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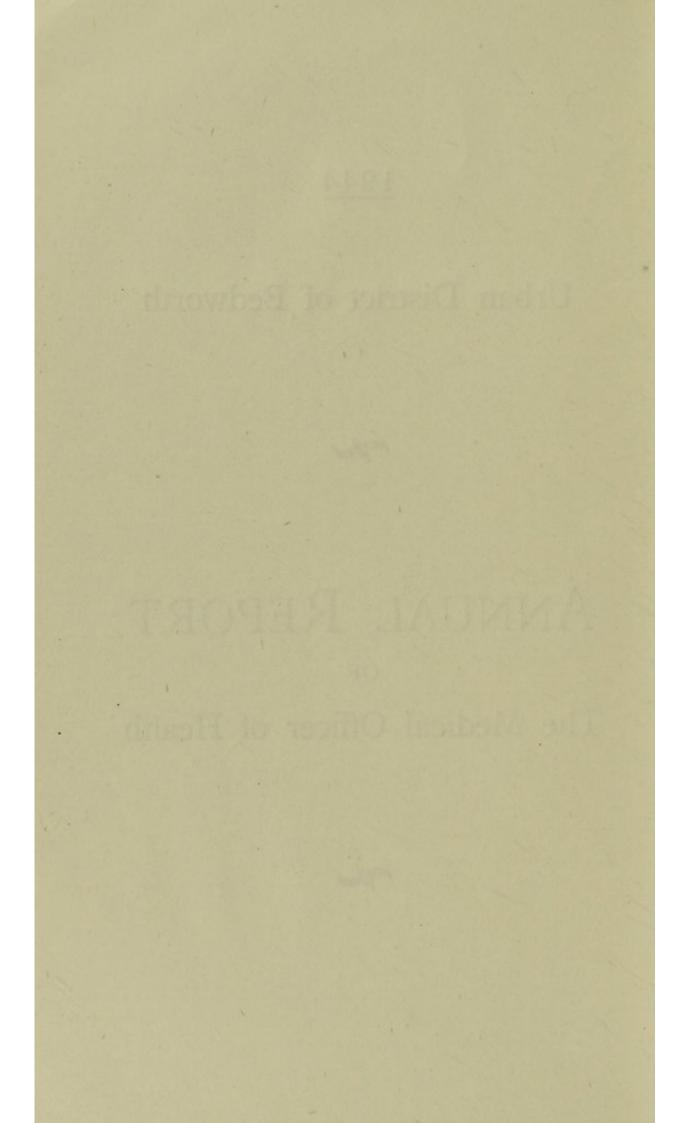
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URBAN DISTRICT OF BEDWORTH.

Public Health Department, Council Offices, BEDWORTH.

October, 1945.

To The Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit statistical report for 1944.

There have been no outstanding epidemics during the year. The vital statistics compare favourably with the Country as a whole. The death rate of 9.970 per 1,000 population and the infantile mortality rate of 49.056 per 1,000 live births are satisfactory figures in comparison with other towns of a similar size, the infantile mortality rate being slightly lower than 49.89 per 1,000 live births reported for the year 1943. The birth rate for the Urban District was 24.025 which is high in comparison with 17.26 for the country as a whole.

The sanitary defects in the Urban District remain the same as last year, and should be remedied as early as possible. There are 226 pail closets, which in my opinion are a nuisance within the meaning of the Public Health Act. 57 of these pail closets are situated within reasonable distance from existing sewers, but it is hoped that it will soon be possible for the remaining 169 to be converted to the water carriage system.

The District of Bulkington leaves much to be desired as regards sewage disposal. There are, in Bulkington, 300 cesspools, 23 privy middens, and 430 pail closets. Owing to War conditions it has been impossible to carry out an extensive sewage disposal scheme for Bulkington, but now that hostilities have ended it is hoped that this will be given priority in our post War improvements.

The housing situation of the area is still very acute, although the arrival of 50 factory made houses will help to alleviate some overcrowding. It is essential, however, that a scheme for permanent houses should be regarded as a measure of prime importance. The factory made house has been very much criticised, but those who are living in overcrowded conditions will much prefer to live in a factory made house rather than live in these conditions until permanent houses can be built. At the same time it must be remembered that they are definitely temporary houses, and it is essential that permanent houses are built as soon as possible, so that people need not live in the temporary houses any longer than is absolutely necessary.

