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LLANDRINDOD WELLS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

November, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration the report of the Sanitary Conditions and Vital Statistics of the Urban District for the year 1961.

This report is prepared in accordance with the instructions issued by the Welsh Board of Health, Circular 1/62 (Wales) and presents briefly the scope and activities of the Health Department.

Yours faithfully,

Medical Officer of Health.

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LLANDRINDOD WELLS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1961.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of District	 1509 acres
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population Mid. 1961	 3350 persons
ditto Mid. 1960	 3360 persons
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of year (including flats) (increase of 15 during the year)	 1164
Rateable Value - 31st December, 1961	 £51,885
Product of Penny Rate	 £207. 15. 2

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The year 1961 brought little variation in the health and livelihood of the townspeople and my observations in the Reports of previous years are still applicable. The town as a health, holiday and tourist resort still retains its popularity.

The townspeople were fully employed throughout the year and unemployment of employable men and women was negligible. The efforts to obtain some light industry whereby the young people can be employed have as yet not been successful and many of our school leavers have still to be guided to training and employment elsewhere.

The resident population of the town varies very little in numbers from the past years and there was no excessive mortality or epedemics and the health of the townspeople was generally good.

Climatological Conditions. The climatological conditions of 1961 were as detailed in the following tabulation which includes comparisons with the three previous years:-

	1961	1960	1959	1958
Total Rainfall	42.67	50.80	41.3	45-84
Highest Maximum Temperature	85°F	79°F	82°F	75°F
Average Maximum Temperature	55•6 F	54.6 F	56.63 F	54.7°F
Lowest Minimum Temperature	14°F	21°F	8°F	5°F
Average Minimum Temperature	40.6°F	40.8°F	41.26°F	40.7°F
Sunshine Hours	1293.4	1253*3	1535*4	1112*1

The sunshine for the year was average. Rainfall was low, the months of February and March were dry, the summer months of July, August and September were wet.

Occupations. There was no appreciable change in the occupation of the townspeople. The occupations can still be divided into those required for the health and holiday resort, Local Government Administration, Government Administration, Public Utilities, Agricultural and trades to do with agriculture with a very small number engaged on industrial manufacturing.

TABLE 1

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT DURING 1961

		TOTAL	Male	Female
Live Births	(Legitimate	45	23	22
	(Illegitimate	3	2	1
		48	25	23
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Still Births	(Illegitimate	- 5305	2.10	A1415-
		1	Nil	no goda 1 %
		(83613 g	MARKETT TO BE	nerout)
Live Births.				
Number				48
Rate per 1000	population			14•3
7.00	• •			••• 11•3
Illegitimate	live births per cent	of total live bir	ths	6-25
Still Births.	Details and all makes			
Number				11
Rate per 1000) total live and still	l births		14.6
Total live ar	nd still births .			49
	deaths under 1 year	r)	Many Miles 10 an	1
Infant mortal	O Tales and Step of St			JOH JUY BE.
	infants deaths per 100			20.8
	imate infant deaths	The second secon		Nil
And a second	ate infant deaths per	Labore his him will		****
Neo-Natal mor	tality rate (deaths wirths)	nder 4 weeks per 10	00 total	Nil
	cal mortality rate (d		COLUMN TO SERVICE DE LA COLUMN	Nil
	tality rate (still b		"Jaknok and	***
	ed per 1000 total liv			Nil
Maternal mort	ality (including about	rtion) :-		
Number	of deaths		the second tends	··· Nil
Rate pe	er 1000 total live and	d still births .	date To product	··· Nil
DEATHS		TOTAL	Male	Female
Number of des	ths	50	25	25
The death rat	e per 1000 of the es	timated resident pe	opulation was 1	4.9
	Death rates for 1960 1959	or previous years - 14.9 - 14.5		

1960 - 14·9 1959 - 14·5 1958 - 13·55 1957 - 11·76 1956 - 15·4 1955 - 15·33 1954 - 13·41

