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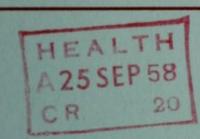
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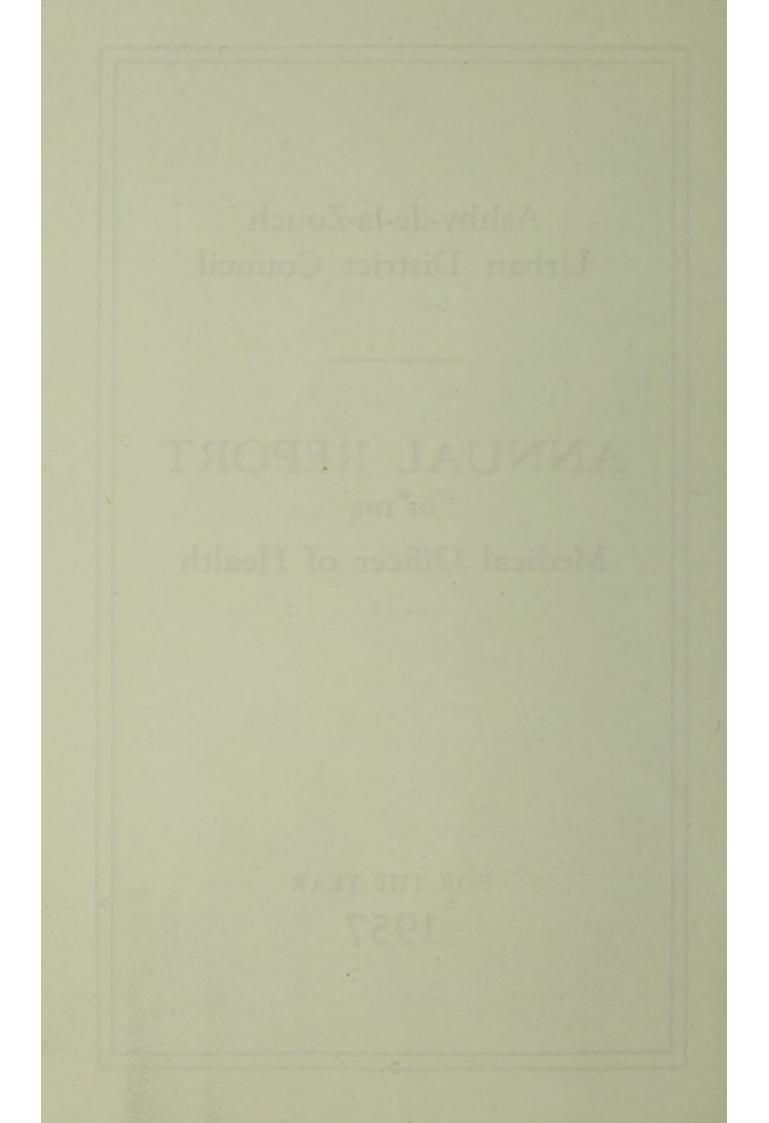


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Additional Public Health Inspector : H. H. FORD, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I.

> Clerk to the Council : S. E. WILKINSON

Chairman of Council : G. E. A. RIDGWAY, J.P.

Highways Committee Chairman : L. BLOOR

Housing Committee Chairman : W. J. C. BOWKER

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1957.

The population, which appears to be steadily increasing, was 6,840 compared with 6,700 in 1956.

The birth rate (13.2) is lower than last year (14.0) and less than that for England and Wales (16.1).

The death rate (10.9) is higher than last year (9.5), and lower than that for England and Wales (11.5).

The chief causes of death are from diseases associated with elderly people.

Of the 76 deaths, 8 were due to accidents of various kinds and suicide.

I am pleased to report that in January, 1957, the new Maternity Unit was opened.

123 houses were completed during the year, making a total of 574 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 412, and the number of applications received during the year 61.

With respect to general housing conditions the position is rapidly deteriorating, due to the large proportion of old property in the area.

During the year, 85 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, 3 Pneumonia, 50 Measles and 32 Whooping Cough.

I regret to report a decrease in the number of children receiving primary immunisation against diphtheria.

