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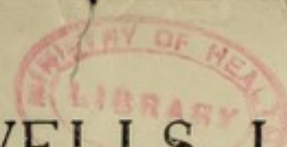
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# BUILTH WELLS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## REPORT FOR 1937,

By GEORGE PHILLIPS DRIVER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	...	...	701
Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population, mid-1937)	...	...	1537
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	...	...	530
Rateable Value	...	...	£9,074
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£35 17 8

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.—Builth Wells is at the centre of a large agricultural area with a very good Market every Monday and several fairs during the year. A quarry a mile away provides work for a number of persons.

### Vital Statistics for 1937.

		Total	M.	F.	
Live Births—{	Legitimate	27	17	10	
	Illegitimate	1	1	Nil	
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population					18.21
		Total	M.	F.	
Still Births—{	Legitimate	3	3	Nil	
	Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Rate per 1,000 TOTAL (Live and Still) Births					96.77
		Total	M.	F.	
Deaths	...	25	13	12	
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population					16.26

### DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES—

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Total Births
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil	Nil
Total Puerperal Causes	Nil	Nil

### DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	Nil
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births	...	Nil
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	Nil
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	Nil

### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS :—

- (1) George P. Driver, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Health.
  - (2) Douglas D. Lloyd, Sanitary Officer.
- Both Officers are part-time only.

#### LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bio-chemical and Pathological work is carried out by the Clinical Research Association Ltd., London, when required.

#### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance provided at the end of 1934 has been of very great assistance.

#### NURSING IN THE HOME.

Nursing is carried out by the Nursing Association of Builth Wells which maintains a Certified Midwife who acts as a general nurse and who visits in the district.

There is also a bona-fide Midwife who also acts as general nurse.

There is no provision for nursing cases of Infectious disease.

#### CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRE.

A Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held once a month. The Welsh National Memorial Association have a dispensary at Builth Wells. Dr. N. T. K. Jordan attends twice a month at this dispensary.

By arrangement with the Breconshire Education Committee an Orthopaedic Surgeon attends Builth Wells periodically.

#### HOSPITALS : PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY.

There is no Public Hospital, nor is there a Public Assistance Institution in this area.

There is a well equipped Voluntary Hospital of 25 beds. The provision of an extra wing to this Hospital was completed in May, 1936.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

#### THE WATER SUPPLY.

The district has a piped supply.—No extension of public water supply has been made during the year. No bacteriological or chemical analysis of the water has been made during the year. The quality and the quantity of the water have been apparently good. No pollution has occurred.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No sewage works have been carried out, and no alteration of closet accommodation has been made. Scavenging has been carried out efficiently.

#### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No action has been necessary to check the pollution of rivers or streams in the area.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The following inspections have been made :—

Nuisances	...	...	10
Food Preparing Places	...	...	58
Slaughter Houses	...	...	398
Cowsheds	...	...	263
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	52
Dairies	...	...	41
Bake-houses	...	...	62
Lodging houses	...	...	52
Offensive Trade (Fellmonger)	...	...	52
Houses Disinfected	...	...	1
Total	...	...	989

NOTICES ISSUED :—

Informal	...	...	10
Statutory	...	...	Nil
Notices complied with	...	...	10

SMOKE ABATEMENT.—No occasion for action has occurred.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS which can be controlled by Bye-Laws :—

Slaughter Houses	...	...	4
Cowsheds and Dairies	...	...	5
Offensive Trade	...	...	1
Lodging Houses	...	..	1

#### FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

All work places have been periodically inspected and found satisfactory.

#### SCHOOLS.

The Sanitary Condition of the Schools is good. Neither School was closed on account of Infectious Disease.

#### HEALTH EDUCATION.

No arrangements have been made for Health Education.

#### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no public or privately owned Swimming Baths or Pools in the area.

#### ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

No action has been taken.

### Housing

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED during the year ... .. 2

#### 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) ... ..	31
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	31
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	1
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	3
(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 (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	2

#### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR, WITHOUT SERVICE OR FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. 4

#### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(a) Proceedings under Section 17, 18, and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.	
(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 the service of formal notices.	
(a) By owners ... ..	2
(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 ... ..	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
(a) By owners ... ..	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Section 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of previous Demolition Orders ... ..	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930.	
(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 rooms having been rendered fit ... ..	Nil

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

- MILK SUPPLY.—Samples taken were in the majority of cases highly satisfactory, reaching the standard of Certified Milk from a Bacteriological standpoint. Those not so satisfactory were taken again and much improvement found.
- SLAUGHTER HOUSES were inspected on 398 occasions and found satisfactory. No carcasses were destroyed due to disease.
- ADULTERATION.—No samples of food have been examined.
- CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.—No examination has been carried out.
- NUTRITION.—There is no scheme for education on this matter.

**Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) During the Year 1937.**

Disease.	AGE PERIODS.											Total cases	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total deaths.		
	Under 1 year	1-2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	to 65 & over					
Small-pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet fever	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	Nil	Nil
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	10	5	10	5	Nil

- (a) CANCER.—No observation to be made.
- (b) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.—No cause for action was necessary.
- (c) TUBERCULOSIS.—No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

**New Cases of Tuberculosis and Mortality during 1937.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
0—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The number of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths ... Nil

The number of Total Tuberculosis deaths ... Nil

The notification of Tuberculosis is satisfactory.

**GEORGE P. DRIVER.**

September 18th, 1938.