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ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year 1953

To The Llandilo Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my second Annual Report for the Year ended 31st. December, 1953.

The Area of the Urban District is 311 acres.

The estimated population for 1953 is 1860.

Rateable Value - £9237.

Product of a 1d. Rate - £37.

My Report has been divided into two main sections:-

- (1) Medical Statistics, and
- (2) Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector for his loyal co-operation in the work of the Department, and the Members of the Council and Staff for their help and interest at all times.

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

G. M. HERBERT,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS -

The number of births for the year fell to less than half that for 1952 - making the birth rate 9.68 per 1,000 population.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	9	9	18
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Legitimate and Illegitimate	9	9	18

The Birth Rate for 1953 is 9.68 per 1,000 estimated population.

The Birth Rate for Carmarthenshire for 1953 is 14.08 per 1,000 estimated population.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1953 is 15.5 per 1,000 estimated population.

STILL BIRTHS -

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Legitimate and Illegitimate	0	0	0

The Still Birth Rate for 1953 is 0 per 1,000 total births.

The Still Birth Rate for Carmarthenshire for 1953 is 21.54 per 1,000 total births.

The Still Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1953 is 22.4 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS -

Male	Female	Total
18	6	24

The Death Rate for 1953 is 12.90 per 1,000 estimated population.

The Death Rate for Carmarthenshire for 1953 is 12.96 per 1,000 estimate population.

The Death Rate for England and Wales for 1953 is 11.40 per 1,000 estimated population.

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES

There were no Maternal deaths resulting from Pregnancy or Childbirth in the Area during 1953.

	Llandilo U.D.	Carmarthenshire County Council	England and Wales
No. of deaths	0	3	525
Rates per 1,000 Total Births	0	1.2	0.76

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1

RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS -

	Llandilo U.D.	Carmarthenshire County Council	England and Wales	London
Deaths under 1 year of age	55.55	34.48	26.8	24.8
Deaths of infants under 1 month	0	22.85	-	-
Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	0	-	1.1	1.1

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis	1	0
Influenza, Bronchitis & Pneumonia	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
Diabetes	0	0
Cancer	4	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	3	0
Coronary Disease	3	2
Other Heart Diseases	4	1
Circulatory Diseases	0	1
Digestive Diseases	0	0
Suicide	0	1
Road Accident	1	0
Other Accidents	2	0
All Causes	18	6

DEATH RATES -

	Llandilo U.D.	Carmarthenshire County Council	England and Wales	London
All Causes	12.90	12.96	11.40	12.50
Diphtheria	0	-	0	0
Influenza	0	-	0.16	0.15
Pneumonia	0	-	0.55	0.64
Tuberculosis	0.54	0.23	0.20	0.24
Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis)	0	-	0.01	0.01
Cancer	2.58	2.0	-	-

CANCER -

Number of Deaths:- Male - 4; Female - 1; Total - 5.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER -

	Male	Female	Total
Stomach and Duodenum	1	0	1
Lung and Bronchus	1	0	1
Pancreas	2	0	2
Oesophagus	0	1	1
TOTAL	4	1	5

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER DISEASES OTHER
THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The following were the Infectious Diseases notified, also those occurring in the County during the year.

Diseases	Llandilo U.D.	Carmarthenshire County Council
Scarlet Fever	0	80
Measles	1	809
Pneumonia	1	181
Erysipelas	0	14
Diphtheria	0	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	7
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	11
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	12
Whooping Cough	1	272
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0	0
TOTAL	3	1386

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

It is gratifying to report that there was an increase in the number of children immunised against Diphtheria during the year.

The figures are:-

Age 0 - 5 years who completed full primary course	38
Age 5 - 14 " " " " " "	25
Number who received reinforcing injections	193

TUBERCULOSIS

Two new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during 1953.

No cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

There was one death from this disease during the year.

Tuberculosis Rates per 1,000 population

	Llandilo U.D.	Carmarthenshire County Council	England and Wales	London
New Cases	1.06	1.43	-	-
Deaths	0.53	-	0.20	0.24

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mass Radiography Unit visited the Town for 2 days in May but the attendance was rather disappointing - 353 persons - approximately 13% of the total population.

The following is a list of attendances in age groups, and the results:-

	GRAND TOTAL	Under 15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60 & over	TOTALS
Total number examined	353	M 1 F 2	26 39	42 30	44 49	55 35	15 15	M 183 F 170
Number found to be abnormal	25 or 7.08%	M - F -	- 1	- -	3 3	9 3	4 2	M 16 F 9
Classification of abnormal cases:- (a) Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1 or 0.28%	M - F -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	M 1 F -
(b) Requiring further observation	2 or 0.57%	M - F -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	M 1 F 1
(c) Other abnormalities of the Chest	22 or 6.23%	M - F -	- -	- -	3 3	8 3	3 2	M 14 F 8

DETAILS OF OTHER ABNORMALITIES -

	Male	Female	Total
Bony abnormality	1	-	1
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	-	2
Bronchiectasis	1	-	1
Pulmonary fibrosis	1	-	1
Pneumoconiosis	5	-	5
Basal fibrosis	1	-	1
Healed primary P.T.	2	3	5
Healed post primary P.T.	1	2	3
Acquired Heart Disease	-	3	3
TOTALS	14	8	22

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948
SECTION 47

No action was required under this Act during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

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1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health:-

	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s.	9	1	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A.	3	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers premises)	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	1	0

2. Cases in which defects found:-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences -				
(a) Insufficient	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	0

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Supply to the Town is obtained from two sources, (a) Maesevan Reservoir and (b) a Spring at Llandyfan.

An adequate supply was maintained during the year. In previous years, the Co-operative Wholesale Creamery at Ffairfach was consuming approximately 20,000 gallons per day. The Creamery has ceased to use the supply and as a result, a better supply was available for the Town.

Proposals for a new main from Llandyfan are in the hands of the Council's Consulting Engineer and the completed scheme will provide a suitable and sufficient supply for the Town.

The supply to the Town is chlorinated, .3 parts per million of free chlorine being used.

SEWERS

The Town is sewered by stoneware pipes and bricks and stone culverts. These discharge, untreated into the River Towy.

Proposals are under consideration for a joint scheme with the Llandilo Rural District Council involving the construction of sewage disposal works.

HOUSING

No. of Houses inspected	59
Informal Notices served	12
Statutory Notices served	NIL
Informal Notices complied with	10
Statutory Notices complied with	NIL

No. of new Houses built: By Private Licensing	NIL
U.D.C.	NIL

No. of new Houses under construction: By Private Licensing	1
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During the year, the Council purchased the Hostel on Carmarthen Road and converted it into five separate dwellings.

Site works for the erection of 32 Council Houses at Heol-y-garreglas were commenced during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator.

The services of the Operator are free in respect of dwelling houses and a charge is levied in respect of business and other premises. This fee is fixed on a time and materials basis.

The Town sewers are treated twice yearly in accordance with Ministry of Agriculture instructions.

The following are details of the Operator's work:-

	Dwelling Houses	Business and Other Premises	Total
Number of properties inspected	315	24	339
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	144	18	162
Number treated	144	18	162

MEAT INSPECTION

The following are details of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year at the Council's Abattoir:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	1915	1609	11,287	1876
Number inspected	1915	1609	11,287	1876
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1197	8	1,254	62
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	63.5%	.49%	11.11%	3.3%
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	3.2%	-	-	1.39%
Whole carcasses condemned other than with Tuberculosis	15	12	30	11
Whole carcasses condemned as the result of Tuberculosis	3	-	-	-

