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BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1955.

BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor	T.G. Hill (Chairman)
"	J.H. Ashworth.
"	J. Addleshaw.
"	G.C. Bailey.
"	P.E.B. Robinson.
"	J.B. Humphreys.
"	H.C. Irvine.
"	K.V. Irvine. (Mrs.)
"	A.D. Johnson.
"	T.H. Ormson.
"	W. Warrington.
"	H.S. Whitehead.

OFFICIALS.

D. Longbottom. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

A.E. Shimmings. M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.

Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor etc.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1955.

Urban District of Bowdon.

Section A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Area of the Urban District of Bowdon is 1090 acres.  
The Registrar General's estimate of the population is 3,870.

The Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1955 according to the rate book was approximately 1,230.

The Rateable Value of the District is £43,633 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £177.

The Social Conditions are good. The District is almost entirely residential and there is no industry of note.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	Total.	Male.	Female.
<u>Live Births.</u> (Legitimate)	58	24	34
(Illegitimate)	2	1	1
	<u>60</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Still Births.</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>BIRTH RATE.</u> per 1,000 of estimate population		15.5	
Birth Rate. (Standardised)		14.4	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	NIL	Nil	Nil

DEATHS.  
Total Number of Deaths in District. 61.  
Death Rate. per 1,000 of the estimated total. 15.8  
Standardised DEATH rate. 11.5

The population figures given are home population, and the births and deaths rates are based on this population. The Standardised births and deaths rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer basis for comparison with those of other areas.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1955

	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
1. Tuberculosis, others.	-	1	1
2. Syphilitic Diseases.	1	-	1
3. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	-	-	-
4. " " , lungs.	3	-	3
5. " " , others.	1	3	4
6. Leukaemia.	-	1	1
7. Vascular Disease of Nervous System.	4	9	13
8. Coronary Disease Angina.	4	4	8
9. Hypertension of Heart.	1	-	1
10. Other Heart Diseases.	3	12	15
11. Other Circulatory Diseases.	2	4	6
12. Pneumonia.	2	-	2
13. Bronchitis.	1	-	1
14. Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	-	1	1
15. Other ill defined diseases.	1	2	3
16. Suicide.	1	-	1
	<u>24</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>61</u>



The Infectious Diseases Notified were as listed:-

Scarlet Fever.	NIL
Whooping Cough.	1
Acute Poliomyelitis.	Nil
Measles.	123
Diphtheria.	Nil
Ac Pneumonia.	Nil
Dysentery.	Nil
Smallpox.	Nil
Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	Nil
Acute Encephalitis.	Nil
Paratyphoid Fever.	Nil
Erysipelas.	1
Food Poisoning.	Nil
Brucella.	Nil
Tuberculosis.	Nil
Chicken Pox.	1

The measles epidemic was widespread in surrounding areas.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.  
NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDED  
BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A. Services Provided in accordance with the Requirements of the  
National Health Service Act 1946.

1. Hospital Services.

Controlling Body: Manchester Regional Hospital  
Board.

Local Hospitals: Administered by North West and Mid Cheshire  
Hospital Management Committee.

Secretary - Mr. M. Owen Administrative Offices, Altrincham.

Hospitals serving the Area:-

General Acute Cases - Altrincham General Hospital.  
Denzell (Convalescent).

General Chronic Cases:- Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.  
(Withington Hospital Manchester).

Maternity Hospitals:- Altrincham Maternity Hospital,  
Sinderland Road, Altrincham.  
Southfield, Langham Road, Bowdon.

Ear, Nose & Throat. St. Annes Home, Woodville Road, Altrincham.  
Infectious Diseases. Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.  
Smallpox. Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Bury.

A large proportion of cases from Bowdon are treated in  
Manchester Hospitals.

2. General Practitioner & Dental Services.

Controlling Body: National Health Services Executive for Cheshire.  
Secretary - Mr. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

3. Services Administered by the Altrincham Divisional Health Committee.

1. Ambulance Service.
2. Immunisation & Vaccination - Bowdon Vale Clinic. Vicarage Lane.  
2nd & 4th Thursday in the Month.
3. Care and Aftercare.
4. Home Help Service.

## Hospitals Serving the Area (Cont.)

### Services Administered by the County Health Committee.

5. Maternity and Child Welfare - Bowdon Vale Clinic 2nd & 4th  
Thursday in the Month, 2-4p.m.
6. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing.
7. Dental Service - Expectant & Nursing Mothers pre School Children,  
Lister House Clinic, Hale.
8. Mental Health Service, Duly Authorised Officer for Mental Health,  
Mr. R. Dixon, 18 Stanley Road, Knutsford.

The Altrincham Divisional Health Committee Area comprises Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B. Knutsford U.D.C. and Bucklow R.D.C. and includes members of the above County Districts, the County Council and co-oped members.

The Divisional Medical Officer is Dr. D. Longbottom M.B., Ch.B., Altrincham Divisional Health Officer, Mountlands, The Mount, Altrincham.

