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### ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1941



#### 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 1941.

SECTION A :-

	STATISTICS AND	SOCIAL	CONDITIONS	OF THE	S AREA.
Area			- 111 pine	5,190	acres.
Population			(	5,356	
Number of Int	abited Houses		, 1	,770	
Rateable Valu	le		£	35714	
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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

Live Births	F	or I.M.	etc.	For	Birth	Rate.
Legitimate	Total 83	Male 46	Female 37	Total 79	Male 43	Female. 36
Illegitimate	2 85	2 <u>148</u>	0 <u>37</u>	2 81	2 45	0 <u>36</u>
Birth Rate -	12.74	per 1000	) population.			
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England and Wales Birth Rate, 1941 - 14.2 per 1000 population. Still Births Total Male Female

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Legitimate	3	1	2
Illegitimate	õ	0	0
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Still Birth Rate - 35.71 per 1000 population (Live and Still Births) or Still Birth Rate - 0.47 per 1000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate - 0.51 per 1000 population.



DEATHS Male Female Total 86 42 44 Death Rate - 13.5 per 1000 population. England and Wales Doath Rate - 12.9 per 1000 population. Deaths from Puerperal Causes: -Nil From Sepsis -From other Maternal Causes Nil Deaths of Infants under one year of age:-Total Male Female Legitimate 4 3013 1 0 Illegitimate 0 4 1 Infantile Mortality Rate - 47 per 1000 Live Births. England and Wales Infantile Mortality Rate - 59 per 1000 Live Births. Death Rate of Legitimate Infants - 48.1 per 1000 Legitimate Live Births Death Rate of Illegitimate Infants - Nil per 1000 Illegitimate

Live Births

Deaths occurred from the following diseases during 1941:-

Cancer (	all	ages	)	12
Measles (	all	ages	)	0
Diphtheria (	all	ages	)	1
Whooping Coug	gh (a	all ag	ges)	0
Diarrhoea (ur	nder	2 yea	irs)	0

#### Causes of Death in 1941

	Male	Female	Total
Cancer (Buccal) Cancer (Stomach and Duodenal) Cancer of Breast Cancer (all other sites) Intracranial Vasc. Lesions Heart Diseases Other Diseases of Circulatory . Bronchitis Pneumonia Other Respiratory Diseases	001030342302111311033	111111101010011100111014	11224240533322233122149 8

The chief causes of Death in 1941 were:-

Heart Disease 25 - Cancer (all forms) 12 - Cerebral Haemorrhage 10 Bronchitis 3 - Pneumonia (all forms) 2 - Tuberculosis Nil.

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#### SECTION B :-

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

#### Hospitals

- Fever Hospitals are provided by the Loicestershire Combined Hospitals Committee. The nearest to your District is Markfield Isolation Hospital.
- <u>Smallpox</u> Hospitals for the treatment of Smallpox are provided by the Leicestershire County Council at Snarestone (23 beds) and Syston (15 beds).
- <u>Tuberculosis</u> 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 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. Fairhaven Nursing and Maternity Home at Shellbrook, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, is also available for cases of Midwifery.
- Children Children are admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary and Loughborough Infirmary. Ashby Cottage Hospital admit children and many wases of enlarged Tonsils and adenoids, and other major operations such as appendices were operated on by the Honorary Surgeon Mr. D. Frwick L.M.
- 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.

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

#### 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.

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#### 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.

#### Number of samples taken for Analysis:-

#### Results

Source of	Sa	tisfactory	Unsatisfactory	
Samples	Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
From Wells	in er-leared	by Loosl-Fig and Po	a trey introper	. 1
From Pipe Supply	100 papt 30	ses	Bernp Eron	

Number of wells closed Nil - Number of wells cleansed Nil

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water 2.

No extensions of Public Water supply were carried out during the year

The quality of the Public Supply water is satisfactory.

There was no shortage of water during 1941.

Arrangements have been made with adjoining Local Authorities to provide supplementary supplies of water in case of emergency.

#### Drainage and Sewerage: -

Number	of	cesspools	constructed	during	the	year	1

Number of cesspools abolished during the year Nil

Total number in District on 31st. December, 1941. 147

There has been no extension of sewers and no alteration or extension to Sewage Disposal Works during 1941.

No new scheme is under consideration at present.

