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ASBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Officer

(1) Medical Officer of Health (Part time) - Thomas Foreman, B.S.  
M.B.(Sine), D.P.H. (Cant.)(2) Surveyor and Sanitary Engineer (Part time) -  
George W. M. O'Connell, M.B. O'Connell, B.S.T.

ASBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the  
ANNUAL REPORT  
of theMEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1940

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Area 6,130 acres  
Population 6,316  
Number of Inhabited Houses 1,766  
Rateable Value £39,102  
Rate represented by a Penny Rate 21.5

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

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

VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	Male	Female
Live Births	Legitimate	72	45	27
	Illegitimate	1	1	0
		73	46	27

Birth Rate = 12.5 per 1000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate, 1939 = 14.5 per 1000 population.

		Total	Male	Female
Still Births	Legitimate	3	1	2
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		3	1	2

Still Birth Rate = 39.7 per 1000 population, (Live and Still Births)

or Still Birth Rate = 0.73 per 1000 population.

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

1911-1912

Annual Report

of the

Board of Directors

of the

Company



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.& C.Y.E.Cert. R.S.I.
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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	75	45	30
	Illegitimate	4	1	3
		<u>79</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>33</u>

Birth Rate - 12.5 per 1000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate, 1940 - 14.6 per 1000 population.

		Total	Male	Female
Still Births	Legitimate	5	1	4
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

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

or Still Birth Rate - 0.79 per 1000 population.

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

Public Health Staff

- (1) Medical Officer of Health (Part time) - Thomas Parnham, M.B.  
 D.S. (Med.), D.P.H. (Camp).  
 (2) Sanitary and Sanitary Inspector (Full time) -  
 George E. Harlow, M.Inst.M.H., S.Cert. S.B.I.

To The Chairman and Members of the  
 La-Tonch Urban District Council.

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary  
 State of the District for the year 1920.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	6,120 acres
Population	4,315
Number of inhabited houses	1,766
Rateable value	43,502
Gas represented by a house	246

La-Tonch is a market town, the chief industries  
 of the District are:-  
 Agriculture, Coalmining, Brickmaking and Blasting.  
 During the year no cases of having a specially infectious  
 effect on the health of the population.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	Male	Female
Births	75	45	30
Deaths	14	1	13
Still Births	15	10	5

Birth Rate - 12.5 per 1000 population.  
 Death Rate - 2.3 per 1000 population.  
 Still Birth Rate - 2.5 per 1000 population.  
 Infant Mortality Rate - 0.75 per 1000 population.  
 Fertility and Mortality Rate - 0.55 per 1000 population.



## DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
82	48	34

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:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4	4	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

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 Cough (all ages)	0
Diphtheria (all ages)	0
Measles (all ages)	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0

### Causes of Death in 1940

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Influenza ... ..	2	0	2
Cancer (Buccal) ... ..	1	0	1
Cancer (Stomach and Duodenal) ... ..	1	1	2
Cancer (Breast) ... ..	0	1	1
Cancer (all other sites) ... ..	3	4	7
Diabetes ... ..	0	3	3
Intracranial Vasc. Lesions... ..	8	3	11
Heart Disease. ... ..	10	11	21
Bronchitis ... ..	1	1	2
Pneumonia ... ..	4	2	6
Other Respiratory Diseases... ..	1	0	1
Other Digestive Diseases ... ..	1	1	2
Nephritis ... ..	1	1	2
Premature Births... ..	2	0	2
Road Traffic Accidents.. ... ..	1	0	1
Other Violent Causes ... ..	2	0	2
All other Causes... ..	10	6	16
	<u>48</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>82</u>

The chief causes of Death in 1940 were:-

Heart Disease 21 - Cancer 11 - Cerebral Haemorrhage 11 - Pneumonia 6  
Bronchitis 2 - Tuberculosis 0.





## SECTION B :-

### 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 Tuberculosis.
- 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 Children are admitted 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 Schoolroom, 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.



General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Hospitals

Hospitals are provided by the Leicester City Council. The nearest to your District is the Leicester General Hospital.

Sanatoria

Hospitals for the treatment of Sanatoria are provided by the Leicester City Council at Barnstone (23 beds) and Barton (12 beds).

Tuberculosis

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

Maternity

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

Children

Children are admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary and Leicestershire Maternity Hospital. The Leicestershire Maternity Hospital is a speciality hospital for the treatment of children and adolescents. The Leicestershire Maternity Hospital is a speciality hospital for the treatment of children and adolescents.

Other

Leicestershire and Lincolnshire children (5 to 15 years) are admitted to the Children's Convalescent Home, Woodhouse.

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Nurses in the Home

The Leicestershire and Lincolnshire 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 home.

Infants and Treatment Centres

These are provided by the Leicestershire County Council. An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly in the Baptist Schoolroom, 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. A Venereal Diseases Clinic is held at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

## 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 Samples	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
	Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
From Wells	-	-	-	-
From Pipe Supply.	-	-	1	1

Number of wells closed Nil - Number of wells cleansed Nil

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water ... .. 6

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:-

Number of cesspools constructed during the year ... .. Nil

Number of cesspools abolished during the year ... .. 2

Total number of cesspools in District on 31st. December, 1940. 146

The sewer in Tamworth Road was extended during the year.