TABLE 2

STATISTICS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

	CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.
All	Causes:-	25	25
1.	Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	Nil
2.	Tuberculosis other	Nil	Nil
3.	Syphilitic disease	1	Nil
4.	Diphtheria	Nil	Nil
5.	Whooping Cough	Nil	Nil
6.	Acute Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil
7.	Measles	Nil	Nil
8.	Other infective and parasitic diseases		
	(i) Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	Nil	Nil
	(ii) " - Lung bronchus	1	Nil
	(iii) " - Breast	Nil	Nil
	(iv) " - Úterus	Nil	Nil
	(v) Other malignant and lymphatic		
	neoplasms	3	2
	(vi) Leukaemia Alenkaernia	Nil	Nil
9.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	8
10.	Diabetes	Nil	Nil
11.	Coronary disease angina	5	5
12.	Hypertensia with heart disease	Nil	Nil
13.		1	3
14.	Other circulatory disease	2	2
15.	Influenza	1.	Nil
16.	Pneumonia	1	Nil
	Bronchitis	1	Nil
18.	Other diseases of respiratory system	Nil	Nil
19.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	Nil	Nil
20.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	Nil	Nil
21.	Nephritis and nephrosis	Nil	Nil
22.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	Nil
23.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	Nil	Nil
24.	Congenital malformations	Nil	Nil
25.	Other defined and ill defined disease	Nil	4 4 4
26.	Motor vehicle accidents	Nil	Nil
27.	All other accidents	Nil	Nil
28.	Suicide	1	1
29.	Homicide and operations of War	Nil	Nil

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Officers:-

Medical Officer of Health (Part-time)

Dr. J.Emrys Jenkins, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., Chalfont, South Crescent, Llandrindod Wells.

Telephone No. 2000

Public Health Inspector (Part-time)

R.J.Morris, Esq., A.R.I.C.S., M.R. San. I Town Hall, Llandrindod Wells.

Telephone No. 2222

2. Laboratory Facilities

The examination and analysis of water, sewage effluents and stream contamination are carried out by the Public Analyst of the County Laboratory, Carmarthen. Analyst - H.J. Evans & Partners.

- 3. HEALTH SERVICES. The following services are carried out by the Radnorshire County Council under the National Health Service Act, 1946. The County Council Services are efficiently and well organised.
 - (i) Maternity and Child Welfare
 - (ii) Clinics
 - (iii) Dental care for expectant mothers and nursing mothers and young children together with School Dental Services
 - (iv) Midwives Service, delegated to the Radnorshire County Nursing Association
 - (v) Health Visiting delegated to the Radnorshire County Nursing Association
 - (vi) Vaccination and immunisation of children under five and of school age is carried out by Registered Medical Practitioners of the parents choice or by the County Medical Officer (The vaccination of adults is carried out by Registered Medical Practitioners)
 - (vii) Ambulance Service
 - (viii) Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care of persons suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness and other types of illness is organised under the aegis of the County Health Committee
 - (ix) Domiciliary Health Services
 - (x) Home Nursing delegated to the Radnorshire County Nursing Association
 - (xi) Health Education is carried out by the Radnorshire County Council
 - (xii) Mental Health
 - (xiii) Chiropody Service
- 4. HOME SAFETY ACT. 1961. Circulars were issued to all householders on safety in the home.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY.

The purification and clarification of the water, as taken from the River Ithon, was satisfactory throughout the year. Quality was good and quantity sufficient.

The main source of supply remained the River Ithon and purification as previously reported. Flood conditions in the River Ithon were experienced during the months of January, April, August, September, October and December.

Chlorination has been maintained to give a free chlorine content of between 0.2 and 0.5 p.p.m. after 30 minutes contact. Tabulated list of Analyst's Reports are given in Table 3.

Statistics in respect of the Water Supply are detailed below:-

Estimated population supplied from public water mains in Urban District	3336
Estimated population not supplied from public water mains	14
Number of dwelling houses or flats supplied direct into premises	1159
Number of dwelling houses and farms supplied by means of stand pipes	1
Estimated population supplied by stand pipes	3
Number of premises (Farms) with own piped supplies	4
Number of premises (Farms) with no piped supplies	Nil
Premises supplied from mains and outside Urban District	15
Estimated population so supplied	71

TABLE 3.

Bacteriological analysis for the year 1961 carried out by H.J. Evans & Partners, Public Analyst, Bank Lane, Carmarthen.

Tabulation of Analysts' Reports on samples of water taken from house services, direct off supply main.

Date of Samples.	No. of organisms 48 hrs. @ 22°C	Coli present in c.cs 100 50 25 20 10	REMARKS
24: 1: 61	12	Nil	Excellent Bact.
14: 4: 61	25	Nil	ditto
25: 5: 61	Nil	Nil	ditto
30: 6: 61	7	Nil	ditto
31: 7: 61	9	Nil	ditto
1: 9: 61	9	Nil	ditto

No samples of water were taken for chemical analysis

Contamination by lead. No direct action has been taken in connection with contamination by lead.

