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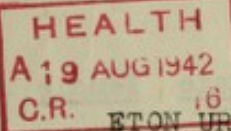
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ETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the Year 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1941, which, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, has been restricted to essential matters, more particularly the compilation of figures for record purposes. The Minister has also drawn attention to the importance, on grounds of national security, of not publishing any figures from which the local population may be deduced. Such figures in this report are therefore strictly confidential to members of the Council and the Government departments concerned.

SECTION A.

Population (Registrar General's Estimate, Mid Year 1941) - 4,409. X

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.

Total .....	45	Male	25	Female	20
Legitimate .....	43	"	25	"	18
Illegitimate .....	2	"	-	"	2

Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (including boys at Eton College) .....	10.2
National rate .....	14.2

Still Births.

Total .....	2	Male	2	Female	nil
Legitimate .....	2	"	2	"	nil
Illegitimate .....	nil	"	nil	"	nil

Still Birth rate per 1,000 Population .....	0.45
National rate .....	0.51

Deaths.

Total .....	43	Male	24	Female	19
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Death Rate per 1,000 Population .....	9.7
National rate .....	12.9
Maternal Mortality rate .....	nil
National rate .....	2.23
Infant Mortality rate .....	44.4
National rate .....	59.0

Deaths from Measles .....	nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough .....	nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea .....	nil



<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	0	1
Other Tuberculosis	1	0	1
Syphilis	1	0	1
Influenza	1	0	1
Cancer	4	2	6
Diabetes	0	1	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	2	3	5
Heart disease	7	5	12
Other Circulatory diseases	1	1	2
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Digestive diseases	1	1	2
Nephritis	1	0	1
Congenital malformations, birth injuries, infant diseases	1	2	3
Suicide	0	1	1
Road Traffic Accidents	0	1	1
All other causes	1	0	1
	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>43</u>

## SECTION B.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water is supplied by the Windsor Corporation Waterworks. An emergency supply is available from wells; analyses have shown the water from these is fit for drinking.

Drainage and Sewerage. The new sewerage scheme for the West Ward has been completed, but owing to leakage of subsoil water into the sewers has not yet been brought into use. The matter is under investigation by the Engineers.

Rivers and Streams The water from the River Thames was not analysed during the year. The public swimming Pool in the district remained closed.

Closet Accommodation. No change from report of 1941.

Public Cleansing. The method of house refuse collection is as described in previous reports. Efforts in connection with salvage have been intensified. Salvage wardens were appointed for each street, who have been of great assistance, and bins have also been placed in each street for the collection of pig waste, and housewives have undertaken to supervise the collection of this material. The following articles have been collected and sold:-

Waste Paper	36 tons 9 cwts.	£94.
Clinkers	31 "	£5. 5s.
Manure	14 "	£6. 10s.
Bones	14 "	£2. 5s.
Baled Tins	21 " 8 "	£25.
Rags	1 " 7 "	£4. 7s.
Bottles, Jars	3 " 18 "	£11.
Kitchen Waste	41 " 3 "	£42.
Scrap Iron	6 " 3 "	£9. 12s.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Inspections made.....	8
Nuisances found .....	8
Nuisances remedied by service of informal notices	5
Nuisances remedied by service of formal notices .....	3

Shops. No inspection of shops was carried out during the year.

### Camping Sites.

Number of sites used for camping ...	1
Number of sites licensed for camping	0
Estimated maximum number of campers at one time .....	100

Smoke Abatement. There was no nuisance from smoke during the year.

### Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Number of Council houses infested	0
Number of other houses infested	1
Number of Council houses disinfested	0
Number of other houses disinfested	1

Messrs. Newton Chambers "Zaldecide" with hard spray was used for all cases of disinfestation.

No investigation of tenants' belongings before taking Council houses was considered necessary.

Disinfestation in private houses is carried out by private contractor under supervision of the Council.

The Sanitary Inspector advises and supervises to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing.

### Miscellaneous Controlled Premises.

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. in District</u>	<u>No. Registered</u>	<u>No. of Inspections made</u>
Bakehouses	9	9	nil
Slaughterhouses	1	1	nil
Cowkeepers	7	7	7
Dairy (including Milk Retailers)	14	14	7

Outworkers The latest list of outworkers contains 21 persons engaged with 4 firms on tailoring work.

Disinfection. Rooms in three houses were disinfected after cases of infectious disease.



Housing During the year no houses have been built in the area. Owing to the large influx of evacuees and refugees the accommodation in the area has been considerably strained, and overcrowding to some degree exists.

#### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply There are 5 supplementary milk licenses issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 in force within the district.

