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AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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For the year 1964.

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Public Health Laboratory, 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.

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SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	5,985
Population (R.G.'s. estimate)	7,510
Number of inhabited houses	2,340
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1964)	£253,600
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,033
Comparability factor - Births	1.00
- Deaths	1.00

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the district are agriculture; biscuit making; crisp manufacture; dairies and soap 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>Urban District</u>	<u>% England and Wales</u>
Live Births	125	
Live Birth rate (crude & adjusted)	16.6	18.4
Still Births	3	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 (live and still)	23.4	16.3
Total Births (live and still)	128	
Infant Deaths	2	
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.0	20.0
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births	16.4	
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births	.0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related live births	8.0	13.8
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1,000 related live births	8.0	
Perinatal mortality, the early neo-natal mortality combined with the still births per 1,000 total births	31.2	
Percentage of illegitimate live births	2.4	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	.0	0.25

Births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births : Legitimate	66	56	122
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>68</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>125</u>
Still Births : Legitimate	0	2	2
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Births (Live and Still)	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>128</u>
Deaths	<u>49</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>76</u>

Death rate per 1000 population (crude & adjusted) 10.1

Death rate England and Wales 11.3

CAUSES OF DEATHS AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE - 1964

Causes of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks. & under 1 yr.	Age in Years									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	M F	7 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 -	3 -	1 -	
Malignant neoplasm 'breast	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- 1	
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	
Diabetes	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M F	5 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 2	1 2	3 4	
Coronary disease, angina	M F	13 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	9 1	3 3	
Hypertension with heart disease	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	
Other heart disease	M F	3 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	2 4	
Other circulatory disease	M F	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 2	- 1	
Pneumonia	M F	5 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	4 -	
Bronchitis	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	
Other diseases of respiratory system	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
Congenital malformations	M F	3 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M F	1 2	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- 1	
All other accidents	M F	3 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- 1	
Suicide	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	
Total all causes	M F	49 27	1 -	1 -	1 -	2 -	1 -	1 -	1 1	2 -	6 5	20 6	15 15	
Total both sexes		76	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	11	26	30	

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

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

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age.

Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1	0	1
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age.

Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1	0	1
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Diseases of heart and circulation	44
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer)	11
Diseases of the respiratory system	8

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 residents 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. The hospital has accommodation for 28 patients, including 13 maternity beds.

No. of In-patients (Medical, Surgical, etc.,)	429
No. of Maternity cases admitted	451
No. of Births	323
No. of Still Births	3
Out-patients attendances, including casualties and ante-natal	7,594
Operations	139

Loudoun House - County Home for Old People.

It was a very quiet year with no serious epidemic amongst the residents or staff. There were only 3 deaths in Loudoun House, 1 resident was transferred to Chronic Sick accommodation and 2 residents died after being transferred to hospital. All the vacancies were filled immediately. The bed complement remains at 47 - 13 men and 34 women.

The residents were invited to partake in various functions in the town, and gifts were again received from many generous people in the neighbourhood.

The Annual Sale of Work proved a very successful day and £116 was raised for the Comforts Fund.

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 Adult School, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Chest Clinic at Markfield Hospital. The Chest Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community Centre on Wednesday mornings, except during the school holidays.

Ambulance Facilities.

The ambulance service throughout Leicestershire is provided by the County Council from 8 ambulance stations. The whole fleet is equipped for two-way radio communication and all ambulance movements are controlled from the ambulance headquarters in Leicester.

Each two-stretcher ambulance is equipped to administer oxygen to patients if required, and a "Brook Airway" is carried on all vehicles to facilitate direct artificial respiration. In addition a "Minuteman" and/or "Novita" resuscitator is available at each ambulance station and is taken out on ambulances dealing with calls where it is thought that the use of this apparatus might be necessary.

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 the responsibility of 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:-

Nose and throat swabs	10
Bloods	7
Vaginal & Cervical swabs	10
Faeces and Urine	74
Sputa	33
Waters	2
Miscellaneous	<u>6</u>
	<u>142</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.

Meals on Wheels.

This service, operated by the Women's Voluntary Service, supplies a hot meal two days per week to 24 elderly and infirm people living within the district.

SECTION C

Water Supply.

There has been no shortage of water during the year.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district :

Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	2,404
Estimated population	..	..	..	7,477

Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	12
Estimated population	..	..	..	25

Well water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	3
Estimated population	..	..	..	8

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	3
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	9
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1964.	.. ..	12

Extensions to the sewer at Boundary and provision of a new outfall sewer and new sewerage scheme for the northern side of the district were completed during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number of houses in district on 31st December, 1964	..	..	..	2,377
(a) Privies	..	..	..	-
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	12
(c) Water Closets	..	..	..	2,407

Public Cleansing.

A weekly service operates throughout the whole of the district. The refuse is disposed of in a partially controlled tip.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Total number of complaints received	..	..	26
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	24

Particulars of Inspections made.

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal keeping	12
Bakehouses	5
Dairies	12
Drainage works	26
Dwelling houses	804
Infectious diseases inquiries	-
Food poisoning inquiries	8
Food premises	43
Offensive trades	-
Refuse collection and disposal	125
Rodent control	35
Schools	2
Shops	14
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	261
Smoke control	3
Tents, vans, sheds etc.,	3
Verminous and dirty premises	3
Water supplies	6
Factories and workshops	24
Other inspections	177
	<u>1,563</u>

Notices.

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding at 1st January, 1964	-	1
Issued during year	-	11
Complied with during year	-	10
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1964	-	2

Statutory

Statutory Notices	-	-
Summary action	-	1

Shops.

