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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE  
BUDE-STRATTON URBAN DISTRICT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	4294 acres
Population (Estimated)	5130
Number of Inhabited Houses	1291
Rateable Value	£48,606.
Tenny Rate produces	£197. 7s. 8d.

Social Condition.

Bude is a Seaside resort, with good facilities for Visitors, on which in normal times it depends. During the year many evacuated children returned to their homes. There are two Hostels, one at Bude and one at Stratton, for evacuated children not in billets or suffering from minor complaints. During the year there were many American Soldiers in the Bude Ward. There has been no serious epidemic. Influenza of a mild type was prevalent in the Winter.

Vital Statistics.

Total number of Deaths	83	Female 39	Male 44
Deaths under 1 year	7	Female 3	Male 4
		Rate per 1,000.	16. 1.
Total number of Births	101	Female 43	Male 58
		Rate per 1,000.	19.6

Deaths from:

puerperal Disease	Nil
Cancer	14
Phthisis	1
Whooping Cough	Nil
Measles	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil
Scarlet Fever	Nil
Enemy Action	Nil

General provision of Health Services.

- Public Health Officers.  
 (1) part time Medical Officer of Health  
 (2) Whole time Sanitary Inspector
- Tuberculosis. All cases notified to the County Medical Officer of Health.
- Maternity and Infant Welfare. Two Resident Midwives are working in the District. Institution provision for Maternity cases at Launceston.

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General provision of Health Services (continued).

4. Fever Cases. An Isolation Hospital containing 14 beds is situated at Stratton.
5. Small Pox. No local accommodation.
6. Cottage Hospital. Situated at Stratton, and contains 18 Beds.
7. Ambulance Facilities. A Motor Ambulance is kept at Bude, and is financed jointly by the Bude-Stratton Urban District Council and the Stratton Rural District Council. Fees are charged for the use of same.
8. Clinics and Treatment Centres. Children's Clinic and Orthopaedic Clinic held monthly in Bude.
9. Professional Nursing in the Homes. Only Maternity cases are nursed by Midwives.
10. Midwives. Two resident Midwives in the District.
11. Chemical Work. None locally.
12. Nursing Homes One Certificated Nursing Home in Bude.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

1. Water Supply. Excellent supply. Analysis taken three times a year. Good reports.
2. Rivers and Streams. No pollution.
3. Drainage and Sewerage.

Bude Ward. Sewage is collected and emptied into the sea twice a day.

Stratton Ward. Sewage is collected and passed through a Septic Tank. The effluent is then irrigated over meadow land and thence to a Stream; satisfactory in every way.

Poughill Ward. No satisfactory Sewage Scheme has been carried out.

4. Closet Accommodation. All the houses in the Bude and Stratton Wards with very few exceptions are connected with the main Sewerage Scheme.
5. Scavenging. Undertaken by the Council and has been well carried out. Collection from the majority of the properties in the District is effected twice weekly.

HOUSING.

Number of new Houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total number	1
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-	
By Local Authority	Nil.
By other persons	Nil

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	34
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HOUSING (Continued).

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during year:

1.(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose..	38
2.(a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.....	10
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	10
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	Nil
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	5

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice:-

	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....	5
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3. Action under Statutory powers during the year:-

(a)	proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....	Nil
(2)	Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	
(a)	by Owners.....	Nil
(b)	by Local Authority in default of owners.....	Nil
(b)	proceedings under public Health Acts:-	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	
(a)	by Owners	Nil
(b)	by Local Authority in default of owners.....	Nil
(c)	proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition orders were made.....	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	Nil



HOUSING (Continued)

(d) proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1933.

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|-----|---|-----|
| (1) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....   | Nil |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... | Nil |

4. Housing Act, 1936 - part IV - Overcrowding:-

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|-----|-----|--|-----|
| (a) | (1) | Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year.....   | Nil |
|     | (2) | Number of families dwelling therein..  | Nil |
|     | (3) | Number of persons dwelling therein...  | Nil |
| (b) |     | Number of new cases reported during the year.....  | 1   |
| (c) | (1) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....  | 1   |
|     | (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases.....   | 6   |
| (d) |     | particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding..... | Nil |
| (e) |     | Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.....                  | Nil |

Fitness of Houses.

Satisfactory on the whole. No unhealthy areas.

Some old houses will be condemned when suitable houses can be built.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

Meat. No slaughtering takes place in the District.

Bakeries. Well kept and regularly inspected.

Milk. Cowsheds and Dairies regularly inspected.

Milk supply very satisfactory.

Public Conveniences.

Sufficient for the requirements of the Bude and Stratton Wards. No Conveniences in the Poughill Ward.

Control of Infectious Diseases.

All cases are reported and, if necessary, removed to the Isolation Hospital.

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