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ANNUAL REPORT

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Health of the Urban

District of Ask,

FOR THE YEAR 1937.

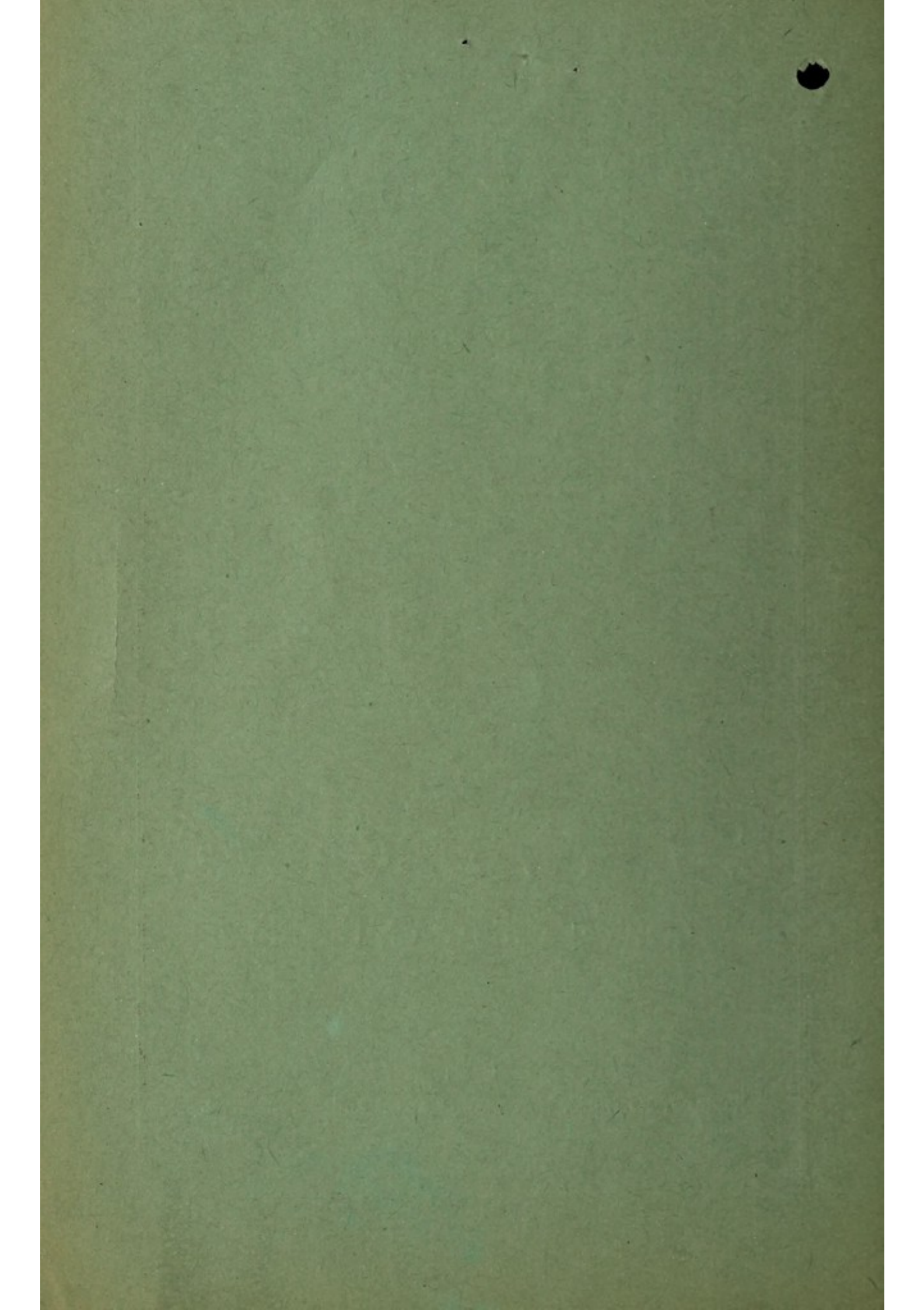
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USK :

Tudor J. Hayward, New Market Street and Baron Street.