Sodium carbonate (Soda Ash) is added to the water before filtration for pH control.

Action taken for general contamination. The annual work of reservoir cleansing and maintenance of grounds around the covered service reservoirs has been carried out.

TABLE 4
Water Consumption. (All Consumers and Trades)

Year	Water pumped to service reservoirs	Estimated population served.	Estimated consumption per head per day.	Trade consumption metered supplied.	Bulk supplie
1961	70,830,000	3407 (includes populati	56-9	8,828,000	79,000
1960 1959 1958	74,260,000 58,650,000 60,270,000	3345 3434 3351	46·8 49·2	12,154,000 13,977,000 13,258,000	59,000 6,000 111,000
1957 1956 1955 1954	61,340,000 71,640,000 75,110,000 70,630,000	3261 3280 3310 3280	58•9 62•1	11,963,000 14,290,000 15,145,000 12,684,000	
1953 1952 1951	68,000,000 66,710,000 67,690,000	3275 3286 3250 (Census)	56·8 38·9	12,500,000 11,750,000 10,250,000	

The tabulation shows a decrease on the 1960 figures of 3,430,000 gallons. The consumption is still high as compared with the national average, the trade and hotel consumption and bulk supply however account for 7 gallons per head per day which reduces the consumption to 49.9 gallons per head per day for domestic use, which is still high.

No extensions and new water mains were laid during the year. The small main at New Street was renewed, the 3 inch main at Waterloo Road was scraped and relined and the 2 inch asbestos main at Dyffryn Road was diverted for purpose of carrying out Private Street Works.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL. The swimming pool operated by the Council was maintained to a satisfactory standard. A new chlorinator was installed during the year.

The water supply to the pool of 133,000 gallons capacity is taken from the domestic water supply mains and the pool is replenished as necessary.

The water is treated by straining and filtration, sterilization being by injection of chlorine. Alkali as sodium carbonate is added as necessary.

The circulation of the pool water is over a period of 10 to 12 hours and from the opening of the pool at 1st June to closing at end of September the filtration plant was kept in continual operation.

Twice daily tests were made with comparator for free chlorine and alkalinity. The Reports on samples taken for bacteriological analysis are as under:-

Date of samples.	Organisms per c.c. 48 hours @ 22°C	Coliform organisms per 100 c.cs.	Faecal Coli per 100 c.cs
30: 6: 61	14	Nil	Nil
31: 7: 61	2	Nil	Nil
1: 9: 61	Nil	Nil	Nil

OBSERVATIONS: - The bacteriological condition of this water was highly satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERS.

1. Drainage. During the year two sewers became blocked on several occasions. A 6 inch diversion sewer was laid in the one case to overcome bends and obstructions arising under the lawn of private property. In the other case it was necessary to scrape a length of 120 yards of 9 inch sewer to remove loose bricks and stones, this sewer has given no trouble since that work.

Following inspections to trace infiltration of surface water a source of water on one of the trunk sewers was traced to a water main and the infiltration stopped by repair of the main.

2. Sewage Disposal General. Everything possible has been carried out to prevent pollution of the River Ithon, the two works were by no means efficient.

Improvement Scheme. During the year the final scheme for the improvement of sewers and the Rhydllyndu Disposal Works was approved by the Engineers of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, various amendments were decided upon when interviews took place at the Ministry's Offices in August entailing the possible increase in the cost of the scheme by £5,000.

Town and Country Planning approvals were obtained for the Caebach Pumping Station and extension of the Rhydllyndu Works as required by the 1959 Town and Country Planning Act.

Rivers and Streams. Inspections of rivers and streams in the Urban District were carried out. A complaint by a farmer of pollution of a stream by sewage was traced to blockage in house drains.

The pollution of the Arlais Brook by oil from a local garage was stopped by diverting the drainage of the garage yard into the foul water drainage and insertion of larger oil traps.

Public Cleansing. (i) The collection and disposal of household refuse has continued on the same principal as other years. No variations in collection of domestic properties once each week and twice each week from certain trade and hotel premises has been necessary.

You have considered the possibility of collecting hotel refuse with trailers but no decision was made in the year on the proposal.