The various Public Health measures to which I referred in my Annual Report of 1943 should now, in my opinion, be put in operation, and I strongly recommend to the Committee that an Assistant Sanitary Inspector be appointed.

I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest in the Public Health services of the District, to my colleagues in the other Departments—Mr. Armson and Mr. Blenkinsop—for their co-operation, and to the members of my staff—Mr. Deakin and Miss Leach—for their willing assistance in carrying out the work of the Department.

I have the honour to remain,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, P. G. HORSBURGH, *Medical Officer of Health*. BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Water Works and Sewage Manager : ‡C. S. B. COOPER.

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*Part-time appointment. †Salary contribution by Exchequer grants.

VITAL STATISTICS.

T Maker	Legitimate		Illeg	itimate	Totals		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Live Births	260	249	9	12	269	261	
					530		
Birth Rate :-	-24.02	5 per 1.00	00 popu	ilation.			
		timate			Te	otals	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Stillbirths	4	6	1	-	5	6	

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Stillb	irth Rate	:-20.333 per	1,000 (live and s	till) births.
		Males	Females	Total
Deaths		112	108	220

Death Rate :- 9.970 per 1,000 population.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :--

Legitimate					24	
Illegitimate					2—Total 26	;
Infantile Mor	tality]	Rate :-	-49.056	5 per 1,	000 live births	

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :--From Sepsis --From other causes --Total : NIL.

Deaths	fron	n Measles (all ages)		 	 -
,,	,,	Whooping Cough		 	 -
,,	,,	Diarrhoea (under 2 y	vears)	 	 2

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1944.

Causes of Death	Males	Females	
All Causes	112	108	Total 220
		Lon These	
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever		TO SOME	
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	1000	1.1
Scarlet Fever			
Whooping Cough		A LATTER OF	1
Diphtheria	17	5	10
Tuberculosis—Respiratory system	1	2	12 4
Tuberculosis—Other Forms	2	2	4
Syphilitic Diseases	2	2	4
Influenza Measles	2	2	4
Measles Ac: Poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis		of the second second	
Ac: Inf: Encephalitic	1		1
Ac: Inf: Encephalitis Cancer	13	14	27
Cancer Diabetes	10	2	
	12	8	$\frac{3}{20}$
	26	30	56
Other diseases of circulatory system	20	2	2
Bronchitis	4	9	13
Description	7	5	12
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	4	5
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	i	T	1
Diarrhoea—under 2 years	-	2	9
Appendicitis	1	ĩ	$ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{array} $
Other Digestive Diseases	3	2	5
NT 1 1/1	9	~	9
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis			4
Other Maternal Causes			
D D'al	2	6	8
Congenital Malformation, birth injuries;	2	0	0
infantile diseases	3	3	6
Suicide	3	1	4
Road Traffic accidents	1	-	1
Other Violent Causes	2.	3	5
All Other Causes	17	7	$\frac{5}{24}$
	11	7 ILLESSER	24
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INFANTILE MORTALITY

ANALYSIS OF INFANT DEATHS, 1944.

Causes of Death	under 1 week	1-2	2-3 wks		Total under 4 wks		3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	Total under 1 year
Prematurity Congenital defects Birth injuries Infantile diseases Tubercular Meningitis Septic Scarlet Fever Cerebro Spinal Fever Bronchitis Pneumonia Gastro Enteritis Asphyxia Whooping Cough Marasmus	8 1 - - - - - - - - - - - - -				8 1 					
Totals	9	-11	3	1	13	3	6	3	1	26

INFANT DEATHS-WARD

W	ard	Males	F	Female	s	Total
Bedworth	a East	 1		3		4
,,	West	 3		4		7
,,	North	 3		1		4
Exhall E	ast	 		1		1
,, W	Vest	 3		4		. 7
Bulkingto	on	 3				3
Foleshill		 -		-		-
		13		13		26

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

- Infectious Diseases.—The Council are in agreement with the Corporations of Coventry and Nuneaton to receive into their Isolation Hospitals cases of infectious disease occurring in the Urban District of Bedworth.
- Small-pox.—The Council are in agreement with the Corporation of Coventry to receive into their Pinley Small-pox Hospital cases of Small-pox occurring in the Urban District of Bedworth.
- **Tuberculosis.**—The King Edward Memorial Hospital, Hertford Hill, is provided by the Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee, and is available to patients residing in the Bedworth Urban District.
- Maternity.—No Hospital is provided, but private and urgent cases are taken into the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry, the Nuneaton E. M. S. Hospital, and the Nuneaton General Hospital.
- **General.**—The Bedworth Urban District is served by the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry.
- **Orthopaedic.**—Patients from the Bedworth Urban District can be sent for consultation and treatment to the Orthopaedic Clinic, "Dunsmore," Holyhead Road, Coventry.