Six cases of Tuberculosis, all Pulmonary, were added to the register during the year, but only 3 were new notifications

I should like to express my thanks to the Staff of the Public Health Department of the County and to Dr. Mair and his staff in the Public Health Laboratory at Groby Road, Leicester, for their help and co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Mr. T. H. Farrell, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and Mr. H. H. Ford, Additional Public Health Inspector, for their invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and courtesy,

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

### SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

General Statistics and Social	Contai	lions	or the mica
Area			6,162 acres
Population (Registrar General's	estimate	)	6,840
Number of Inhabited Houses			2,314
Rateable Value (at 31/12/57)			£,79,115
Sum represented by a Penny R	ate,		
(ending 56/57)			£331
Comparability factor-Births			0.99
Deaths			1.08

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the District are :—Agriculture, Biscuit Making, Crisp Manufacture, Dairies Soap Manufacturing and Glove Manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking are residents in the town. There are also 3 Public Parks and an Open-air Swimming Bath. No industry was noted as having a special injurious effect on the health of the population.

# **Vital Statistics**

LIVE BIRTHS:			Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate			39	50	89	
Illegitimate			1	1	2	
Total			40	51	91	
Live Birth Rate per 1	,000	popula	tion	-	13.2	
England and Wales B	irth	Rate po	er 1,000	population	16.1	
STILL BIRTHS:			Male	Female	Tota!	
Legitimate			5	0	5	
Illegitimate			0	0	0	
Total			5	0	0	
			-	-		
Total Live and Still Births						
Still Birth Rate per 1.000 live and still births 52						
England and Wales Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births 22.4						

DEATHS :	Male	Female	Total
	27	49	76
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Death Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales Death Rate pe		opulation	10.9 11.5

# Causes of Death in 1957

	Male	Female	Total
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	8	11
Diabetes	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	10	12
Coronary disease, angina	3	7	10
Hypertension with heart disease	0	2	2
Other heart disease	2	4	6
Other circulatory disease	2	0	2
Influenza	0	1	1
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	4	9
Motor vehicle accidents	4	0	4
All other accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	1	0	1
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Total	27	44	71

Death Rate from Total Maternal Causes per 1,000 Live and Still Births-0. (England and Wales 0.47.)

Deaths of Infants	under 1	l year	of age	:	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate					1	2	3
Illegitimate					0	0	0
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	Total				1	2	3
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Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age-32.5 per 1,000 Live Births. (England and Wales-28.0 per 1,000 Live Births.)

Deaths of Infants	under	4 weeks	of a	ge :—	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate					1	1	2
Illegitimate					0	0	0
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					1	1	2
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Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks of age: 21.9. (England and Wales—16.5.) SECTION B

#### General Provisions of Health Services for the Area

#### HOSPITALS

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board, with the exception of a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes. The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When they become ill, they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

#### ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

This is the only hospital in the area and is under the Leicester No. 2 Hospital Management Committee.

The new Maternity Unit was opened on 1st January, 1957, providing five extra maternity beds, with improved facilities throughout the department, including an enlarged Nursery and modern Labour Ward.

Plans have been finalised for a new Out-Patients' Department and building should commence in the next few months.

No. of In-Patients (Medical, S	urgical	and Gy	ynaeco	logical	
cases					430
No. of Maternity Patients					329
BIRTHS (compared with 19	2 for	1956)			299
Out-Patients' attendances, ca	sualtie	s, etc.			3926
OPERATIONS				1.000	306

#### TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby. An Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Sanatorium. The Tuberculosis Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

#### AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moria Colliery.

#### NURSING IN THE HOME

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the home is under the County Council. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and visits the patients in their homes.

#### **HEALTH VISITING**

This work is provided, as before, by the County Council, and is ably carried out in the Area.

#### LABORATORY FACILITIES

#### The Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory are as follows :--

Ice Creams			9
Throat and Nose Swabs			4
Faeces and Urine		d vino	17
Sputa	10.000		38
Vaginal and Cervical Swabs			1
Waters			3
Miscellaneous			6
Total			78

Generally, there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

#### SECTION C

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

#### Water Supply

The water is supplied by the Ashby and Swadlincote Joint Water Board and is satisfactory in quantity and quality.

No. of Dwelling Houses, 2,245. Estimated Population, 6,599. Mains Water from External Standpipes—

No. of Dwelling Houses, 63. Estimated Population, 252. Well Water Supply—

No. of Dwelling Houses, 6. Estimated Population, 24.

Apart from a few isolated dwellings, the whole of the urban area is supplied with water from the public mains.

Number of cases in which Pipe supply was substituted for Well Water-0.

No wells were closed or cleansed, and no samples of well water taken for analysis.