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

	<u>Outstand-</u> <u>ing, 1st</u> <u>Jan.1964</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>found</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>remedied</u>	<u>Outstand-</u> <u>ing, 31st</u> <u>Dec.1964</u>
Sanitary Conveniences	0	4	3	1
Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Facilities for taking meals	0	0	0	0
Washing Facilities	0	3	3	0

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Number of site licences issued :

(a) Individual vans	..	..	..	Nil
(b) More than 2 vans	..	..	..	Nil

Verminous Premises.

Particulars of action taken :

No. of Council houses infested	..	..	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found infested	..	..	3
No. of houses disinfested	..	..	3

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There are 2 licensed pet shops. 3 inspections were made during the year.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises in the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

25 infestations were dealt with by sub-contractors and direct labour.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public.

Number in area :

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	..	1
	No. of inspections	..	..	..	..	29

The Council's swimming pool at Hood Park was closed during the whole of 1963 while extensive renovations and improvements were carried out. The scheme was prepared and supervised by Messrs. Pick, Everard, Keay & Gimson of 6, Millstone Lane, Leicester, and the works included:-

A new filtration plant.
A new chlorination plant.
A new heating installation by solid fuel.
Ladies changing cubicles, cloakrooms and
sanitary accommodation.

The total cost of this scheme amounted to £23,386. 18. 1d.

The pool was re-opened to the public on the 16th May and was closed on the 25th September. During the season the following persons attended the pool :-

No. of Child Bathers	..	..	..	20,086
No. of Adult Bathers	..	..	..	8,896
No. of Child Spectators	..	..	..	1,798
No. of Adult Spectators	..	..	..	2,568
Total				<u>33,348</u>

SECTION D

HOUSING

Houses completed during the year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	25
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	46

Houses in course of erection
at end of year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	22
Private Enterprise	7

Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority	483
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Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise	384
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Total number of post-war houses completed	867
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Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	136
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Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	52
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Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in district	2,340
Total number of Council houses occupied in district	647

Four unfit houses were demolished displacing thirteen persons and five families.

Four unfit houses were closed displacing ten persons and four families.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

as amended by

Housing Act, 1961

and

Housing Act, 1964

Number of applications for grants received during year	..	..	..	1
(1) From owner/occupiers	..	..	..	-
(2) Owners of rented property	..	..	..	1
Number of applications approved	..	..	..	1
Number of applications refused	..	..	..	-

Number of applications received for standard grants from :-

(1) Owner/occupiers	..	..	..	9
(2) Owners of rented property	..	..	..	5
Number of applications approved	..	..	..	14
Number of applications refused	..	..	..	-
Number of properties improved during the year	..	..	..	9

Number of amenities provided:-

Baths	..	..	..	6
Wash-hand Basins	..	..	..	7
Hot water supplies	..	..	..	8
W.Cs.	..	..	..	9
Food Stores	..	..	..	6

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered :

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

All premises retail prepacked ice cream only.

Bacteriological Milk Samples.

All samples were taken by the County Council.

Meat and other Foods.

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in area	..	..	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	3,820
No. of animals examined therein	..	..	3,820
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	10%
No. of knacker yards in area	-
No. of visits to knacker yards	-

Meat Stalls.

Number of inspections	-
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Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.,

Number of inspections	5
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Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.

Number of inspections	38
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Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Number of premises inspected	14
Number of inspections made for the purpose		43
Number of informal notices served		..	..	10
Number of informal notices complied with	..	..		9
Number of informal notices outstanding 31st December, 1964		..	..	1
Number of formal notices served		..	..	0

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

A local confectioner was prosecuted under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for selling a bread roll which contained mouse droppings. The firm was fined £75 plus costs.

Clean Air Act, 1956.

Informal action was taken in two cases under Section 16 of the Clean Air Act. The nuisances were abated without formal action being necessary.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

Two informal notices were served and in both cases the nuisances were abated without formal action being necessary.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	865	232	3	1612	1108
Number inspected	865	232	3	1612	1108
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	207	97	-	57	87
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	23.9	41.8	-	3.5	7.9
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.27
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	3	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1964.

Disease	Final No. after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	6	0	0
Measles	14	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Total	22	0	6

Analysis under Age Groups according to Registrar General's Return

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

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of Children who were immunised during the period
1st January - 31st December, 1964.

Age at 31.12.64 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1964	1 1963	2 1962	3 1961	4 1960	5-9 1954-59	10-14 1950-54	Total
Primary Immunis- ation	35	46	7	4	1	6	-	99
Booster Dose	-	29	39	5	6	55	1	135

Statement of Particulars appearing in the
Tuberculosis Register for the year 1964

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	12	3	1	-	16
Number of cases notified during year	1	-	-	-	1
Number of cases added other than by formal notification	1	-	-	-	1
Number of cases removed from Register	2	-	-	-	2
Number of cases remaining on Register at end of year	12	3	1	-	16

Tuberculosis - Year 1964

Causes of Removal from Register

	M A L E S		F E M A L E S		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-pul.	Pulmonary	Non-pul.	
Died	-	-	-	-	-
Cured	1	-	-	-	1
Left Area	1	-	-	-	1
Total	2	-	-	-	2

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician. 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.

A number of cases and contacts were seen and examined by Dr. Paul at the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Number of premises registered during the year :-

Offices	..	..	..	..	41
Retail Shops	..	..	..	..	47
Wholesale shops, warehouses	..	..	..	..	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5

Number of inspections made	2
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Two accidents were reported during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

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.	3	5	1
Factories not included in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	38	22	4
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>44</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>7</u>

Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>		
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness	1	1	0
Sanitary conveniences (unsuitable or defective)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers (Sections 133 and 134).

No outworkers in district.

Prepared and printed in the
offices of the
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