No extension of Sewage Disposal Works was carried out during the year.

### 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.



Water Supply

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

No. of samples taken for analysis:-

Results

Source of Supply	From Wells	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological

Number of wells closed Nil

Number of cases in which water was substituted for well water

The quality of the water supplied by Public Mains is satisfactory.

There has been no shortage of water during 1940.

Provision is made for the supply of water in case of emergency.

Drainage and Sewerage

Number of cesspools reported during the year

Number of cesspools closed during the year

Total number of cesspools in District on 31st December 1940

The sewer in Trench Road was extended during the year.

No extension of Sewage Disposal Works was carried out during the year.

Closet Accommodation

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

- (1) Privies
- (2) Pail-Closets
- (3) Water-Closets

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year:-

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

Number of Privies converted to Pail-Closets during the year

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.

Street Closures and Privies are emptied at night by Council workmen and the deposits carted on to suitable land and ploughed.



### 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

	Inspections	Revisits
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	126	42
Tents, Vans etc.	2	1
Slaughter Houses	227	-
Food Premises	44	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



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

Contents are applied quarterly by the Council's workmen and the contents removed on to a special land area.

At Hinkley Park the refuse and contents of House Refuse and the cleaning of Hinkley Park are carried out by a Contractor under the supervision of the Council's Refuse and Disposal Officer 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.

Refuse:-

Refuse is collected weekly by the local authority. The classes of refuse material collected are:-

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

These materials are collected by local fire and family keepers.

The collection of refuse throughout the district of ordinary refuse collection by half a day in each week.

Summary Statement of the Refuse:-

Total number of households surveyed ... ..

Total number of refuse or refuse disposed ... ..

Refuse	Household	Refuse
Domestic Refuse (all purposes)	527	12
Trade Refuse	2	1
Street Refuse	227	-
Industrial Refuse	46	8
Refuse from shops	27	26
Refuse from houses	1	-
Refuse from public buildings	10	4
Refuse from schools	30	9
Refuse from churches	8	2
Refuse from public houses	13	16
TOTAL	527	108

Refuse:-

Refuse	Household	Refuse
Domestic Refuse (all purposes)	1	2
Trade Refuse	26	62
Street Refuse	26	26

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

STATUTORY	HOUSING	OTHER
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 Conveniences.	1	2	3	0
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	-	-	-

#### CAMPING SITES:-

Nil.

#### REGULATED BUILDINGS:-

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	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	1	4	Nil	Satisfact:

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:-

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

- (a) Sanitary Conditions... .. Satisfactory.
- (b) Water Supply of Schools ... .. Public Supply Mains.
- (c) No. of Schools disinfested. ... 1.

The Infants School, North Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch disinfested by spraying and fumigation.



The following table shows the results of the inspection of the schools in the district during the year 1910-11.  
 (a) Satisfactory  
 (b) Water supply of schools  
 (c) No. of schools inspected

The following table shows the results of the inspection of the houses in the district during the year 1910-11.  
 (a) Satisfactory  
 (b) Water supply of houses  
 (c) No. of houses inspected

Regulated Houses	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	1	4	Nil	Satisfactory
Regulated Houses	1	2	Removed	-
Canal Houses	-	-	-	-
Other Regulated Houses	1	2	Nil	Satisfactory

Regulated Houses	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	1	4	Nil	Satisfactory
Regulated Houses	1	2	Removed	-
Canal Houses	-	-	-	-
Other Regulated Houses	1	2	Nil	Satisfactory

The following table shows the results of the inspection of the houses in the district during the year 1910-11.  
 (a) Satisfactory  
 (b) Water supply of houses  
 (c) No. of houses inspected

Regulated Houses	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	1	4	Nil	Satisfactory
Regulated Houses	1	2	Removed	-
Canal Houses	-	-	-	-
Other Regulated Houses	1	2	Nil	Satisfactory

Regulated Houses	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	1	4	Nil	Satisfactory
Regulated Houses	1	2	Removed	-
Canal Houses	-	-	-	-
Other Regulated Houses	1	2	Nil	Satisfactory

## SWIMMING BATHS and POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Number in Area:-

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

Number of Inspections:-

52.

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

#### Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers)

Number on Register .... .	9
Number of Inspections made . . . . .	18
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year ..	2
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

	Outstanding 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	-	-	-
Ordinary	-	-	-





The Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936 & 1938

No. of Licences issued in respect of								
"Tuberculin Tested"			"Accredited"			"Pasteurised"		
Bottling	Distribution Dealers	Supple- mentary	Bottling	Distribution Dealers	Supple- mentary	Pasteur- ising Plants	Retail Dis: Dealers	Supp: ment:
-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Regional Slaughter houses in Area	...	...	...	...	2
Number of animals slaughtered in Area.	...	...	...	...	6829
Number of animals examined in Area	...	...	...	...	-
Number of animals slaughtered elsewhere	...	...	...	...	-
Number of animals examined elsewhere	...	...	...	...	-
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	...	...	...	215
Number of Knacker Yards in Area	...	...	...	...	1
Number of visits to Knacker Yards	...	...	...	...	12

## Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle and Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs	Total weight in lbs
No. killed (if known)	969	277	4865	718	-
No. inspected					
All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned	8	5	16	6	5717
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	130	6	31	24	3949
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Disease other than Tuberculosis.					
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u> Whole carcass condemned	29	-	-	2	13200
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	16	-	-	1	2520
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.					

