.

#### Tuberculosis: -

No new cases of either Respiratory or Non-respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during 1940.

No deaths occurred from Respiratory or Non-respiratory Tuberculosis.

No action was taken under the Public Health Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations 1925 or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The District possesses two well equipped Parks (14 acres in all) for open air sports and recreation. The larger Park (The Hood Park) contains an open air Swimming Pool. Both Parks and Swimming Pool were presented to the town by the Late Sir Joseph Hood, Bart.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Sanitary Inspector Mr. George E. Marlow for his very valuable help in compiling this Report. Many of the details are taken from his Annual Summary.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
THOMAS FORSYTH,
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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