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BUCKFASTLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1952.

1. STATISTICS.

Area	1365 acres.
Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population	2557
Population - 1951 census	2592
Number of inhabited houses	883
Rateable Value at 1st April 1952	£14717
Sum represented by a penny rate 1952/3	£59. 6. 4d.



2. VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births - legitimate	36	13	23
illegitimate	1	-	1
Still Births - legitimate	2	2	-
illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants) - legitimate	1	1	-
under 1 year old) illegitimate	-	-	-
under 4 weeks - legitimate or illegitimate	-	-	-
Corrected birth-rate per 1000 civilian population		14.44	
" still-birth rate " " "		0.78	
Deaths	<u>30</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

Corrected death rate per 1000 civilian population 11.71

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 live births 27.0

The corresponding figures for England and Wales are

Death Rate 11.3

Birth Rate 15.3

Still-birth rate 0.35

Infantile Mortality Rate 27.6

Causes of Death as recorded by the Registrar-General.

Malignant Neoplasms (cancer)	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7
Coronary disease and angina	3
Other diseases of the heart	6
Other circulatory disease	NIL
Pulmonary tuberculosis	NIL
Bronchitis	NIL
Influenza and pneumonia	1
Congenital malformation	NIL
Other defined diseases	7
Suicide	1

Agos at death - 25 were over 60 years, the oldest being 92.
20 were over 70 years and the average age
at death of these was 78.

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Diphtheria Immunisation is carried out at the Welfare Centre, at the schools and by the local practitioners.

Housing.

Eight two-bedroomed flats on the Glebelands Estate and four houses on a site at Buckfast were completed during the year. A new housing site of 4.170 acres was acquired during the year and site works were substantially finished. Six sub-standard cottages owned by the Council at Buckfast were closed during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Following on last year's improvements the old filter beds have been replenished and the secondary beds emptied and completely renewed.

Water Supply.

The augmentation of the existing supply has been approved by the Minister.

The quality of the water is excellent and its tendency to plumbo-solvency is corrected at the reservoir.

Analyses taken during the year still show its high purity.

All houses except a few outlying farms and cottages have a piped supply.

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