

[Report 1939] / Medical Officer of Health, Clacton U.D.C.

Contributors

Clacton-on-Sea (England). Urban District Council.

Publication/Creation

1939

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/x7qtrjld>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution license.

This licence permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

CLACTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,

Clacton-on-Sea.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health
for 1939.

To the Chairman & Members
of the Clacton U.D.C.

I have the honour of presenting my twentieth Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district during 1939. The preparations for war during the year culminating in the actual outbreak of hostilities in September greatly increased the pressure of work of the department, so that the Minister of Health has decided that the contents of the Report for 1939 shall be limited to essential and urgent matters that may have arisen during the year. At the same time arrangements have been made for the careful preservation of all records, including the statistics supplied by the Registrar-General in order that, at the termination of hostilities, a more comprehensive report dealing fully with the period can be made.

Area (acres)	6,470
No. of inhabited Houses, end of 1939.....	8,500
Rateable value	£280,542
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	1,040

Infantile Mortality. Total Infant Deaths. 14.

	1 day.	1 wk.	2 wks.	3 wks.	1 mon.	3 mos.	6 mos.	9 mos.	1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	2-5 yrs.
Premature Birth	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prolonged labour.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marasmus.	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis & Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Conditions.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	5	2	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-

Total deaths from all ages. 348.

This is an increase of 83 over the previous year, and the majority of the increase was persons over the age of 65 years.

The Staff consists of a part-time Medical Officer of Health and two full-time Sanitary Inspectors.

Infectious Disease.

	Total Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	12	12	-
Diphtheria.	24	24	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas.	3	2	-
Chicken Pox.	27	-	-
Polio-myelitis.	2	2	-

Isolation Hospital, 1939.

		Result.											
Admitted.	Died.	Cured.	Remaining in hospital.	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Pol'io- myelitis.	Erysi- pelas.	Other Diseases.					
45	2	43	-	12	24	2	2	5					

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply:- The Total quantity of water supplied during the year was 288,719,000 gallons, a decrease of 1.64% when compared with the previous year.

Water Analysis and examination.

Samples taken:-

- 10 from Pumping Stations.
- 5 from Town Supply.
- 4 from Wells.
- 6 from Bathing Pools.

Sewerage and Drainage:-

The following report as regards the position during 1939 is supplied by the Surveyor:-

"During the year nearly two miles of sewers were laid within the Urban District.

The foul and surface water sewerage included in the private street works contract covering the eastern portion of Holland-on-Sea was completed, a length of practically $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles of pipe line being laid. A contract has been let for the outfall sewer which will receive the surface water discharge from the greater part of the area referred to, and it is expected that this will shortly be put in hand.

The only private estate development entered into during the year was the foul and surface water sewerage of a section of road on the Merrilees Estate, Holland-on-Sea.

With regard to sewers completed by the Council in public roads a total length of nearly two-thirds of a mile was laid. The greater portion was in the section of the West Drainage Scheme which provides for a new storm water outfall on the west beach opposite Butlin's Holiday Camp, a length of pipe line 33" and 36" diameter being laid adjacent to the West Road from Wash Lane to the site of a screen chamber near the Golf Club House. The remainder of this contract, including the laying of a 51" steel overflow bordering the Golf Course with 51" and 24" diameter sea outfalls, is in hand."

Closet Accommodation, etc.

Number of privies in Clacton.....	Nil
" " Pail Closets.....	1,117
" " Cesspools.....	482
" " Wells.....	26
Houses with Cesspools and Wells.....	35

Conversions.

Number of Pail Closets converted.....	1
" " Cesspools abolished.....	47
Premises redrained and connected to Public Sewer.	46

been necessary to issue several cautions, regarding dirty hair brushes, unswept floors, etc.

Meat and Food Inspection.

519 Visits were made to Slaughterhouses during the time of slaughter, and 408 visits to butchers' premises; generally the quality of meat was excellent.

Public Cleansing.

The collection of refuse was carried out mainly by mechanical vehicles, all except one being rear loaders.

Large hotels, restaurants, fish shops and boarding houses are during the season cleared daily. Refuse in the inner area of the town is, during the height of the season, collected twice each week.

Trade premises receive attention by agreement, a charge being made for services rendered.

Refuse from the Military Camp is delivered by them to the Disposal Works.

A total of 6321 tons was collected at a net cost of £2,378.10.8, including depreciation and loan charges.

Income from trade refuse amounted to £335. 11. 3d.

Disposal.

Disposal is by incineration and controlled tipping.

Very little is tipped during the winter months but owing to the influx of visitors and incapacity of the works it is necessary to tip the greater portion of the increase.

The refuse is tipped in fingers, screenings from the works are used for covering.

Apart from war needs the salvage of materials is always carried out. Income derived from this source being £441.4.2.

Of the refuse dealt with at the works, 2,151 tons were tipped and 4,363 tons incinerated.

Net cost of collection per ton including depreciation and loan charges 7/6d, excluding 6/8d.

Disposal per ton including depreciation and loan charges 3/5d, excluding 2/2d.

The incidence of the principal infectious diseases was somewhat in excess of last year owing to Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever in resident institutions.

Port Sanitary Regulations. No action was required during the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

W.A.MILNE.

Medical Officer of Health.