Ambulance Facilities.

- Infectious Diseases.—Infectious disease patients are now removed to hospital by ambulances provided by the Coventry and Nuneaton Corporation hospitals.
- Accident.—The town motor ambulance is at present controlled by the County Council under Civil Defence arrangements.

LABORATORY WORK.

Specimens of sputum, throat and nasal discharge, etc., are forwarded to the University of Birmingham for examination, the result being communicated to the Medical Officer of Health and to the medical practitioner sending the specimen. Outfits for taking these specimens are supplied by the University Pathological Department. In urgent cases outfits can be supplied on application to the Medical Officer of Health.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

- Maternity and Child Welfare. The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is situated in Saunders Avenue, Bedworth. The work of this clinic is supervised by a voluntary committee and, in addition, services are provided by the County Council. A school clinic is also maintained at this centre by the County Council.
- **Tuberculosis.** Patients attend dispensaries at Coventry and Nuneaton for treatment provided by the Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee for Tuberculosis.
- Venereal Disease. Free treatment is provided by the County Council at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

- (a) General. One voluntary Nursing Association.
- (b) Infectious Diseases-Nil.
- Midwives. There are 4 midwives practising in the Urban District, none of whom is subsidised by the Council.

Service	Situation of Premises	Days Open	Authority Responsible
Maternity and Child Welfare : Welfare Centres	Child Welfare Centre Premises, Saunders Avenue, Bedworth.	Mondays and Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.	Warwickshire County Council
na, viterio an Hadayo an	Cricket Pavilion, Bulkington.	Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.	Ditto.
Ante-Natal Clinic	Child Welfare Centre Premises, Saunders Avenue, Bedworth.	Alternate Wednesdays, 10a.m.to2p.m.	Ditto.
School Medical Service :	LICOVI ILIGAT	CALCULATION OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER	
Treatment and Inspection Clinic	Ditto. Ditto.	Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 12 noon.	Ditto.
Eye Clinic	Ditto.	Fridays, 9.30 to12 noon when arranged.	Ditto.

CLINICS.

WATER CONSUMPTION.

The average daily consumption of water in the District during 1944 was :
Domestic 355,000 gallons.
Trade 29,000 gallons.
Bramcote 50,000 gallons.
Bulkington & Shilton for Rugby R. D. C 1,000 gallons.
TOTAL 435,000 gallons.
The maximum consumption of water in any one day for all
sources was 465,000 gallons.
The latest chemical and bacteriological analyses are as
follows : CHEMICAL.
Results expressed in parts per 100,000.
Exhall Newdegate
Deep Well No. 1 Borehole
Free and Saline Ammonia 0.0384 0.0000
Albuminoid Ammonia 0.0056 0.0016
Chlorine in Chlorides 40.7 11.95
Nitrogen in Nitrates and Nitrites Absent Trace
Oxygen absorbed from perman-
ganate at 80°F. in 4 hours 0.030 0.002
Total Solids dried at 100°C 170 70
Appearance Turbid with Bright and
many particles Clear
Nitrite 0.01
BACTERIA
EXHALL DEEP WELL. NEWDEGATE NO. 1 BOREHOLE.
Colony Count of Bacteria per c.c. Colony Count of Bacteria per c.c.
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FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.-Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises.	Number of					
Fremises.	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted			
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	11	-	-			
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	and the second	-				
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises)	-	ing Trailing				
Total	11	-				

2.-Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

and Chen	Num	ber of De			
Particulars.	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of offences in res- pect to which Prosecutions were instituted	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :*	and the	enningen	12 years	and an and and a	
Want of cleanliness	-	0.018			
Want of Ventilation	-	-	- 1	bas 000-	
Overcrowding			-	the set is the set of the	
Want of drainage of floors	D. Town	-	-	-	
Other Nuisances	-	-	-	War-paper	
Sanitary Accommodation— Insufficient unsuitable or defective not separate for sexes	=	Ξ	I	Rough Bones Ferressmede	
Total				_	

*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTOR, 1944.