#### Sewage Disposal

Number of cesspools constructed during the year—Nil. Number of cesspools abolished during the year—Nil. Total number of cesspools in District on 31st December, 1957— 47 (estimated).

### **Closet Accommodation**

Total number in District on 31st December, 1957 (Estimated)-

(a)	Privies	 	 	33
( <i>b</i> )	Pail Closets	 	 	24
(c)	Water Closets	 	 	2257

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

(a)	Privies	 	• •	••	0
( <i>b</i> )	Pail Closets	 			0

No grant is made towards the cost of conversion.

Number of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year : Nil.

Earth closets, privies, ashpits, and cesspools are cleansed by Council workmen, and disposed of on arable land and ploughed in.

Pail closets are emptied weekly, and contents disposed of in the same way.

#### **Public Cleansing**

Domestic refuse is removed weekly by direct labour over the whole area by one Dennis refuse vehicle, and the contents disposed of to two controlled tips.

#### Sanitary Inspection of the Area

(a)	Total number of complaints received	580
( <i>b</i> )	Total number of premises at which defects or	
	nuisances were dealt with	523
(c)	Total number of defects or nuisances dealt with	817

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# Particulars of Inspections made

Animal Keeping				2
Bakehouses				8
Dairies				30
Draining Works				150
Dwelling-houses (all purpos	ses)			634
Food Premises				172
Offensive Trades				3
Refuse Collection and Disp				48
Rodent Control				183
Schools				6
Shops				53
Slaughter-houses				413
Smoke Observations				5
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.				12
Verminous and Dirty Prem				3
Water Supplies		Close	No.	22
Workshops, Outworkers, etc.				12
Other Inspections		100 000		53
child moperations				
Total				1,809

# Notices

# **Preliminary Notices**

		Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January,	1957	 5	9
Issued during year		 18	16
Complied with during year		 19	17
Statutory action necessary		 0	3
Outstanding 31st December,	1957	 4	8

# **Statutory Notices**

Statutory Notices, 3.

Summary action, Nil.

### Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950.

		tstanding: Jan., 1957	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec., 1957
Sanitary					
Conveniences		1	1	2	0
Temperature		0	0	0	0
Ventilation		0	0	0	0
Washing Facilitie	es	0	2	1	1 1 1
Lighting		0	0	0	0
Facilities for					
taking Meals		0	0	0	n Mole U

### **Regulated Buildings**

Class of Building	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action Taken	General Conditions
Tents, Vans,		ap and the test		
Sheds, etc	. 2	8	0	satisfactory
Offensive Trades	1	3	0	satisfactory

# **Eradication of Bed Bugs**

No action necessary.

#### The Pet Animal Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

### Rag Flock and other Filling Material Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

#### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Inspection of district, including baiting of public sewers. Treatment of infested premises. One part-time Rodent Operator.

#### Schools

No action taken.

#### Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

NIO	4.93	Area	
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(a) Publicly owned	 	 	1
(b) Privately owned	 	 	0
No. of Inspections	 	 	48

#### SECTION D

#### Housing

#### Houses completed during the year

	Prefab. Per- manent	Per- manent	Aver. Cost per House	Aver. Rent inclusive or exclusive of
Local Authority	<i>Type</i> Nil	Type 85	£1,600	Rates 39/- inclusive
By Private Enterprise		38	£2,300	All Owner

#### Houses in course of erection at end of year :

By	Local Authority	Nil	Nil
By	Private Enterprise	Nil	8

# Total number of Post-War Houses completed

By	Local Authority	 	 	 380
By	Private Enterprise		 	 194

Applications for Council Houses	
Total number at end of year	412
Applications received during the year	61
Number of Council houses in the district prior to the	N. SIENT
War (1939)	163
Housing Act, 1936-Part 4-Overcrowding	
Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year.	Nil
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during	
year	Nil
Number of persons concerned in such cases	Nil
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
The position with respect to general house conditions	
deteriorating due to large proportion of old property in the o	district.
Housing Summary	
Total number of houses occupied in District 2	314
Total number of Council houses occupied in District	543
	515
Housing Act, 1949	NYA .
Number of Applications for reconditioning grants	1
Number of Applications approved	1
Number of Applications refused	Nil
SECTION E	
Inspection and Supervision of Flood	
Inspection and Supervision of Flood	
Ice Cream	
Number of Premises registered :	•
(a) Manufacture and retail	0
(b) Manufacture only	0
(c) Retail only	21 9
Number of Samples taken	,
An premises retain prepacked only.	
Milk Supply	
Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors (Secti	on 8
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949) :	
Number on Register—Dairies	3
Distributors	11
Number of Inspections made	30
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous	0
year	0

# Bacteriological Milk Samples

None taken by Urban District Council. Samples were taken by the County Council. All satisfactory.

### Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of Licen	ces issued :			
Dealers' Licence	es-Pasteurised			3
	Sterilised			1
Supplementary	Licences-Paste	urised .		3
	Steril	ised .		Nil
Milk (Special Designa	tions) (Raw M	ilk) Reg	ulations,	1949
Particulars of Licen	ces issued :			
Dealers' Licence	es			3
Supplementary	Licences			3

# Meat and Other Foods

No. of Slaughter Houses in Area	 2
No. of Animals slaughtered elsewhere	 Nil
No. of Animals examined elsewhere	 Nil
No. of Inspections of meat at time of slaughter	 3,722
No. of Knackers' Yards in Area	 Nil
No. of visits to Knackers' Yards	 Nil

# MEAT INSPECTION

# **Carcases Inspected and Condemned**

in grant being an	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	925	131	16	1493	1157
Number inspected	925	131	16	1493	1157
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcase condemned	1	Nil	1	2	1
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	180	30	0	64	42
Percentage of number other than Tuberculosis	19%	23%	6%	4%	4%
Tuberculosis only Whole carcase condemned	3	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	80	40	0	0	33
Percentage of number affected with Tuberculosis	9%	30%	0%	0%	3%

#### Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Number of premises insp	pected			25
Number of inspections r	nade for th	e purpose		42
Number of informal not	ices served			7
Number of informal not	ices complie	ed with		7
Number of informal not	ices outstan	ding, 31st	Dec.	0
Number of formal notice	es served			0

2. No summary action taken.

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3. No special steps, e.g., meetings, lectures, etc., taken.

4. There is only one local authority owned market in the district, which does not comply with the Regulations, and the stalls are to be modernised as soon as possible.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores,	etc				6
Number of Inspections					68
Places where food (other prepared for sale	than	meat)	is kept	or	
Number of Inspections					36

### SECTION F

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1957

Disease	Final numbers after correction	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Measles	 50	0	0
Pneumonia	 3	0	0
Whooping Cough	 32	0	0
		_	-
	85	0	0

#### Analysis Under Age Groups according to Registrar General's Return 118d

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Age	Perio	od		М	easles	w nooping Cough
Under 1 year			 		1	2
1-2			 		9	4
3-4			 		8	9
5—9			 		32	15
10-14			 		0	2
15-24			 		0	0
25 and over			 		0	0
					-	-
		Total	 		50	32

						Pneu	monia
ars							1
			••		••		1
/er			••				1
	To	tal					3
		ver		ver	ver	ver	ears 

#### **Immunisation against Diphtheria**

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st January-31st December, 1957

31/12/57	nder 1 1957	1 1956	2 1955	3 1954	4 1953	5 1952		7 1950	8 1949	9 1948	Total
Primary Immunisation	1	40	6	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	57
Booster Dose	0	0	0	0	4	22	6	0	0	1	33

### Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register for the year 1957

	Pulmon	ary No	m-Pulmo	Total	
	М.	<i>F</i> .	М.	F.	
No. of cases on the Register at the commencement of					
year	15	9	3	1	28
No. of cases notified during the year	2	0	0	1	3
No. of cases added other than by formal notification	2	1	0	0	3
No. of cases removed from the Register	1	0	0	1	2
No. of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	18	10	2		30
the Register at end of year	10	10	5	1	54

#### **Causes of Removal**

	Pulmonary		Non-puli	Total	
	М.	F.	M.	F.	
Left District	1	0	0	0	1
Diagnosis not confirmed	0	0	0	1	1
Total					
Total					4

There is free co-operation between the Local Authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment. A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily, and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Resumé of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1957, previously sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

#### 1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written notices
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	12	2
Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority Other Premises in which Section	32	50	2
7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	4	52	0
Total	41	114	4

# 2.-Cases in which defects were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases.)

	Number of cases in which defects were found				
Particulars		Remedied			
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) :					
(a) Unsuitable or defective	4	4			
(b) Not separate for sexes	0	0			
Other offences against the Act (not in-					
cluding offences relating to Outwork)	1	1			
mult - defensive termenter		-			
Total	5	5			
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# Part VIII of the Act Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

	No. of Outworkers
	in August List
	required by Sec. 110
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Nature of Work