### B. Other Services by other Committees of the Cheshire County Council.

Education Committee. School Health Service including School Dental Service.

Welfare Committee. Old persons care and attention - Homeless and handicapped persons provision for residential accomodation, etc.

County Welfare Officer. - Mr. Evans, 50 Hough Green, Chester.

Childrens Committee. Provides for the care of deprived children i.e. not under parental care.

Childrens Officer. Mr. Blades, County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford.

The Public Health Inspector. who also acts as Surveyor is a whole time official. This position is filled by Mr. A.E. Shimmings who holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the S.I.E.J. Board and the meat inspectors certificate (R.S.I.)

Laboratory Facilities. Specimens for examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratories, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

### Section C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department. Both Quality and Quantity have been satisfactory during the year.

D. LONGBOTTOM M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.  
BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.





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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

for the year 1955.

The Chairman and Members of the  
Bowdon Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen.

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary  
Administration of the area, for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Water Supply.

The whole of the district is supplied from the  
Manchester Corporation Mains. The supply in all cases is direct to  
the house or premises. The supply of water has been satisfactory  
both as regards quality and quantity.

The Thirlmere water is neutralised with hydrated lime  
so as to give a pH value of 7 to 7.5. Plumbo-solvency tests in  
past records show that water which has stood in contact with lead  
service pipes overnight has a lead content very definitely less than  
0.2 P.P.M. pH.

Sewerage and Sanitary Accommodation.

Existing sewers have been maintained and where  
necessary small defects remedied.

The whole district is on the water borne system with  
the exception of 7 outlying cottages.

Factories Act 1937.

No action has been necessary under Part 1, Section 1-11  
and Part 8, Sections 110 and 111 of this Act.

Inspection of Food.

- (a) Milk Supply. There are 7 producers in the area.  
These premises are constantly inspected. No  
adulteration has been found and no action has  
been necessary.
- (b) Inspection of Meat and other foods. All food shops  
are constantly under inspection. There is only one  
butchers shop in the area, the meat being obtained  
from the Altrincham Area. No animals have been  
slaughtered for human consumption. There are no  
slaughterhouses or knackers yards in the area.



Premises where food is prepared or sold.

Vicarage  
Lane Area.

Grocer.	Confectioner.	Sweets.	Ices.	Butchers.	Greengrocer.	Wet Fish.	Fried Fish.	Off License.	Inn.
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Church  
Area.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks. NIL.

Wrapping and Handling of Food stuffs. No prosecutions have been necessary.

Ice Cream premises. No ice cream is manufactured in the area. There are three shops which sell prepacked ice cream in each case under satisfactory conditions.

Smoke Abatement. Although Bowdon is a purely residential district with no industries, factories etc. a keen interest is taken in Smoke Abatement.

For some 10 years or so, the Council have been members of the Manchester and District Smoke Abatement Committee and have taken a keen interest in the suppression of smoke nuisances from surrounding district

A Deposit Gauge is installed in the Towns Yard. From this gauge the necessary data regarding the amount of Sulphur Dioxide in the air, is obtained.

Eradication of Bed bugs and other Insect Pests. No cases of bed bug infestations were discovered or reported during the year. The departments help has been sought for the destruction of wasps nests and the destruction of ants and other insects.

Shops Act 1950. Action has not been necessary during the year in respect of the provisions of Section 36 of the Shops Act 1950 with regard to sanitary and other arrangements in shops.

Rodent Control. Treatment is carried out by one of the Council Workmen who has attended a course of instruction in Rodent Control. His services are utilised on this work as and when necessary. The Ministry of Food recommended methods are used.

Sewer tests are taken at intervals. Very few takes are recorded.

The Councils refuse tip and sewage farm are baited weekly and the Towns Yard monthly as a routine precautionary matter. No serious infestations in the area have been reported or found.

Inspections and treatment of Properties.

No. of Properties in Local Authority District.	(1) L.A.	(2) Dwelling Houses.	(3) All other premises.	Total.	Agricultural.
	5	1240	32	1277	8
Nos. inspected as a result of notification.	-	31	-	31	-
otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose.	5	53	21	79	7
Treatments.					
Minor infestations for Rats.		23	-	23	-
Mice.		8	-	8	-
No. Premises treated.	2 treated weekly. 1 treated monthly.	31	-	31	-

I am Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

A.E. SHIMMINGS.

Public Health Inspector.





Inspections and Treatment of Properties.

	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses	(3) All other Premises	Total	Agricul- tural
No. of Properties in Local Authority District.	5	1281	190	1476	7
Nos. inspected as a result of notification.	-	15	1	16	-
otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose.	5	-	-	-	-
Treatments. Minor infestations for					
Rats.	Nil	23	1	24	
Mice.	Nil	Nil		Nil	
Number of Premises treated.	2 treated weekly. 1 treated monthly.	23	1	24	

I am Lady & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

THWELL.

Health Inspector.