To Describer Hannes Stations Press				
To Dwelling Houses.				-
Disinfections after infectious disease (i	rooms)		••	78
Disinfections for vermin (rooms) Re infectious diseases	••	••	••	97
	••	••	••	80 7
For drain testing	••	••	••	'
Re inspections under Housing Acts			••	
Re inspections under Housing Acts				
To Other Premises.				
Factories and Workshops	tel señisro	olf mild	124	11
Shops Inspected	1			60
To Food Preparing Places				
Fried Fish Shops				23
Dairies, Milkshops and Cowsheds				67
Bakehouses				15
Butchers' shops, Stalls, and Vans				
	_			
NUISANCES ABATE	D.			
Dwelling Houses-				
Defective walls and ceilings repaired	with m			14
Roofs repaired	in and		de la composition de la compos	11
Chimneys repaired	- December	di ci D		5
Spouting repaired or new provided				9
Defective floors repaired or renewed				25
Fireplaces repaired or rebuilt				14
Coppers repaired or rebuilt				7
Yard paving repaired				2
Windows renewed or repaired				16
Wash houses repaired				3
New water services laid on				8
the second se				
Drainage, etc.—				
Drainage cleared from obstruction	· ·	•• .	••	26
Drainage inspection chambers provide	-	paired	••	4
	••	••	••	1
Defective drains relaid	••	••		-
Closet Accommodation—				
Water closet cisterns repaired or renew	ved			34
New w.c. basins and traps provided				5
The second s				
Domestic Refuse—				
Dustbins provided				23
Protoclas and Marketone				
Factories and Workshops—				
Unsuitable sanitary accommodation in	nprove	d		-

MILK SUPPLY.

Premises in which							38
Number of milk	retaile	rs, othe	er than	produc	ers resi	dent	
in district				•			61

HOUSING (a) Statistics

Number of new houses erected during the year .. Nil. Active housing work had perforce to cease during the year. Houses demolished during the year were as follows :—

Individual unfit houses	 	Nil.
Houses included in clearance areas	 	Nil.
Parts of houses closed	 	Nil.

DISINFECTIONS.

The disinfection of all premises, houses, bedding, etc., is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector after cases of infectious diseases. Steam disinfection is available for bulky goods, such as bedding, etc. Spraying or fumigation with Formalin is the method employed in houses.

Number of rooms 175

	1				Weight	
DH	ETAIL	zara	-	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
66 tins of meat .				1	0	$25\frac{3}{4}$
50 tins and jars vegetables, fish, et			milk,	-	1	16
Carcase and all orga	ns of 1 p	ig		4	0	0
Cheese						13
Decomposed beef,	mutton,	pork,	and	1	1	
sausages		• • •	•••	3	0	$25\frac{1}{4}$
Bacon and ham .					3	24 <u>1</u>
Cereals					2	0
Prunes						20
Fish	. ,			2	3	14
Potatoes				4	0	0
100 potatoe croquet	tes				-	16
						100
					1.	
				1 2. 7		· · ·
TOTAL WEIGHT				17	2	141

FOOD CONDEMNED DURING 1944.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES-WARDS.

The sheet of the	Ward							
Disease	Bedworth E.	Bedworth W.	Bedworth N.	Exhall E.	Exhall W.	Bulkington	Foleshill	Total
Smallpox Scarlet Fever		15	$\frac{15}{2}$					51
Diphtheria Cerebro Spinal Fever P'typhoid Fever	1	6 1	-	_	0 	4	-	18 2 1
Opthalmia Neonatorum Erysipelas		-	1	-			-	1 4 2
Dysentery Measles Whooping Cough	$\frac{10}{3}$	$\begin{array}{c}2\\30\\4\end{array}$			$\overline{\begin{array}{c} 35\\ 9\end{array}}$	$\frac{-}{25}$ 17		$\begin{array}{c}2\\118\\34\end{array}$
Poliomyelitis Pneumonia Puerperal Pyrexia	7	$\overline{\begin{array}{c}10\\1\end{array}}$	2	2	6 	2		29 1
Encephalitis Lethargica Membranous	-	-	-	-	-	v-	-	-
Croup	-	-	-	-	-	-		-

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

			_
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NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1944.

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CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL, 1944.

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DISEASE	M.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.	
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