**PORTHYCARNE,
USK,**

June, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the Usk Urban
District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report for the year 1937 on the Public Health, Sanitation, and Vital Statistics of your town, arranged in accordance with Circular Memo. 1650 (Wales) of the Welsh Board of Health.

Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-1937, 1,218.

Number of inhabited houses (1937), 377.

Number of inhabited houses according to the rate books (1937), 377.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1937), 376.

Rateable value, £6,650.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £25.

Social conditions, including the chief occupations of the inhabitants, and the influence of any particular occupation on public health are:—Shopkeepers, Wood Turnery and Sawyery, Carriage Building and Repairing, Motor Repairing and Dressmaking. There are a few Colliers and Steelworkers from the neighbouring industrial areas residing in the town, also a few Bakers, Printers, Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Painters and Decorators, Masons, etc.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births—Legitimate	20	10	10	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 16.42.
„ Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Total Live Births	20	10	10	
Stillbirths	0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 0
Deaths	12	4	8	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 9.85.

There were no deaths from puerperal causes.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age	...	...	Nil
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 Cancer (all ages)	...	...	3
„ Measles (all ages)	...	...	Nil
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	Nil
„ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	Nil

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year.

There were no special causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year.

For Usk Urban.

Birth Rate, 16.42.
 Death Rate, 9.85
 Infantile Mortality Rate, Nil.

For County of Monmouth.

Birth Rate, 15.5.
 Death Rate, 12.6.
 Infantile Mortality Rate, 63.9.

For England and Wales.

Birth Rate, 14.9.
 Death Rate, 12.4.
 Infantile Mortality Rate, 58.0.

Analysis of Causes of Death of Children under One
Year of Age in the Area,

Nil.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Clerk and Medical Officer, part time; Inspector and Surveyor,
part time.

Veterinary Surgeon	...	...	...	Part time.
Public Analyst	...	...	...	County.
Vaccination Officer	...	...	...	Part time.
Health Visitors	...	...	...	County.
Midwives	...	...	...	One.
Special Nurses	...	...	...	None specified.

Nursing in the Home.

General, by Private Nurses.

Infectious Diseases—No Special Nurses provided.

Midwives,

Number practising in the Area, One.

National Health Insurance.

General throughout the Town.

Poor Law Medical Out-Relief.

Not requisitioned to any great extent, and administered in much
the same manner as heretofore by the County.

Laboratory Facilities.

Examination of Clinical material, and examination and analysis
of Water, Milk and Foodstuffs, is undertaken by the County
Laboratory at Newport, and the Sanitary Inspector here.

Legislation in Force in the Area.

REGULATIONS AND BYE-LAWS.

1.—Prevention of nuisances arising from snow, filth, dust, ashes and rubbish, and from keeping of animals, &c., as to be injurious to health.

2.—As to the cleansing of footways and pavements adjoining premises. Removal of refuse, cleansing of privies, cess-pools, and ash-pits.

3.—As to the Regulations of Slaughter-houses.

4.—Common Lodging Houses Regulations.

Rivers and Streams.

The Olway Brook has been cleaned out, and river pollution has been minimised.

Water.

A pipe supply remains satisfactory with the exception of houses on a high level. Steps are being taken to remedy the latter.

Scavenging.

Collection of House Refuse is done weekly, and the refuse carted to a distance and disposed of.

The Streets are daily cleaned, and the refuse disposed of.

All Surface Traps are daily inspected, and disinfected regularly during the summer months.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage Beds and Filters in connection with Sewage System are regularly inspected and suitably dealt with.

Slaughter Houses, Milkshops and Cowsheds.

See Appendix.

Sanitary Inspection of the Town.

This is carried out thoroughly and efficiently by the Inspector, daily inspections having been made during the year.

Schools.

The Sanitary Condition and Water Supply of these are satisfactory.

Fitness of Houses.

The general standard of houses in the Town is good.

Hospitals.

The following Hospitals are available for the inhabitants of the Area :—

General Medical and General Surgical—

Royal Gwent Hospital Newport.

Pontypool and District Hospital.

Public Assistance Hospital, Griffithstown.

Children—Royal Gwent and Pontypool and District Hospitals.