- A large quantity of clinker and ashes were removed from the incinerator site during the year and used on the Llanfawr Sports Grounds.
- (ii) The collection and sale of salvaged materials comprising waste paper, broken glass, bottles and scrap iron and tins has continued.

During the year you disposed of:-

52 tons of waste paper 36 tons of white cullett 10 tons of destructor scrap

of a total value of £481.

Difficulties arose in the disposal of destructor scrap and at the end of the year there was 30 tons of baled scrap still at the incinerator site.

FOOD.

Food Hygiene. The enforcement of the food hygiene regulations was carried out by inspection and circulation of posters supplied by the Ministry of Food.

Special inspections were made of the kitchens and food preparation establishments of the four large hotels.

No prosecutions were found necessary.

TABLE 5.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk	
Non-Residential designated pasteurised retailers and	and the second
designated traders -	2
Residential designated ditto -	1
Residential registered dairymen designated retailers -	1
Non-Residential designated retailers	3
Wholesale producers in Urban District -	3
Visits to cowsheds during the year -	4
Visits to dairies during the year -	2
Samples of milk tested during the year	Nil
Action taken by Council in respect of unclean milk during the year	Nil
TABLE 6	
NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES AND TYPES	
Foods	
Foods. Manufacturers other than bakehouses	3142
Bakehouses for bread and confectionery	Nil
	2
Bakehouses for confectionery only	and 1
Confectioners - Retail	7 3 3 7
Fish and Chip Fryers	2
Retail Green Grocers	5
Grocers -	11
Hotels - Public and Private	14
Milk Shops	Nil
Meat Retailers	6
Licensed Premises	6
Pork Butchers	Nil
Restaurants	5
Sausage and Cold Meat Producers	3
Fishmongers _	2
Deep Freeze (Frozen Foods)	8

NUMBER REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

Ice Cream -	16
Cooked Meats -	3
No ice cream is manufactured at a local premises	
Number of inspections of Registered Food Premises -	8
Number of inspections of Bakehouses -	4
Complaints received in respect of Foods	Nil
Number of inspections of Food Preparation Establishments	22
Action taken in respect of Food Storage (Informal) -	Nil
TABLE 7 Foods surrendered or Condemned and Destroyed.	
Various canned foods -	419 tins
Bacon -	83 lbs.
Fish -	42 lbs.
Cooked canned meats	49½ 1bs.
Cooked canned beef	12 lbs.
Sausage rusk	1 cwt.

Condemned food, unless salvagable, is destroyed at the incinerator.

31 lbs.

Examinations of consignments of food at Railway Station were carried out following possibility of contamination whilst in transit.

Adulteration of Foods.

Frozen Beef

The administration of the Acts dealing with the adulteration of food is carried out by the Officers of the Radnorshire County Council and no particulars are available to my Council.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

No cases of food poisoning occurred during the year.

Meat Inspection.

Slaughterhouses in use during the year - three; of which two are for slaughter of sheep and pigs only.

A large volume of meat, in particular beef, and in the winter and spring mutton, is purchased by retailers from the wholesalers at Shrewsbury, Craven Arms and Builth Wells, also frozen meats from Cardiff and Swansea Storage Depots.

The acceptance by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the Report submitted under Section 3 of the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958 was received in March 1961 and the appointed day for the enforcement of Regulations was fixed as 1st April 1962.

Licences to Slaughter Animals.

(1)	To	slaughter	cattle,	sheep	and	pigs	-	4
(ii)	To	slaughter	sheep or	ıly			-	2

ANIMALS KILLED, INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed approximately	270	Nil	4	2500	616	Nil
Number inspected	264	-	4	2332	616	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned	N _{il}	_		1	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	37	b.=.1	00 13-1 OK	53	12	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuherculosis and cysticerci	14%	_	Nil	0.43%	1.9%	Nil
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses condemned	Nil		Nil	_	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	Nil		Nil	77	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1%	-
Cysticercosis Carcasses of which some						
part or organ condemned	Nil	-	Nil		Nil	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	-101	Nil	m	Nil	-
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil		Nil	-	Nil	-

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Cases of notifiable infectious diseases occured as tabulated below:-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1961

