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VIOLET COTTAGE,  
LLANDOVERY,

29th JUNE, 1937.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Llandoverly.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1936.

Area of the District in Acres	...	...	...	1209
Estimated Population	...	...	...	2050
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	631
Number of Families living in separate Houses	...	...	...	Nil

Rateable Value ... £6360. Sum represented by a Penny Rate ... £23 16s. od.

There have been no alterations of Legislation in force (local Acts, Bye-laws, etc.) since the last Survey Report. The district is purely Agricultural and immune from any smoke nuisances.

The Officers are the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector. No Nurses are employed by the Town Council.

**VITAL STATISTICS.**

**Births and Birth Rate.**

		Total.	M.	F.		
Live Births	(Legitimate	...	24	9	15	} Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population—12'0.
	(Illegitimate	...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
Still-Births	(Legitimate	...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
	(Illegitimate	...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	

**Deaths and Death Rate.**

	Total.	M.	F.	
Deaths	26	10	16	Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population—13'3

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :—

No.		Deaths.	Rate per 1000 total (live and still Births).
No. 29	(Registrar-General's Short List)—Puerperal Sepsis...	None.	...
No. 30	Ditto Other Puerperal Causes...	None.	...
			Total—Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1000 live births	...	41'2
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	...	41'2
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	...	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	Three
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	One

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment.

There have been no cases of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the borough during the year, neither have there been any conditions of occupations or environment which appeared to have had a prejudicial effect on health, and there is no evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults.

**Laboratory.**

There are no Laboratory facilities in the borough.

**Ambulance.**

There is one Motor Ambulance in the Borough which is supported by voluntary subscriptions. Nursing in the Home is provided for by the Llandoverly Nursing Association.

**Lodging Houses.**

There are now no Registered Houses. New Casual Wards at Tanybryn have been constructed at a heavy expenditure, and are now open and these will give sufficient accommodation for Casuals.

**House Refuse and Scavenging.**

Scavenging is done regularly by the Council workmen, and the streets are kept clean. People should however avoid dropping paper about the roads.

House refuse is regularly cleared in the principal streets, and there is also a better clearance in the back Streets. The drains in Stone Street are much better since attention has been paid to them by the County Council by placing new Gullies there.

**Food and Drugs Act.**

There have been some inspections made, but everything was found to be normal.



### Zymotic Diseases.

There were six cases of Scarlet Fever, two Pneumonia and three Erysipelas cases notified in the Borough, and every precaution was taken to avoid a spread of the diseases. No deaths occurred therefrom.

#### Summary of Nursing Arrangements.

Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District :—

Professional Nursing in the home—(a) District Nurse  
(b) Private Nurse.

The District Nurse is under the control of a Local Committee of Nursing, and is unconnected with the Town Council, being supported and maintained by voluntary contributions. There are no changes.

The Nurse is available for attending ordinary cases of sickness and midwifery in the Town and District.

Midwives (private)—3 Certified Nurses. There are no uncertified Nurses in the District.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority :—

1. Maternity	...	...	...	None
2. Children	...	...	...	None
3. Fever	...	...	...	None
4. Tuberculosis—	...	...	(a) Llanybyther Sanatorium (b) Talgarth Sanatorium (c) Tregaron Hospital	} None
General Hospitals			(a) Llandoverly Cottage Hospital (b) Swansea Hospital (c) Carmarthen and County Infirmary	

All these are supported by voluntary contributions.

There is no Institutional provision for Mothers of children. There is however a part-time Health visiting Nurse. There is only one Clinic in the Borough, ante-natal and child welfare.

There are no Nursing Homes under the Registration Act, 1927.

There is no Infectious Diseases Hospital in the Borough, but an Isolation Hospital has recently been open at Tumble, near Llanelly, where Cases from Llandoverly can be accepted.

The Mortuary at the Llandoverly Cottage Hospital was disinfected on two occasions after the deaths of two patients.

#### Meat and Food.

No action is taken with regard to Meat and other Food inspection, or under the Food and Drug Act.

#### Schools.

The College, County School and Council School have been visited and found satisfactory. In the Senior School the Lavatory system was not good, but the Managers have now provided new Lavatories at considerable expense. Neither of the Schools were closed on account of infectious diseases.

#### Factory and Workshops.

All these have been found clean and well ventilated.

#### Cow Sheds.

Cow Sheds in the Borough have all been inspected. One new Shed has been constructed causing a much desired improvement.

#### Water Supply.

No Bacteriological or analytical examination was made during the year as the service was quite satisfactory, and no chemical analysis made during the period. The water supply in the Borough is fairly satisfactory and the matter is receiving the attention of the Town Council.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extension of Sewerage, and no progress made in improving the character and sufficiency of the arrangements for drainage, sewage and sewerage disposal in all parts of the Borough.

#### Rivers and Streams.

No pollution of Rivers and Streams has occurred and consequently no action was necessary. No complaints were made by any person of this.