Maternity—Nantyderry House.

Venereal Diseases—Royal Gwent.

Tuberculosis—King Edward VII. Memorial Hospital and Sanatoria for Monmouthshire.

Infectious Diseases—Newport.

Small Pox—County Small Pox Isolation Hospitals.

Mental—Abergavenny and Caerleon Institutions.

Maternal Mortality—All cases specially investigated by County Medical Officer of Health

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers—Nantyderry House

Ambulance facilities are ample—

(a) Usk St. John Motor Ambulance.

(b) Infectious Cases—Fever Hospital Ambulances, Newport, etc.

(c) Non-Infectious Cases—Pontypool and District Hospital Ambulances and Usk St. John Ambulance.

Clinics and Treatment Centres—As for the County, and under the control of the County Medical Officer of Health.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

See Appendix.

Prevalence, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

The incidence of Infectious Disease was very slight.

The prompt notification by Schools of Infectious Diseases is a great help in the prevention of the spread of these diseases.

Disinfection and fumigation by formalin lamp is carried out in all cases of houses in which infectious disease has occurred.

No Malaria or Dysentery occurred in the Area.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the County Laboratory, and a supply of Anti-Diphtheritic Serum is always available, as is also Streptocide.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)
during the Year 1937.

Diseases.	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitt'd to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Smallpox ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Scarlet Fever ...	4	2	Nil.
Diphtheria ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Enteric Fever (including Para Typhoid) ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Puerperal Fever ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Pneumonia ...	2	Nil.	2
Other diseases generally notifiable (specify disease) ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Other diseases notifiable locally (specify disease) ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

The incidence of Scarlet Fever occurred mainly between the ages of 5 years and 20 years. and that of Pneumonia over the age of 65 years.

Prevention of Blindness.

Nil.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.



TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of New Cases of Tuberculosis and
Deaths from the Disease during 1937.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmon'y		Non-Pulmon'y		Pulmon'y		Non-Pulmon'y	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
10 ...								
15 ...								
20 ...								
25 ...		1						
35 ...								
45 ...	1							
55 ...								
65 and upwards ...								
Totals ...	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis
Regulations, 1925).

No action taken.

There were no unnotified Tuberculosis Deaths.



Deaths in the Usk Urban District, 1937.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.
Smallpox	—	—
Scarlet Fever	4	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—
Pneumonia	1	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—
LIVE BIRTHS, Total	10	10
Legitimate	10	10
Illegitimate	—	—
STILL BIRTHS, Total	—	—
Legitimate	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—
Deaths of Infants under 1 year, total	—	—
Legitimate	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE,
LONDON, W.C.2

June, 1938.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate you on the very healthy state of the Town during 1937, and your low infantile mortality.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

E. L. M. HACKETT.

Usk, June, 1937.

Deaths from All Causes in the Usk Urban District.

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.
Other Violence	1	—
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	1	2
Heart Disease	1	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	—	2
Cancer	1	2
All Causes	4	8
TOTAL	12



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BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY England and Wales, London,
 MATERNAL DEATH-RATES, AND CASE-BIRTHS FOR 125 Great Towns and
 CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1937. 148 Smaller Towns.
 (Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	125			148	
	England and Wales.	County Boro's and Great Towns including London.	Rates per 1,000 Population	Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census).	London Administrative County.
Births :—					
Live ...	14.0	14.9	15.5	13.3	
Still ...	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.54	
Deaths :—					
All Causes ...	12.4	12.5	11.9	12.3	
Typhoid and Para-typhoid fevers ...	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	
Measles ...	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	
Scarlet fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Whooping Cough ...	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06	
Diphtheria ...	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.05	
Influenza ...	0.45	0.39	0.42	0.38	
Violence ...	0.54	0.45	0.42	0.51	

