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## ETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1943, 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 1943) - 4,071.

Vital Statistics.Live Births.

Total .....	44	Male	23	Female	21
Legitimate ..	44	"	23	"	21
Illegitimate.	nil	"	nil	"	nil

Birth rate per 1,000 population (including boys at Eton College) ..... 10·8  
National rate ..... 16·5

Still Births.

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

Still Birth rate per 1,000 population ..... nil  
National rate ..... 0·51

Deaths.

Total .....	36	Male	15	Female	21
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Death rate per 1,000 population ..... 8·8  
National rate ..... 12·1

Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 total Births ..... nil  
National rate ..... 2·29

Deaths of Infants under 1.

Total .....	nil	Male	nil	Female	nil
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Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births ..... nil  
National rate ..... 49·0

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>
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Influenza	2	-	2
Cancer	3	4	7
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	1	5	6
Heart disease	4	3	7
Other circulatory diseases	1	1	2
Bronchitis	-	1	1
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Digestive Diseases	-	2	2
Nephritis	-	1	1
Suicide	1	-	1
All other causes	1	3	4
	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>

## SECTION B.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water supply. The Windsor Corporation provide a constant supply throughout the district, which has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity. With six exceptions, all premises are on the main supply.

Drainage and Sewerage. The new sewerage scheme for the West Ward came into operation in April 1943 and 126 properties on cesspool drainage have been connected to the sewers. In addition, 6 conversions from pail closet to main drainage have been effected. There remain 138 cesspools and 18 pail closets.

Salvage. The Council has been actively engaged on salvage collection during the year. The following list shows the result of the year's efforts:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qr.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Paper	46	16	-	-	141	10	0
Clinker	26	-	-	-	4	4	0
Manure	35	10	-	-	17	15	0
Bones		3	-	-		12	0
Baled Tins	28	17	-	-	33	10	0
Rags		12	-	-	8	10	0
Bottles and jars		1	-	-		6	0
Kitchen Waste	43	1	-	-	43	0	0
Scrap Iron	5	5	-	-	5	5	0
Rubber		16	-	-	2	0	0
Miscellaneous Metals	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
	<u>186</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£256</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>

The Salvage Steward Scheme has worked well, and bins for the collection of tins, bottles and kitchen waste are placed throughout the district.

Housing. Overcrowding has been engaging the attention of the Council during the year, but little progress has been made owing to the absence of available accommodation to rehouse the overcrowded families.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Number of Council houses infested ..	0
Number of other houses infested ....	3
Number of Council houses disinfested	0
Number of other houses disinfested .	3

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply. There are 5 Supplementary Milk Licences in force, issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

The milk produced at the Council's farm continues to be of good quality as shown by analysis taken by the County Council.

The Cowsheds have been regularly inspected and were found to be generally satisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods. 102 lbs. of tinned meats, vegetables, jam and fruit were found unfit for human consumption and were returned to the manufacturers or destroyed. 6 stones of fresh fish were also found to be unfit.

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

Details of Sanitary Inspection.

<u>Housing.</u>		<u>Drainage.</u>	
Overcrowding	4	New drainage work	91
Dampness	1	Defective Manhole	1
Defective Grate	1	Blocked Drains	3
Defective Floors	1	Defective Drains	1
Defective Yard Paving	2	Inspection of old drains	3
Defective Roofs	1	Dirty W.C.	1
<u>Cowsheds.</u>		<u>Schools.</u>	
Dirty Floors	3	Dirty W.C.	1
Limewashing required	5		
New Dairy	1	<u>Miscellaneous.</u>	
Defective Walls	2	Inspection for Bugs	3
Inspection of registered premises not being used	7	Inspection of fairs and show-ground	1
Dirty Utensils	1	Nuisance from rabbits	1
Defective Floors	1		
Defective Roofs	1		

Interviews with house owners and builders - 104.

5 "Nuisances" were remedied by Informal and 1 by Formal notices.



Miscellaneous Controlled Premises.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>	<u>Number of Inspections made</u>
Bakehouses	2	2	-
Slaughterhouses	1	1	-
Cowkeepers	7	7	} .. .. . 29
Dairies (including Milk Retailers)	15	15	

Outworkers. The latest list of Outworkers contains 18 persons engaged with 3 firms on tailoring work.

Disinfection. Rooms in 4 houses were disinfected after cases of infectious disease.

SECTION C.

Notifiable Diseases during 1943  
(Other than Tuberculosis)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Eton Joint Isolation Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	5	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	60 <sup>x</sup>	1	-
Whooping Cough	4	1	-

\* 54 at the College.

5 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, one case occurring during each of the following months:- February, March, August, October and December. Their ages were 35, 17, 7, 4 and 18 months. One was a boy from the College and 2 were from Eton Wick. All were admitted to the Isolation Hospital.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year. 88% of the school children have now been protected against Diphtheria by immunisation, and, excluding those under one year of age, 32% of children under 5. Two Immunisation Clinics are held weekly at the Health Centre, Burlington Road, Slough at which children from the Urban District may attend - these are held on Thursday mornings from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and Friday afternoons at 2.15 p.m. Children under 5 may also be immunised at the Infant Welfare Centre which is held at the College Arms, High Street, Eton, on the third Tuesday in each month at 2.30 p.m.

Tuberculosis. During the year one case of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis - cervical glands - was notified, a boy aged 10. One death was recorded from Tuberculous Meningitis in a youth aged 17.

Evacuation. The number of Official evacuees in the district at the end of the year was 86, as follows:- Unaccompanied children 58, Mothers and Children 12, Adults 13, Teachers 3.

Laboratory Examinations. The following specimens have been examined during the year at the Town Hall laboratory for patients in the Eton Urban District:-

Swabs for Diphtheria Bacilli. . .	6
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci	16
Swab for Vincent's organisms. . .	1
Sputum for Tubercle Bacilli. . .	1

V.A.T. SPONG.

Medical Officer of Health.

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