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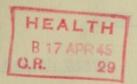
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ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1942

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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 1942.

SECTION A :-

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	6,190 acres.
Population	6,037
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,770
Rateable Value	£35366
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£140

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 ST	ATISTICS		
Live Births	Legitimate Illegitimate	Total 81 2 83	Male 37 1 38	Female 44 1 45

Birth Rate - 13.5 per 1000 population.

England and Wales	Birth Rate, 1943	- 15.8 per 1000 Total	population. Male Female.
Still Births	Legitimate Illegitimate	5 0 5	3 0 2

Still Birth Rate - 56.8 per 1000 population. (Live and Still Births) or Still Birth Rate - 0.82 per 1000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate - 0.54 per 1000 population.

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Death Rate - 11.9 per 1000 population.

England and Wales Death Rate - 11.6 per 1000 population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes: -

From Sepsis - 0

From other Maternal Causes - 0

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:-

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

Infantile Mortality Rate - 36.15 per 1000 Live Births.

England and Wales Infantile Mortality Rate - 49 per 1000 Live Births.

Death Rate of Legitimate Infants - 38.2 per 1000 Legitimate Live Births.

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

Deaths occurred from the following diseases during 1942:-

Cancer (all ages) 7
Measles(all ages) 0
Diphtheria (all ages) 0
Whooping Cough (all ages) 0
Diarrhoea(under 2 years) 0

Causes of Death in 1942

District College Colle	The second second		
	Male	Female	Total
Respitatory Tuberculosis. Influenza. Acute Infantile Encephalitis Cancer (Buccal). Cancer (Stomach and Duodenal). Cancer (all other sttes). Intracranial Vasc. Lesions. Heart Diseases Other Diseases of Circulatory System. Bronchitis. Pneumonia Other Digestive Diseases Appendicitis Premature Births Congenital Malf: etc. Suicide Other Violent Causes. All other Causes	101114450311010232	0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1111254914222213333
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Heart Disease 29 - Cancer 8 - Cerebral Haemorrhage 4 - Bronchitis 4 Pneumonia 2 - Tuberculosis 1.

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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 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. Fairhaven Nursing and Maternity Home at Shellbrook, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, is also available for cases of Midwifery.

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. R. Bewick F.R.C.S.

Other Delicate and illnournished 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.

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., im the homes.

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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		Satisfactory	1	Unsatisfactory
Samples	Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
From Wells	1	1	3	3
From Pipe Supply	a collare	by the Done Aus		-,

Number of wells closed Nil - Number of wells cleansed Nil.

No substitutions of piped supply for well water were made during the year.

No extensions of the Public Water supply were carried out during 1942.

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

There has been no shortages of water during 1942.

The quality of the Public Supply water is satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage: -

Number of cesspools constructed during the year

Nil.

Number of cesspools abolished during the year

Nil.

147.

Total number of cesspools in District on 31st. December, 1942

There has been no extension of sewers, and no alterations or extensions to Sewage Disposal Works have been carried out during the year.

No new scheme is at present under consideration.

Closet Accommodation: -

Total number in District on 31st. December, 1942:-

(1) Privies ---- 71 (2) Pail-Closets -- 49

(3) Water " --1112

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

(a) Privies ---- 0 (b) Pail-Closets --- 0

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Public Cleansing: -

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

Earth Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cosspools are cleansed by the Council's workmen and the contents carried to suitable land and ploughed in.

At Blackfordby, Ashpits and Privies are emptied at frequent intervals by a Contractor under the supervision of the Surveyor and the contents disposed of in a similar manner to that mentioned above.

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 is comprised of:-

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

The collection of salvage lengthens the interval of Refuse collection by one day in each week.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area: -

Total n	umber of	complaints	received			 	46
Total m	umber of	defects and	nuisances	discover	ed	 	192

The state of the s	Inspections.	Revisits.
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	84	57
Tents, Vans etc.	2	0
Slaughter Houses	0	0
Food Premises	65	31
Dairies and Cowsheds	52	18
Offensive Trades	4	0
Animal Keeping	10	0
Workshops etc.	8	. 4
Shops	18	6
Other Premises	46	27
TOTAL	289	143

Notices:-

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1942.	6	4
Issued during year	50	72
Complied with during year	52	70

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Statutory action necessary	2	0
Outstanding on 31st. December, 1942.	4	6

STATUTORM	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1942	2	2
Issued during year	1	0
Complied with during year	3	2
Outstanding 31st. December, 1942	0	0

Summary Action

Nil

No. of Summonses Issued No. of convictions obtained Nil

SHOPS:-

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

Out from	Defects Found	Defects Remedied.	Outstandin 31st.Dec.194		
Sanitary Conveniences.	0	3	3	0	
Temperature	0	0	0	0	
Ventilation	0	0	0	0	

CAMPING SITES: -

Nil.