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Small Pox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	11		- 11
Diphtheria	"	TO THE PERSON	11
Enteris Fever	"	II .	11
Puerperal Fever	11	11	- 11
Puerperal Pyreia	"		11
Mhooping Cough	BEST SELECTION IN CONTRACTOR	III	11
Pneumonia	1	II II	1

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths		
Other notifiable diseases.	- Litter				
Acute Poliomyelitis Measles	Nil 86	Nil	Nil		
Chicken Pox Acute Encephalitie	Nil 1	Control of the Contro	of and		
TOTAL	88	Nil	1		

Inspections carried out in respect of infectious diseases - Nil Rooms fumigated for infectious diseases or otherwise - 2 Rooms fumigated for vermin - Nil

Cancer - No action taken

Blirdness - No action taken

Tuberculosis. The requirements of the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1939 have been carried out.

No action has been taken under the special powers given to local authorities under these Regulations.

No applications were received by the Council under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for the removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis of the respiratory tract.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1961.

			Cases			Deaths	A SHORE	59 29 0000
Age Groups	Respir	atory	Non-Res	spiratory	Resp	iratory	Non-Re	spirator
	М.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
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5	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 10	-
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HOUSING

In accordance with the instructions of Circular 17/55 Wales, the inclusion of details on housing matters are omitted.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Summary of the work of the Sanitary Inspector's Department

Total number of inspections and visits made - 423

Nuisances.		Lodging Houses		
No. of visits re. nuisances	7	No. Registered	Nil	
Visits re works in progress	1	Water Supply	0	
Notices issued -		No. of samples taken No. found polluted	8 Nil	
(a) Informal letters ') (b) Informal notices) (c) Statutory notices	1 Nil	Houses and flats connected to supply	1159	
Verbal requests, notices and letters complied with Outstanding	5 Nil	New houses and premises connected	10	
Legal proceedings	Nil	Renewed connections to houses	14	
Housing		Infectious diseases		
Inspection	90	No. of enquiries	Nil	
Food Preparing Places		No. taken to hospital No. of houses or rooms	Nil	
No. of inspections	22	disinfected	2	
Notices re food preparation	Nil	No. of houses disinfected		
		re fleas, lice, cockroaches, etc.	Nil	
Slaughterhouses	u comer	no benefit as feman all		
No. of visits (approx.)	200	Water Closets	,	
No. of condemnations	108	No. of improved or repaired No. of bucket closets in district	6	
Foods.		No. of cesspools or septic	,	
No. of seizures of unsound food	Nil	tanks in district No. of earth closets in	11	
No. of condemnations	25	No. of chemical closets	3	
Dairymen		in district	4	
No. of Registered	2 6	House Draining No. laid or relaid	Nil	
No. of Inspections No. of Retailers	7	No. cleansed	23	
No. of milk samples for T.B.	Nil	No. repaired	4	
No. of milk samples found to produce T.B.	Nil	No. of inspections No. of tests	27	
No. of enquiries under P.H.A.		Licensed Premises		
Regulations re Contacts	Nil	Action taken in respect of		
No. of milk samples for test	Nil	sanitation	Nil	
Dairies ·		Accumulation of litter		
No. of Registered traders	2	Action taken in respect of Inspection for ditto	Nil Nil	
No. of Dairies No. of inspections	1		NTT	
no. or inspections		Dangerous Structures Action taken in respect of	1	
Moveable Dwellings		Metion taken in respect of		
No. Registered	1			
Bakehouses				
No. in use	2			
No. of inspections	4			
CAMPING SITES.				
1. Number of sites in area for camping purposes under canvas during 1961				
2. Number of caravan camping	g sites .		1	
3. Number of camping sites requiring to be licensed in accordance with Public Health Act				
4. Number of caravan camping sites licensed under Public Health Act				
5. Estimated maximum number of campers in the area at one time during 1961				
			A CONTRACTOR	

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. At a Conference of the District Councils of the County of Radnor standard conditions to be applied to caravan site licences were adopted.

Smoke Abatement.	Inspections made in respect	of smoke abatement Nil
Charles and Control of the	Action taken in connection w;	ith Nil

Rodent Control Works

Premises

Number of inspections made	-	515
Premises found infested	-	26
Treatments carried out by Council	-	26
Treatments carried out by occupier	-	Nil
Dead rats picked up	-	38

Sewer Treatments. Maintenance treatments of sewers was carried out in 1961

15 manholes were baited No manholes showed presence of rats No manholes showed poison bait takes