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BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the  
YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1943

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VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>	<u>District</u>
Birth Rate	16.5	18.17
Death Rate	12.1	9.9
Infant Mortality	49	40.6

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE  
AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire  
& Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is  
included.

Sanitary Inspector - S. Shimmis, Certificate of Royal  
Sanitary Institute, Member of Institute  
of Hygiene.

The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor and is a whole-time  
Officer.

(11) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations from your area were carried out  
during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Milk examinations (bacteriological)	67
Swabs for Diphtheria	19
Sputa for T.B.	19
Sewage and water analyses	15
Urine (general & Bacteriological)	3
Urine for T.B.	3
Blood for Wassermann Test	1
Miscellaneous	1

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### 1. (1) WATER

Samples of water taken for analysis:-

	<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Bact.</u>
Wells ... .. unsatisfactory	8	16
Piped supply " "	3	3
Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water ... ..		19
Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-		
from public mains ... ..		8
from private reservoirs... ..		9

There was a shortage of water at Tilton, water being carted from Corporation mains . . . . .

### (2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1943 ... .. 401

### 2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1943:-

(a)	Privies ... ..	120
(b)	Pail Closets ... ..	1424
(c)	Water Closets... ..	572

Number of privies converted to Pail Closets during the year ... .. Nil

### (11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is removed and disposed of as follows:-

Contract Great Glen and Burton Overy - disposal by crude dumping.  
Direct labour - Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Billesdon, Scraptoft, Hungarton, Tilton, Skeffington and Keyham, disposal by controlled tipping.

Means adopted for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools:-

Contract Great Glen and Burton Overy.  
Direct labour - Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Tilton, Scraptoft, Hungarton, Billesdon, Skeffington, and Keyham. Disposal by trenching into arable land for night soil and disposal on grass for cesspools.

### (111) SALVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Local Authority in scavenged Parishes and in all Parishes by Mr. G. A. Palmer, Council's Hon. Salvage Officer working with Salvage Stewards in villages. Village dumps have been formed under Mr. Palmer's directions and are cleared as soon as he is notified by the Organiser that material constituting a load has accumulated. All classes of salvage, excluding pig food, are collected. The extra process involved is in conflict with speedy carrying on of the ordinary work of scavenging.



(iv) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading should be for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report:-

Total number of complaints received ... ..	150
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered... ..	45

(+ plus innumerable scavenging complaints)

Nature of inspections:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Revisits</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	50	40
Tents, Vans, etc.	-	-
Slaughterhouses	6	-
Food premises	35	-
Dairies and Cowsheds	45	-
Offensive Trades	-	-
Animal Keeping	2	-
Workshops, etc.	23	-
Shops	18	-
Other premises	10	-
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	389	40
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NOTICES

	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-	-
Issued during the year	10	-	-
Complied with during year	10	-	-
Statutory action necessary	-	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	-	-	-
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	<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding 1st. January	-	-	-
Issued during year	8	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	8	-	-

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers</u>
Number on the Register	135	40
Number of inspections of premises	48	12
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	1	1
Number of contraventions found during the year	-	-
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	1	1
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. Dec.	-	-

## Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Found during the year</u>	<u>Remedied during Year</u>	<u>Outstg. 31st. Dec.</u>
Cleansing	1	-	1	-
Structural alterations	-	-	-	-
Utensils	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

### MILK SAMPLING

No milk samples have been taken during the year

### (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No regular slaughtering is carried out in the District.

Other foodstuffs:- A large quantity of tinned and packeted foodstuffs held in various places for sale have been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

## H O U S I N G

### 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... .. 58
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... .. 70
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... 58
- Number of inspections ... .. 58
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... .. 6
- (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.. ... 52

### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. 46

Number rendered fit by owners.... .. 4

### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Number of Notices served... .. 1

Number of houses rendered fit by owners ... .. 1



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASE

Notifiable disease (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	38	-	-
Measles	110	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-

AGE GROUPS

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under one</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>20-35</u>	<u>35-45</u>	<u>45-65</u>	<u>65 &amp; over</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	4	6	2	7	13	21	-	-	1	1	-
Measles	2	2	4	10	12	60	9	2	3	2	4	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1943

	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
5-15	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
15-25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
35-45	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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WATER SUPPLY

<u>Village</u>	<u>Source of Supply</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
ALEXTON ✓	Shallow Wells	Quality reasonably good
BILLESDON ✓	Mainly shallow wells - part piped supply.	Number of houses connected to mains insufficient to pay annual charge.
BURTON OVERY ✓	Main supply from Leicester.	Satisfactory
CARLTON CURLIEU ✓	Wells	Good
COLD NEWTON ✓	Shallow wells	Fairly satisfactory
EAST NORTON ✓	" "	Unsatisfactory
GALBY ✓	" "	"
GOADBY ✓	" "	"
GREAT GLENN ✓	Main supply	Satisfactory
X HOUGHTON ✓	" "	"
HUNGERTON ✓	Shallow wells	Unsatisfactory
FLETON X	" "	Quality good, quantity insufficient
KEYHAM ✓	" "	Unsatisfactory
KINGS NORTON ✓	" "	"
LITTLE STRETTON ✓	Main supply	Water supplied by C.W.S.
LODDINGTON ✓	Shallow wells	Unsatisfactory
LOWESBY ✓	" "	"
OWSTON ✓	Impounded Spring	Not very satisfactory
SCRAPTOFT ✓	Main supply	Only a few houses remain unconnected
STOUGHTON ✓	" "	Satisfactory
THURNBY ✓	" "	"
TILTON ✓	Well	Serious water shortage is experienced.
TUGBY ✓	Shallow wells	Unsatisfactory
WISTOW ✓	Partly piped supply and partly shallow wells	"