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HAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

1944.



Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1944. This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 49/45 and is again therefore rather restricted. It should be noted that the restrictions, on grounds of national security, previously imposed on the publication figures in the Annual Report, communications to the press etc., and on references to activities in connection with war-time industrial, military or other important developments, such as extension of water supplies or sewerage works, or other public utility undertakings, have now been removed.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population Figures. These figures have been supplied by the Registrar General.

1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
1329.	1386.	1556.	1409.	1450.	1420.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>
1938.....			26.....	19.
1939.....			15.....	11.2.
1940.....	19.....	20.....	39.....	28.
1941.....	12.....	12.....	24.....	15.3.
1942.....	10.....	9.....	28.....	19.3.
1943.....	7.....	17.....	24.....	16.5.
1944.....	16.....	13.....	29.....	20.4.
England & Wales, 1944.....				17.6.

Illegitimate Births. Three of the above births were illegitimate.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>
1938.....			1.....	0.7.
1939.....			1.....	0.7.
1940.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0.
1941.....	1.....	0.....	1.....	0.6.
1942.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0.
1943.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0.
1944.....	1.....	0.....	1.....	0.7.
England & Wales, 1944.....				0.5.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>
1938.....			25.....	18.3.
1939.....			25.....	17.3.
1940.....	15.....	16.....	31.....	22.
1941.....	11.....	13.....	24.....	15.4.
1942.....	8.....	16.....	24.....	16.1.
1943.....	14.....	12.....	26.....	17.8.
1944.....	13.....	11.....	24.....	16.8.
England & Wales, 1944.....				11.6.

Hay Urban District Council.

Venereal Disease. The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swanscombe, for the treatment of these cases.

Tuberculosis. The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in the town in recent years.

Number of cases on the register at the commencement of year.....	9.
Number of cases added to register during the year.....	4.
Number of deaths during the year.....	1.
Number of cases removed as recovered.....	1.
Number of cases otherwise removed.....	1.
Number of cases left on register at the end of the year.....	10.

Number of notifications in recent years.....	1939...0.
	1940...2.
	1941...4.
	1942...2.
	1943...3.
	1944...4.

Infestation. Rats and Mice.

As a result of the Infestation Order, 1943, the Council engaged a Rodent Officer who is responsible, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector, for the destruction of rats and mice in the town. This officer is also employed in a similar capacity by the Hay Rural Council.

Milk Sampling.

During the year milk sampling was carried out in accordance with the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme. A District Laboratory was set up in Builth Wells and samples of all producer retailer milk were taken regularly by the Sanitary Inspector. All wholesale milk is tested as a routine in the various depots and creameries. Under this scheme milk is graded into three categories, i.e.,

Category A.....	Milk of good keeping quality.
Category B.....	Milk of doubtful keeping quality.
Category C.....	Milk of bad keeping quality which is returnable to the vendor.

On the receipt of samples of Category C milk advisory visits are made to the farm concerned by an officer of the War Agricultural Executive Committee and if no improvement occurs as a result of these visits the producer is referred to the Local Authority for any action that may be deemed necessary.

The following figures show the results of the samples taken during the year;

Total samples taken.....	104.
Category A samples.....	84.
Category B samples.....	7.
Category C samples.....	13.

No producer was referred to the Council by the Executive Committee during the year.

Water Supplies.

During the year the water from both the Hay Common and the Llangwathan supplies has been satisfactory in quality. The Hay Common supply is treated by sand filtration and is chlorinated.

The quantity, as in previous years, has been inadequate to maintain a full supply throughout the year. The position during 1944 was acute owing to the three previous dry years and it was necessary to restrict the supply to consumers from the 23rd May to 15th October. At three stages of the restrictions the position was so acute that the National Fire Service was called in to augment the supply by pumping from a nearby source.

The supply is piped and the results of a chemical and bacteriological examination showed the water to be of good organic purity and free from pollution.

The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

Ninety-five per cent of the householders are supplied direct from the public mains and the remainder from standpipes.

The provision of an adequate water supply for the district therefore remains urgent.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R. George,

Medical Officer of Health.