#### Closet Accommodation: -

Total number in District on 31st. December, 1941:-

(1)	Privies	71
(2)	Pail-Closets	49
$\binom{1}{2}$	Water-Closets	1112

No conversions of either Privies or Pails were made to the Water Carriage system during the year.

No Privies were converted to Pail-Closets during 1941.

#### Public Cleansing

House refuse is collected weekly by the Council's workmen with a covered motor vehicle and conveyed to a suitable tip where it is deposited in shallow layers and covered with earth. Bard dit 10 pennetanupal.O versional

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# Public Cleansing (Contd.)

Earth Closets, Privies and Cesspools are cleansed by the Council's workmen and the contents are deposited on arable land and ploughed in. Ashpits are emptied at frequent intervals.

In the Parish of Blackfordby the removal of House Refuse and the cleansing of Privies and Cesspools is carried out by Contractors under the supervision of the Council's Sanitary Inspector and the contents disposed of in a similar manner to that mentioned above.

Beyond a slight lengthening of the intervals between Refuse collection no noticeable strain has been put on the Sanitary Services by reason of evacuation or other causes.

Salvage: -

Salvage is collected by the Local Authority. Waste food is collected by Local Pig and Poultry keepers. Salvage is collected weekly and comprises:-

Waste paper - Bones - Bottles - Scrap Iron -Tins - Rubber - Rags

The collection of salvage lengthens the intervals between Refuse Collection by about half a day each week.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area: -

Total number of complaints received ... ... ... ... 32

Total number of defects and nuisances discovered . ... 186

11	Inspections.	Revisita
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	93	36
Tents, Vans etc.	0	0
Slaughter Houses	201	0
Food Premises	50	4
Dairies and Cowsheds	48	8
Offensive Trades	4.	0
Animal Keeping	6	2
Workshops etc.	10	3
Shops	10	4
Other Premises	39	12
TOTAL	461	69

Notices:-

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1941.	8	2
Issued during year	73	64
Complied with during year	70	58
Statutory action necessary	5	2
Outstanding on 31st. December, 1941.	6	4

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STATUTORY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1941	8	3
Issued during year	5	2
Complied with during year	11	3
Outstanding 31st. December, 1941	2	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.'42
Sanitary Convenience	в О	2	2	0
Temperature	0	0	0	0
Ventilation	0	0	0	0

CAMPING SITES :-

Nil.

REGULATED BUILDINGS :-

Regulated Buildings	No. in No. of District Inspections		Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	1	4	Nil	Satisfact:
Tents, Vans etc.	0	0	0	-
Canal Boats	0	0	. 0	-
Offensive Trades	1	4	Nil	Satisfact:

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS: -

Number of Council Houses infested ... ... Nil Number of other dwelling houses found infested . ... 2 Number of houses disinfected ... ... 2

The Local Authority carried out the disinfestation of these two houses by spraying with Zaldecide fluid and fumigation with Cimex fumigator.

#### SCHOOLS :-

Number of Schools disinfected ... ... ... ... Nil

#### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Number in Area:-

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

The Public Swimming pool has not been opened this year owing to the difficulty in finding a suitable caretaker.

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## Inspection and Supervision of Food

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Cowkeepers

Number	on	Register	 	36 36
Number	of	Inspections made	 	36
Number	of	contraventions outstanding from previous year	 	2
Number	of	contraventions found during year	 	12
Number	of	contraventions remedied during year	 	12
Number	of	contraventions outstanding on 31st. December	 	2
		or Purveyors of Milk (other than cowkeepers)		
Number	on	Register	 	9
Number	of	Inspections made	 	12
Number	of	contraventions outstanding from previous year	 	1
Number	of	contraventions found during year	 	5
Number	of	contraventions remedied during year	 	55
Manaham	22	contraventions outstanding on 31st. December		-

## Total Contraventions

.No. HELING (IF KOPAD)	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st. December
Cleansing	1	10	9	1
Structural Alteration	.s 1	3	2	1
Utensils	0	0	0	0
Other	1	4	3	1

Milk Sampling

Class	Total No. of samples taken for exam.	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatis:
"Tuberculin Tested	" -	-	-
"Accredited"	internal - 21	-	10-19
"Pasteurised"	-	-	-
Ordinary	-	-	-

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936 - 1941

		No. of	Licences	issued :	in respec	et of			
"Tuberculin Tested"				"Accredited"			"Pasteurised"		
Bottling	Distri Dealers	bution Supple- mentary	Bottling	Distri Dealers	Supple- mentary		Dealers		
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# MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