MEAT STALLS:-

Number of inspections ... .. Nil







## MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.

Number of inspections ... .. 32

### Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-

Number of inspections ... .. 12

Eight Informal Notices were issued and complied with.

The 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 consequence of Informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers..23

### 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 ... .. 10
- (b) by Local Authority in default of owners ... 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:-
- (a) by owners ... .. 8
- (b) by Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil



Number of inspections ..... 32

Places where food (other than meat) is kept for sale:

Number of inspections ..... 12

Eight Informal Notices were issued and complied with.

The following were condemned and destroyed:-

- 24 lbs. tinned beef
- 6 boxes imported rabbits
- 15 tins of soup
- 5 lbs. of tripe
- 5 tins of luncheon meat

### HOUSING

#### INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(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

(c) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (b) above) which were inspected and reported under the Housing (Condensed Regulations) 1925 and 1928 ... 10

(d) Number of inspections made for the purpose: ... 16

(e) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or insanitary as to require to be pulled down or to be demolished ... 111

(f) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those reported to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in a state so dangerous as to require to be pulled down or to be demolished ... 51

#### NUMBER OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS

Number of defective dwelling-houses reported fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers: 25

#### ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs: ... 18

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices: ... 10

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs to be remedied: ... 10

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) by owners: ... 6

(b) by local authority in default of owners: ... 111



3. (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil
- (d) 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
  - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936. - PART 4 - OVERCROWDING:-

- (a)
  - (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year ... 2
  - (2) Number of families dwelling therein ... 2
  - (3) Number of persons dwelling therein.. ... 16
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year 6
- (c)
  - (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year 4
  - (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 28
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... Nil

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		
Whooping Cough	6		
Diphtheria	7		
Erysipelas	3		
Measles	50		
Acute Pneumonia	2		
Puerperal Pyrexia	1		

Age Distribution of Cases of Infectious Diseases

Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Measles
0 - 1	1	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	2
2 - 3	-	-	-	3
3 - 4	1	-	-	3
4 - 5	1	-	-	5



- (c) Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of the Housing Act, 1950:-
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
- (3) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1950:-
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
- (5) Number of dwelling-houses or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenant or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

NUMBER OF CASES OF OVERCROWDING:-

- (a) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at end of year ... 2
- (b) Number of families dwelling therein ... 2
- (c) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 16
- (d) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year ... 6
- (e) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year ... 4
- (f) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 28
- (g) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the removal of overcrowding ... Nil

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1950

DISEASE	Total Cases	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	12		
Diphtheria	6		
Erysipelas	5		
Measles	3		
Whooping Cough	20		
Polio Pneumonia	2		
Enteric Typhoid	1		

Age Distribution of Cases of Infectious Diseases

Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Measles
0 - 1	1	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	2
2 - 3	-	-	-	3
3 - 4	1	-	-	2
4 - 5	1	-	-	2

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	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-

Comparison of the case rates of Ashby Urban District 1940 with corresponding case rates for England and Wales.

Diseases	Ashby Urban District	England and Wales
Scarlet Fever	1.9 per 1000 population	1.63 per 1000 populat:
Whooping Cough	0.9 " " "	1.34 " " "
Diphtheria	0.9 " " "	1.16 " " "
Measles	7.9 " " "	10.24 " " "
Erysipelas	0.47 " " "	0.33 " " "

#### 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.



Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Meningitis
5 - 10	4	1	-	26
10 - 15	2	1	-	6
15 - 20	1	1	-	4
20 - 25	1	-	-	1
25 - 35	-	1	2	-
35 - 45	1	1	1	-
45 and over	-	-	-	-

Comparison of the case rates of Ashby Urban District 1936 with corresponding case rates for England and Wales.

Disease	Ashby Urban District	England and Wales
Scarlet Fever	1.63 per 1000 population	1.63 per 1000 population
Diphtheria	0.2	1.24
Erysipelas	0.2	1.6
Meningitis	0.2	10.24
Measles	0.2	0.25

#### Prevention of Disease:-

No action was taken under section 175 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for the prevention of disease.

#### Typhoid:-

No new cases of enteric fever were notified during 1936. No action was taken under the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of disease.

The District possesses two well equipped Parks (see notes in A.D. 1935) open for sports and recreation. The latter Park (The Wood Park) contains an open air swimming pool. Both Parks are well maintained and are open to the public by the Ashby Urban District Council.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Secretary, Ashby Urban District Council, for the very valuable help in compiling this report. Many of the details are taken from the Annual Summary.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently, Robert,

THOMAS ROBERTS

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.