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FOR THE YEAR 1952.



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BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ROTHERWICK,

June 1953.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1952, being my 28th and last report as your Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS.

Population - 17,140

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live Births	| Legitimate	222	107	115	Birth Rate - 16.7 (Eng. & Wales - 15.3)
	| Illegitimate	10	5	5	
Still births	.....	2			Rate per 1,000 total births - 8.6
Deaths	.....	142	80	62	Death Rate - 7.1 (Eng. & Wales - 11.3)
Deaths of infants under one year - 3					

There were 54 deaths due to heart and arterial diseases.
23 " " " cancer.
7 " " " pneumonia.
1 " " " tuberculosis.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever	.....	7
Pneumonia	.....	7
Erysipelas	.....	1
Measles	.....	5
Whooping Cough	.....	27
Dysentery	.....	3
Paratyphoid	.....	4

The amount of infectious disease was much less than the average.

The virtual disappearance of Diphtheria, and the greatly reduced seriousness of Scarlet Fever, are noteworthy features of recent years, and not entirely explicable.

During the year 169 infants received Diphtheria immunisation treatment. 241 school children received reinforcing doses.

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WATER.

It is estimated that 50% of the dwelling houses in the district are connected to water mains: standpipes are few.

The Council's scheme for extensions of piped supplies progressed, and the district is pretty well covered.

73 water samples were analysed; 35 were unsatisfactory and in these cases steps were taken to obtain a satisfactory supply.

Samples of all the public supplies have given satisfactory results on analysis.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

New houses completed since 1945:-

		<u>Total</u>	<u>1952</u>
Private Buildings	-	154	28
Council "	-	310	67

Number of houses repaired in consequence of informal action (year 1952) - 61.

There are 30 licensed caravans occupied in the district. The sanitary condition of the sites is satisfactory.

SEWERS.

It is regrettable that owing to circumstances outside the Council's control it has so far been impossible to proceed with the schemes for sewerage the villages of Old Basing, Sherfield on Loddon, Sherborne St. John, and North Waltham.

SCAVENGING.

Refuse collections are carried out fortnightly throughout the district, and refuse is taken to a controlled tip at Sherborne St. John.

The Council have a Dennis Cesspool Emptying vehicle which continues to meet a real need.

FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION.

Bakehouses - Periodical inspections of the 4 bakehouses are made.

Unsound Food - 487 lbs. of unsound foods were surrendered and condemned during the year.

Ice Cream - 36 ice cream samples were taken and 6 were found unsatisfactory: the producers were informed.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT,

Medical Officer of Health.