The Accredited milk supplied from the Council's farm continues to be of good quality as shown by bacteriological analysis.

Meat and Other Foods. 56 lbs. fish, 74 lbs. chilled beef, 51 lbs. butter were found unfit for human consumption. 6 killings of pigs for home consumption were made within the district during the year.

Ice Cream and Preserved Foods. 21 shops have registered for the sale or manufacture of ice cream and preserved foods under the provision of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

#### Details of Inspections.

##### Water Supply

Analysis of emergency water supply	5
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##### Sewerage and drainage.

Blocked drains	2
New drainage	5
Blocked cesspools	3

##### Housing.

Pump defective	1
Rain water gutter defective	2
Dampness	1
Handrail required	1
D.P.C. required	1

##### Public Cleansing.

Dustbins required	6
Defective storage household waste	1

##### Cowsheds and dairies.

Walls and floors dirty	4
Smocks dirty	5
Vessels dirty	2
Walls require limewashing	2

##### Factories.

Interviews with tenants re new factories	2
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##### General.

Interviews with boundary owners	4
Uncleanliness in houses	2
Deposits in garden	1
Improper keeping of rabbits	1

## SECTION C.

### Notifiable Diseases during 1941 (Other than Tuberculosis)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted</u> <u>to Eton Joint</u> <u>Isolation Hospitals</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	2	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Measles	93	4	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-

Only one case of Diphtheria was notified during the year and this was a girl aged 20. Immunisation against Diphtheria of the majority of the school children was carried out at the end of 1939. During 1940 and 1941 visits were paid to the Schools to immunise those who had not already been done. Approximately 72% of children over five years of age and 9% under five have been immunised.

Two cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year, one in May and the other in November. The former case was an adult and the latter was aged 4½ years.

A case of Poliomyelitis occurred at the end of August and was a woman of 29 residing in Eton Wick. This case was one of 45 which occurred in the South Bucks area between July and November. She was admitted to the Cippenham Isolation Hospital and was later transferred to the Stoke Mandeville Hospital for orthopaedic treatment.

93 cases of Measles were notified during the year of which 59 were in the College. The monthly incidence was as follows:- March - 11, April - 2, May - 26, June - 44, July - 10.

The 7 cases of Whooping Cough were all aged 6 and under. 2 occurred in April, 3 in June and 2 in July.

Tuberculosis. During the year 3 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified - 2 females aged 18 and 19 and a male aged 51. Two deaths from Tuberculosis were recorded - a male Pulmonary case aged 65 and a child aged 2 from Tuberculous Meningitis.

Evacuation. The number of Official evacuees in the district in December 1941 was 278, as follows:- Unaccompanied children 188, Mothers and Children 45, Adults 34, Teachers 9, Helpers 2.

14 evacuee children were admitted to the South Bucks Sick Bay for Evacuees at Fulmer Rise, as follows:- Scabies - 5, Impetigo - 3, Psoriasis - 1, Gastritis - 1, Enuresis - 1, Behaviour Difficulties - 3.

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The first case of diphtheria was notified during the year and was a girl aged 10. Notification against diphtheria of the majority of the school children was carried out at the end of 1959. During 1959 and 1961 visits were paid to the homes of children who had not already been done. Approximately 75% of children aged 5 years of age and 95 under five have been immunized.

Two cases of diphtheria were notified during the year, one in May and the other in November. The former case was an adult and the latter was aged 14 years.

A case of diphtheria is reported at the end of August and was a woman of 35 residing in St. John's. This case was one of 15 which occurred in the South Bank area between July and November. She was admitted to the diphtheria isolation hospital and was later transferred to the General Hospital for orthopaedic treatment.

15 cases of diphtheria were notified during the year of which 10 were in the South Bank area. The remaining 5 cases were in the North Bank area. The cases were notified on 10/10, 11/10, 12/10, 13/10, 14/10, 15/10, 16/10, 17/10, 18/10, 19/10.

The 7 cases of diphtheria were all notified and treated in the diphtheria isolation hospital.

Tuberculosis. During the year 1960 15 cases of tuberculosis were notified. 10 cases were in the South Bank area and 5 cases were in the North Bank area. The cases were notified on 10/10, 11/10, 12/10, 13/10, 14/10, 15/10, 16/10, 17/10, 18/10, 19/10.

Evaluation. The number of notified cases of tuberculosis in the district is compared with the number of notified cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1959. The number of notified cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1959 was 15 and the number of notified cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1960 was 15.

It was concluded that the number of notified cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1960 was the same as the number of notified cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1959.

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