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Urban District Council Offices,  
Kilwardby Street,  
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Leicestershire.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Urban District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1960.

The population, which appears to be steadily increasing, is now 7,150 compared with 7,060 in 1959.

The birth rate (16.5) is lower than last year (17.1) and lower than that for England and Wales (17.1).

The death rate (8.7) is lower than last year (14.6) and lower than that for England and Wales (11.5).

The chief causes of death were from diseases associated with elderly people.

82 houses were completed during the year, making a total of 715 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 113 and the number of applications received during the year 44.

During the year 24 unfit houses were demolished and 4 closed.

During the year, 34 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, 23 Measles, 6 Whooping Cough, 4 cases of Dysentery and 1 Pneumonia. There was one death from Pneumonia.

I am pleased to report that an increased number of children received primary immunisation against diphtheria.

Two cases of Tuberculosis, both pulmonary, males, were notified during the year, but there were no deaths. Three cases were removed from the register as cured.



I should like to express my thanks to the staff of the Public Health Department of the County and to Dr. Mair and his staff in the Public Health Laboratory at Groby Road, Leicester, for their help and co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Mr. F. H. Wynne, Public Health Inspector, for his invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and courtesy.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. McM. W. Segerdal  
M.D., D.P.H.

<u>Private Residence :</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
Belvoir Cottage, Coalville. Leicestershire.	Coalville 144



## SECTION A

### General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	6,162
Population (R.G's estimate)	7,150
Number of inhabited houses	2,310
Rateable Value (at 31.12.60)	£91,885
Sum represented by a penny rate	£367.16.8d
Comparability factor - Births	0.96
Deaths	0.97

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the district are agriculture; biscuit making; crisp manufacture; dairies; soap manufacturing and glove manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in coalmining; earthenware and brickmaking are residents in the town. There are also 4 Public Parks and an Open-air Swimming Bath.

No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the population.

### Vital Statistics.

	<u>% England and Wales</u>	
Live Births	123	
Live Birth rate	16.5	17.1
Still Births	1	
Still Birth rate per 1000 (live and still)	74	19.7
Total Births	124	
Infant Deaths	4	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	32.5	21.7
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 legitimate births	33.6	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate births	.0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live births	24.4	15.6
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1000 related live births.	24.4	
Perinatal mortality, the early neo-natal mortality combined with the still births per 1000 total births	32.2	
Percentage of illegitimate live births	3.2	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 total births	.0	0.39



Births

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	: Legitimate	59	60	119
	Illegitimate	2	2	4
		61	62	123
		—	—	—
Still Births	: Legitimate	1	0	1
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		1	0	1
		—	—	—
Total Births (Live and Still)		62	62	124
		—	—	—
Deaths		28	36	64
		—	—	—
Death rate per 1000 population			8.7	
Death rate England and Wales			11.5	

Causes of Death during 1960

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm stomach	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	6	7
Diabetes	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	5	6
Coronary disease, angina	8	6	14
Hypertension with heart disease	0	2	2
Other heart disease	1	7	8
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	0	1	1
Congenital malformations	3	1	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	4	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	0	1
	—	—	—
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Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	3	1	4
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	2	1	3
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	2	1	3
	—	—	—

Chief causes of death were :

Diseases of heart and circulation	33
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer)	12



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

#### Hospitals

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When the inmates become ill they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

#### Ashby-de-la-Zouch and District Hospital

This is the only hospital in the area and is under the Leicester No. 2 Hospital Management Committee.

No. of In-Patients (Medical, Surgical, etc.)	454
No. of Maternity cases	420
No. of Births	362
No. of Births in 1950	206
No. of Still Births	1
Out-Patients attendances, including casualties and ante-natal	4248
Operations	320

#### Loudoun House. County Home for Old People

There are 48 residents, men and women.

The eventual intention is a Home primarily to serve the needs of the locality, but the large number on the waiting list for the whole County necessitates the admission of people many miles from their homes.

Local organisations in the town and environs have welcomed the new residents and help to integrate them into the life of the community. This is one of the important functions so necessary to prevent the residents from feeling an isolated section of the public.

#### Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. An Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Sanatorium. The Tuberculosis Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.



### Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

### Nursing in the Home.

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the County Council.

### Health Visiting.

This work is provided, as before, by the County Council and is ably carried out in the area.

A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and visits the patients in their homes on request.

### Laboratory Facilities.

#### Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory were as follows :

Throat and Nose Swabs	:	0
Faeces and Urine	:	20
Sputa	:	10
Waters	:	5
Miscellaneous	:	<u>1</u>
		36
		<u>—</u>

Generally there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water Supply.

Early in the year we received many complaints regarding the taste and smell of the water, particularly after periods of heavy rain. The bulk water supply is obtained from the River Dove Water Board and chemical analysis of the water ascertained that the complaints arose from the presence of chlorophenols in the water.

Three samples of water were taken for chemical analysis and part of the Analyst's report on these samples is given below :

Sample No. 1 was taken at Westfields.

Sample No. 2 was taken at New Packington.

Sample No. 3 was taken at Willesley.

" We beg to report that we have examined the three samples of water received from you on the 24th February, with the following results (in parts per million) :

	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>
Temporary Hardness	105	72	82
Permanent Hardness	200	188	193
Total Hardness	305	260	275
Free Chlorine	0.02	0.01	0.02
Combined Residual Chlorine	0.09	0.05	0.11

We have also carried out an examination for the presence of chlorophenols and find evidence of the presence of a minute trace of these substances in sample No. 1 but not in the other two samples.

When the samples were received by us we formed the opinion that sample No. 1 had a marked "Medicinal" odour and taste, that sample No. 2 also showed this odour and taste but to a lesser degree, while we did not detect any significant odour or taste in sample No. 3. The presence of minute quantities of chlorophenols (one part or less of phenol per 1000 millions) is sufficient to give rise to complaints of taste and odour, and in our opinion the difficulties associated with your water supply are due to the presence of substances of this type.



Six samples of tap water were submitted for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district :

Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	2239
Estimated population	..	..	..	..	6840

Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	48
Estimated population	..	..	..	..	214

Well water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	29
Estimated population	..	..	..	..	96

Apart from a few isolated dwellings, the whole of the urban area is supplied with water from the public mains.

No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water	..	..	..	..	4
No. of wells closed	..	..	..	..	4

Three samples of well water were submitted for bacteriological examination. Two were unsatisfactory, one was satisfactory.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	2
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	Nil
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1960	..	..

The Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Pick, Everard, Keay & Gimson, have been instructed to prepare plans and report on the Sewerage Systems for the Urban District and it is anticipated that new sewers will have to be laid in the Northern, Central and Southern areas of the town, together with a new outfall sewer to the Works at Packington. The existing Works at Packington and Willesley will have to be extended and improved. The ultimate cost will be in the region of £200,000.



### Closet Accommodation

Total number in district on 31st December, 1960

(a)	Privies	..	..	..	2
(b)	Pail Closets	..	..	..	32
(c)	Water Closets		..	..	2416

Number of closets converted to water carriage system  
during the year :

(a)	Privies	..	..	..	Nil
(b)	Pail Closets	..	..	..	2

No grant is made towards the cost of conversion.

Earth closets, privies, ash pits and cesspools are emptied free of charge by Council workmen.

Pail closets are emptied weekly and contents disposed of to sewer.

### Public Cleansing

Domestic refuse is removed by direct labour over the whole of the district by an 8 year old Dennis 10 cubic yard side loading vehicle. Approximately 300 cubic yards of refuse are collected and disposed of weekly. Owing to labour difficulties and mechanical trouble with the lorry, the period between collections has varied from 7 to 13 days. A new vehicle was ordered for delivery during 1961 when it is hoped that a 7 day refuse collection service can be resumed.

In the autumn tipping on the crude tip on Nottingham Road was discontinued and a new tip which is partially controlled was opened in the disused railway cutting off the Smisby Road.

### Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Total number of complaints received	..	..	19
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	19
Total number of defects or nuisances dealt with	..	..	31



Particulars of Inspections made

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal Keeping	11
Bakehouses	4
Dairies	3
Drainage Works	29
Dwelling houses	1176
Infectious diseases inquiries	12
Food poisoning inquiries	6
Food premises	55
Offensive Trades	Nil
Refuse collection and disposal	144
Rodent control	4
Schools	1
Shops	22
Slaughterhouses and Meat inspection	266
Smoke control	0
Tents, vans and sheds etc.,	4
Verminous and dirty premises	3
Water supplies	8
Factories and Workshops	4
Other inspections	51
	1,803

Notices

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1960	-	2
Issued during year	5	14
Complied with during year	1	14
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1960	-	2

Statutory

Statutory Notices - Nil      Summary action - Nil



## Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 :

	<u>Outstand ing. 1st Jan.1960</u>	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstand ing. 31st Dec.1960</u>
Washing facilities	0	1	1	0
Facilities for taking meals.	0	1	1	0

## Verminous Premises

One house was fumigated during the year.

## Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are 2 licensed Pet Shops. 4 inspections were made during the year.

## Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

## Schools

Following representations to the Education Authority, plans were submitted to provide proper washing facilities and water closets at the Blackfordby school. It is hoped that the work will commence early in 1961.

## Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

Number in area :

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	0
	No. of inspections	..	..	..	4

The baths were not open during the year.



Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The table below gives details of work carried out by the part time rodent operator.  
In addition 10% of the manholes in the district were test baited :

	Type of Property				
	(1)	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (inc. Business Premises)	(4)	(5)
Local Authority			Total of cols. (1) & (3)	Agricultural	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	8	2373	439	2820	40
Number of properties inspected as a result of :					
(a) Notification	3	13	1	17	1
(b) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	4	13	-	20	-
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	63	78	3	144	3
Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by :					
(a) Rats {Minor}	2	9	1	-	1
(b) Mice {Minor}	-	2	-	-	-
Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by I.A.	2	11	1	-	1
Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of Act	-	2	1	-	-

Particulars of names to return

for whom there was no return show to what extent self-taught pupils have been able to do in the class.

Name to give

Name of child

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

(6)

(7)

(8)

(9)

(10)

(11)

(12)

(13)

(14)

Self-taught  
pupil  
of  
class  
of  
age  
and  
name

Local name subject to name  
of teacher or teacher's name

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SECTION DHOUSINGHouses completed during the year

	<u>Prefab</u> <u>Permanent</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Permanent</u> <u>Type</u>
Local Authority	Nil	56
Private Enterprise	Nil	26

Houses in course of erection  
at end of year

Local Authority	-	Nil
Private Enterprise	-	13

Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	..	..	..	436
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Total number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	..	..	..	279
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Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	..	..	..	113
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Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	..	..	..	44
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Housing Summary

Total number of houses occupied in district	..	..	..	2310
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Total number of Council houses occupied in district	..	..	..	598
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Slum Clearance

No. of houses demolished during year	..	..	..	24
No. of houses closed during year	..	..	..	4
No. of families displaced	..	..	..	47
No. of persons displaced	..	..	..	126

Two Clearance Areas containing 27 houses were declared during the year. At the year end negotiations were still in progress for the purchase of the properties in these Areas.



## SECTION E

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Ice Cream

Number of premises registered :

- |                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| (a) Manufacture and retail | 0  |
| (b) Manufacture only       | 0  |
| (c) Retail only            | 32 |

All premises retail prepacked ice cream only.

#### Bacteriological Milk Samples

All samples were taken by the County Council.  
All were satisfactory.

#### Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of Licenses issued :

Dealer's Licenses	-	Pasteurised	2
		Sterilised	2
Supplementary Licenses	-	Pasteurised	4
		Sterilised	2

#### Meat and other Foods

No. of licensed slaughter houses in area	..	..	2
No. of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	2900
No. of animals examined therein	..	..	2900
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	10%
No. of Knacker yards in area	..	..	Nil
No. of visits to Knacker yards	..	..	Nil



MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	698	176	4	1114	908
Number inspected	698	176	4	1114	908
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	1	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	196	89	-	39	41
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	28.08	51.13	-	3.50	4.63
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	10	-	-	19
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.43	6.25	-	-	2.09
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



The foods listed below were found to be unfit for human consumption, were voluntarily surrendered by the owners and destroyed :

1 tin Ham	Weight 11 lbs.
1 tin Ox Tongue	Weight 6 lbs.
36lbs. Potatoes	
18 Wild Ducks	Weight 61 lbs.
1 tin Ham	Weight 12 lbs.
4 tins Corned Beef	Weight 24 lbs.