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Number of animals slaughtered in Area 5991	
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 192	
Number of Knacker Yards in Area 1	
Number of visits to Knacker Yards 8	

# Carcases Inspected and Condemned

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2) (a) Runner ad Gwelling-In above) shich Mero in Bousing Consolidated	Cattle and cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs		Total weight in lbs
No. killed (if Known)	895	298	4465	333	
Number inspected			15 0 51016	00	
All diseases except <u>Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcases condemned	12	7	17	6	6705
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	77	10	27	9	3607
Percentage of Number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	anni 11	Dourse P la La Adrice PPD' 215	ndorod (). Ety or the TAR		
Tuberculosis Only Whole carcases condemned	21	and 16 o	ticol con t		10519
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	25	10105 Go	lante etter	respects	1149
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Benlith	etta-			

MEAT STALLS: -					
Number of inspections					Nil
MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.					
Number of Inspections	h.				36
Places where food (other than meat)	is kept o	or prep	ared	for as	ale:-
Number of inspections					14

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Five Informal Notices were issued and were complied with.

The following were condemned and destroyed :-

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24 lbs. tinned beef 26 tins milk 28 lbs. stewed steak 8 lbs. meat roll 14 lbs. cod fish 24 tins soup 250 eggs

#### HOUSING

<ol> <li>INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOU</li> </ol>	USES DURING THE YEAR
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(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 92
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 128
(2)	<ul> <li>(a) Number od twelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 12</li> </ul>
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 16
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 0
(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 56
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.38
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 10
	<ul> <li>(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-         <ul> <li>(a) by owners</li> <li>(b) by Local Authority in default of owners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 8
	<ul> <li>(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-         <ul> <li>(a) by owners</li> <li>(b) by owners</li> <li>(c) by owners</li></ul></li></ul>
	(a) by owners 6 (b) by Local Authority in default of owners. 0
(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

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- (d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936: (1) Number of seperate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
  - (2) Number of seperate 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 dwelling-houses overcrowded at end of year Nil
   (2) Number of families dwelling therein. ... Nil
   (3) Number of persons dwelling therein. ... Nil
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year-Nil
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year
   (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 16
- (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 1941

DISEASES	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	17	12	0
Whooping Cough	13	0	0
Diphtheria	10	10	1
Erysipelas	3	0	0
Measles	17	0	0
Acute Pneumonia	7	0	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	3	0
Chicken Pox	18	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	3	3	-1

#### Age Distribution of Cases of Infectious Diseases

Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
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Age Period	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
15 - 20	-	1	1	-
20 - 35	-	1	2	1
35 - 45	-	1	1	1
45 - 65	-		1	1
65 and over		-	-	-

A scheme of Immunisation against Diphtheria was commenced in the Spring of 1941. At the 31st. December, 1941 the following numbers had completed the treatment:-

1 - 4 (inclusive) - 76 5 -14 (inclusive) -690

The treatment was carried out by sessions held at the Schools in the District.

Comparison of the Case Rates of Ashby Urban District 1941 with corresponding Case Rates for England and Wales.

Diseases		A	shby l	Jrban District	! 1	Engla	and ar	nd Wales
Scarlet Fever	2.67	per	1000	population	1.47	per	1000	populat:
Diphtheria	1.5	"	11	11	1.25	"	"	"
Epysipelas	0.47	"	"	u	0.3		"	"
Measles	2.67	11	11	u	10.33	н		"
Whooping Cough	2.04	11	"	u	4.39	"	"	11

#### Prevention of Blindness:-

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

Tuberculosis: -

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Four new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during 1941. All were transfers from other District. Two male Respiratory Cases aged 9 years and 24 years. One female Respiratory Case aged 49 years. One female Non-Respiratory Case aged 10 years.

One death occurred in a Female Respiratory case aged 49 years in a Nursing Home. This death was transferred to the District from which she had recently transferred.

No action has been taken under the Public Health Prevention of Tuberculsois Regulations 1925 or under Section 172 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 which has been closed during the year. 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.

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Four new cases of Tubergulosis were nothfied during 1941 All were transfers from other District. Two wale Raspirstory Cases aged 9 years and 24 years. One female Raspirstory Case aged 49 years. One female Mon-Respiratory Case aged 10 years.

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