REGULATED BUILDINGS:-

Regulated Buildings	No. in District.	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	0	0	0	0
Tents, Vans etc.	1	2	0	Satisfact:
Canal Boats	0	0	0	0
Offensive Trades	1	4	0	Satisfact:

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:-

Number of	Council Houses	infested		 0
Number o	f other dwelling	houses found infeste	d	 3
Number of	houses disinfe	cted		 3

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ERADICATION OF BED BUGS (Contd.)

The disinfestation of these three dwelling houses was carried out by the Local Authority 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 0.

The Public Swimming pool has not been opened this year.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

MILK SUPPLY

Cowkeepers.

Number	on	Register							 35
Number	of	inspections mad	le						 38
		contraventions							16
		contraventions							
		contraventions							15
Number	of	contraventions	outst	andi	ng on	318	t. Dec	ember	 3

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than cowkeepers)

Number	on	Register							10
Number	of	inspections mad	le						14
Number	of	contraventions	outstandi	ng fi	rom pi	revious	year	٠	1
Number	of	contraventions	found dur	ing t	the ye	ear			- 4
Number	of	contraventions	remedied	duri	ng yea	r			5
Number	of	contraventions	outstandi	ng or	n 31st	. Dece	mber		0

Total Contraventions

Number of Engine Tors	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st. December.
Cleansing	1	10	10	1
Structural Alterations	1	5	4	2
Utensils	0	0	0	0
Other	1	5	6	0

Milk Sampling.

Class	Total No. of samples taken for exam.	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatis:
"Tuberculin Tested"	-	-	-
"Accredited"	-	-	-
"Pasteurised"	-	=	-
Ordinary		Em.	-

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Licensed Pasteuring Plants

Type.	Capacity.	Temperature Control.		
Holder.	100 gallons per hour	Hand.		

Number of Plants for heating milk not licensed as Pasteuring Plants:-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Regional Slaughter houses in Area	 	None
Number of animals slaughtered in Area	 	-
Number of animals examined in Area	 	-
Number of animals slaughtered elsewhere	 • • • •	23
Number of animals examined elsewhere	 	23
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughtered.	 •••	23
Number of Knacker Yards in Area	 	1
Number of visits to Knacker Yards	 	4

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep &	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
No. killed (if known					23	
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All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole Carcases condemned.	entre-te			ourproces onder in	Nil.	(4)
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	Number of inspections Nil										
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	Number of inspections 42										
	Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-										
	Number of inspections 18										
	Six Informal No	tices were i	ssued at	nd were	complied	with.					
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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 Officers32
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 2
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
	(a) by owners Nil (b) by Local Authority in default of owners 2
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:- (a) by owners Nil (b) by Local Authority in default of owners Nil
(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
(a)	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 dwellings overcrowded at end of year 2 (2) Number of families dwelling therein 4 (3) Number of persons dwelling therein 21
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year 3
(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year 1 (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 7
(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 Nil
	Prevalence of, and Control over
	Infectious Diseases.
	Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1942.

DISEASES	Total cases	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	11	7	0

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DISEASES	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Diphtheria	3	2	0
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Acute Pneumonia	2	0	2
Measles	12	0	0

Age Distribution of Cases of Infectious Diseases

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4 - 5	1	-	-	
5 - 10	2	2	-	-
10 - 15	6	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-
20 - 35	1	-	-	
35 - 45	1	-	-	1
45 - 65		1	2	-
65 and over		-	-	-

A scheme of Immunisation against Diptheria is being carried out by means of sessions at the Schools, and also at the Child Welfare Centre. At the end of December, 1942 the estimated percentage of children who have completed the treatment (including those done privately) were:-

Comparison of the Case Rates of Ashby Urban District 1942, with corresponding Case Rates for England and Wales.

Diseases.	As	hby Urb	an District	. En	glan	1 & W	les
Scarlet Fever	1.82 p	er 1000	population	. 2.19	per	1000	pop:
Diphtheria	0.49	11 11	11	1.05	11	" .	11
Erysipelas	0.33	11 11	"	0.3	11	11	11
Measles	1.98	11 11	"	7.46	11	11	11

Prevention of Blindness:-

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

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Tuberculosis: -

New Cases

Two new cases were notified during 1942. One Respiratory and one Non-respiratory in type both in males.

One death in a male of Respiratory Tuberculosis occurred during the year.

No action has been 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 which has been closed during the war. 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,
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