Meat Stalls

Number of inspections .. .. .. .. Nil

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.

Number of butcher's shops in district .. .. 6

Number of inspections .. .. .. .. 15

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections .. .. .. .. 42

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Number of premises inspected .. .. .. .. 10

Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 43

Number of informal notices served .. .. .. 2

Number of informal notices complied with .. .. 2

Number of informal notices outstanding  
31st December, 1960 .. .. .. .. 1

Number of formal notices served .. .. .. 0

One market owned by local authority does not comply with the regulations.



SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1960

Disease	Final No. after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Whooping Cough	6	0	0
Measles	23	0	0
Dysentery	4	0	0
Total	34	0	1

Analysis under Age Groups According  
to Registrar General's Return

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles
Under 1 year	0	1
1	0	1
2	1	1
3	1	3
4	1	3
5-9	3	13
10-14	0	1
18-24	0	0
25 and over	0	0
Age unknown	0	0
Total	6	23



Age Group	Dysentery	Acute Pneumonia
Under 5 years	1	0
5-14	1	0
15-44	2	0
45-64	0	1
65 and over	0	0
Age unknown	0	0
Total	4	1

The cases of Dysentery were Sonne Dysentery and were all mild.



IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of Children who were immunised during the period  
1st January - 31st December, 1960

Age at 31.12.60 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1960	1 1959	2 1958	3 1957	4 1956	5 1955	6 1954	7 1953	8 1952	9 1951	10 1950	11 1949	12 1948	13 1947	14 1946	Total
Primary Immunis- ation	29	73	5	4	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	121
Booster Dose	-	-	-	-	7	26	9	5	2	3	5	1	2	1	-	61



Statement of Particulars appearing in the  
Tuberculosis Register for the year 1960

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	14	7	2	1	24
Number of cases notified during year	2	0	0	0	2
Number of cases added other than by formal notification	1	0	0	0	1
Number of cases removed from Register	2	1	1	1	5
Number of cases remaining on Register at end of year	15	6	1	0	22

Tuberculosis - Year 1960

Causes of Removal from Register

	M A L E S		F E M A L E S		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	
Left District	0	0	1	1	2
Cured	2	1	0	0	3
Total	2	1	1	1	5

There is free co-operation between the Local Authority and the Chest Physician and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment. A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily, and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.



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FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Resumé of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1960, previously sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspec- tions</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	1
Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	46	2	1
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	45	14	1
Total	93	18	3
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PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)

No outworkers in district.

ĐẶC TÍNH VÀ CÁC TÍNH TỐ

Đặc tính chất lượng của hợp chất là khái niệm  
để chỉ các đặc điểm vật lý và hóa học có thể xác định  
để nhận biết hợp chất, xác định chất lượng và xác định  
tính chất của hợp chất.

(Đặc tính chất lượng của hợp chất thường)

Đặc tính chất lượng  
của hợp chất

Đặc tính chất lượng  
của hợp chất  
là đặc điểm  
để xác định  
tính chất  
của hợp chất.

Đặc tính chất  
lượng của hợp chất  
để xác định  
tính chất  
của hợp chất.

Đặc tính chất  
lượng của hợp chất  
để xác định  
tính chất  
của hợp chất  
(tính chất  
chủ yếu).

Đặc tính chất  
lượng của hợp chất  
để xác định  
tính chất  
của hợp chất.

Đặc tính chất  
lượng của hợp chất  
để xác định  
tính chất  
của hợp chất.

Đặc tính chất  
lượng của hợp chất  
để xác định  
tính chất  
của hợp chất.