Notifications —					
		Rates per 1,000	Live Births.		
Smallpox	0.00	—	0.00	—	
Scarlet fever	2.33	2.56	2.42	2.09	
Diphtheria	1.49	1.81	1.38	1.93	
Enteric fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	
Erysipelas	0.37	0.43	0.34	0.44	
Pneumonia	1.36	1.58	1.20	1.18	
Deaths under 1 year of age	58	62	55	60	
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5.8	7.9	3.2	12, 0	
Maternal Mortality :—					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.97	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Others	2.26				
Total ...	3.23				
		Rates per 1,000 Total Births			
Maternal Mortality :—					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.94	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Others	2.17				
Total ...	3.11				
Notifications :—					
Puerperal fever	13.93	17.59	11.52	4.15	{
Puerperal Pyrexia				14.34	

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
28, ABERGAVENNY ROAD,
Usk,

1st June, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Usk.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1937. I took over my duties on November 28th in the year under review, and my thanks are due to my predecessor, Mr. E. J. Head, for making arrangements so that the transfer took place smoothly and easily.

INSPECTIONS.

Houses	50
Re-inspections	192
Schools	3
Re-inspections	4
Tents, Vans, and Sheds	10
Nuisances	14
Cowsheds	18
Dairies	10
Slaughter-houses	209
Bake-houses	8
Factories and Workshops	20
Water Supplies	1
Infectious Disease	2
Disinfections (Terminal)	2
Disinfestations	3
Interviews	243
Total	788

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—	
(1.) (a). Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Housing Acts)	23
(b.) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	50
2. (a). Number of Dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	20
(b). Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	22
(3). Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4). Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	13
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—	
Number of defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	9
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—	
(A.)—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	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	1
(b.) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0
(C.)—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	

(1). Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	3
(2). Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	1
(D.)—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—			
(1). Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	1
(2). Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	0
4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Overcrowding :—			
(a.) (i.) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	2
(ii.) Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	2
(iii.) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	13
(b.) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	Nil
(c.) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	Nil

Tents, Vans, and Sheds.

Ten visits were paid to these type of dwellings, and no nuisance was found in relation thereto.

Schools.

Inspection of the Schools revealed the existence of the following defects :—

USK N.P. SCHOOL (BOYS)—Unsatisfactory drainage.

USK N.P. SCHOOL (INFANTS AND SENIOR GIRLS)—Insufficient closet accommodation.

COUNCIL SCHOOL...Unsatisfactory closet accommodation.

All the aforementioned defects have been remedied. so the Schools re now satisfactory in regard to sanitary circumstances.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(A.)—MILK SUPPLY.

Particulars on Registers at end of year :—

Producers	...	...	...	3
Retailers	...	...	...	6
				—
				9
				—

23 inspections were made during the year, and other than in one instance all the premises were satisfactory.

There is one "Accredited Producer" and one "Accredited Retailer" in your area.

Twelve samples of milk were submitted to the County Pathologist for Bacteriological Examination, and of these nine attained the standard laid down for "Accredited Milk."

(B.)—MILK.

No. of Slaughter Houses	...	...	4
No. of Butchers' Shops	...	...	5
No. of Visits to Slaughter Houses	...	...	209

CARCASSES CONDEMNED AND INSPECTED.

	Cattle exclud'ng Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Tuberculosis only ...	100	30	20	1596	3641
Whole Carcases Condemned ...	Nil.	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned...	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Percentage of No. Inspected Infected with T.B. ...	1%	3.3%	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

1,—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2).	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
FACTORIES (including Factory Laundries) ...	8	3	—
WORKSHOPS (including Workshop Laundries)	12	1	—
WORKPLACES (other than Outworkers' premises ...)	—	—	—
Total ...	20	4	—

2—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS & WORKPLACES

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			No. of offences in resp't of which Prosecu- tions were institut'd (5)
	Found. (2)	Remed'd (3)	Refer'd to H.M. Inspect'r (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Healths Acts :				
Want of Cleanliness ...	4	4		
Want of Ventilation ...	1	0		
Overcrowding ...	—	—		
Want of Drainage of floors ...	—	—		
Other Nuisances ...	1	1		
Sanitary accommodation } insufficient ...	—	—		
} unsuitable or defective ...	2	2		
} not separate for sexes ...	—	—		
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :				
Illegal occupation of underground bake-house (s. 101) ...	—	—		
Other offences ...	6	5		
(excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921)				
Total ...	14	11	Nil.	Nil.

J. H. M. JOLLIFFE,
Sanitary Inspector.