#### Slaughter Houses.

There are 5 Slaughter Houses in the Town. On inspection all have been found clean. The Slaughter of Animals Act which has been adopted by the Town Council is proving of great service in many respects.

#### Bakehouses.

These have been inspected and found perfectly clean.

#### Tuberculosis.

It is gratifying to state that has been no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.

#### Bed Bugs.

There has been no action taken for the Eradication of bed Bugs.

#### Blindness.

There has been no action taken for the prevention of blindness or for treatment of persons suffering from any disease or injury to the eyes.



### Maternity and Child Welfare.

This continues to do very useful work in the Town and District, and is much appreciated and found of considerable help by the mothers. The Centre is well attended and keen interest is taken by the mothers and officials. Sessions are held every fortnight at which short Lectures are delivered by the Medical Officer of Health. Afternoon Teas are also provided by the Committee. There has been no development or change in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the Borough.

### Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

The Sanitary Inspector has made 25 Inspections, and practically all the suggestions have been carried out after notice given to the owners. Drains are frequently disinfected, and the Cattle Market is kept clean, notwithstanding its frequent use for Marts, Fairs, and Stock Sales. The Roadways in the Market have been tar macadamised. The nature of the Inspections comprised drainage; cesspits; slaughter houses; bake-houses; troughings on houses; dilapidated chimneys; loose slates on roofs; manure heaps; and privies. House Refuse is now dumped in a field situated a considerable distance from the town. Stagnant water in certain places has now been abated, and the placing of offensive rubbish on the highway has been practically stopped. Caravans are not permitted to remain near dwelling houses.

### Housing Statistics.

1. Number of New Houses erected during the year :—		
(a) Total (including numbers given separately under b)—		
i.	By the Llandovery Town Council	Nil
ii.	Under Housing Act 1924	Nil
iii.	Private Enterprise	1
iv.	Under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	Nil
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Act—		
i.	By Local Authority	Nil
	(a) For the purpose of part 2 of the Act of 1925	Nil
	(b) For the purpose of part 3 of the Act of 1925	Nil
	(c) For other purposes	Nil
1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year—		
i.	(a) Total number of Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	15
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	19
2.	(a) Number of Dwelling Houses (including under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	15
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	19
3.	Number of Dwelling Houses found in state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
4.	Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	Nil
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices—		
	Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	Nil
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year—		
A. Proceeding under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :		
1.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
2.	Number of Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
3.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	Nil
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :		
1.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	15
2.	Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
	(a) By Owner	13
	(b) By Local Authorities in default of Owners	Nil
C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14, and 15 of Housing Act 1925 :		
1.	Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	Nil
2.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which closing Orders were made	Nil
3.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit	Nil
4.	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
5.	Number of Dwelling Houses Demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
4. Number of Houses owned by the Local Authority, distinguishing those built in the last two years, and held under—		
	(1) Part 3 of the Housing Act 1925, and built 6 years ago	20
	(2) Part 2 of the Housing Act 1925, and (3) other powers	Nil

An inspection of certain houses was made with a view of reconditioning the same and in some instances this has been done. Four houses in Queen Street were practically rebuilt.

### Housing Conditions.

- B. 1. The Houses erected in the Borough are similar to those erected in a Borough of a similar size.
2. (a) There seems a sufficient supply of houses in the Borough, provided some undergo the necessary repairs. At present there are about 48 persons on the waiting list for Council Houses, 26 of whom reside in decent houses. There are also a number of small vacant houses, some of which should be repaired.



- (b) There is practically very little change in the population, neither is this anticipated in the future as there are no industries other than Agriculture.
- (c) Suitable sites are somewhat difficult to obtain.
- Most Houses have a fair internal Water Supply, whilst other Houses have a supply of water quite near at hand. 501 Houses possess Water Closets; 76 Houses Deep Pit Closets; whilst the 54 erected under the Housing Act, 1919, have a bucket System, which is cleared nightly. There have been no conversions. There is no extension or improvements for public cleansing.
  - There are no what one may term unhealthy areas in the Borough, but the Council propose taking the necessary steps under the Slum Clearance Act by erecting ten houses.
  - There are no Bye-laws in the Borough, but the Council have under consideration the adoption of the same, particularly relative to new streets and buildings.

#### Meat Market.

The Council have renovated this building and this should prove of great service, and a much needed improvement in the Borough. Its construction cost at least £1000.

#### Public Conveniences.

The Council have provided an up-to-date Public Convenience in the Borough, which was much required. This has been found very serviceable, but persons who create damage there should be prosecuted.

#### Milk and Dairies Act.

In this Borough a great deal of Milk Selling takes place. The milk is of good quality on the whole and no complaints have been made. The Cow Sheds are now kept clean as they should be. The walls are white washed oftener. The owners have kept their promises to improve matters. Steps were taken to have a Bacteriological examination of Milk, and the Milk was found of good quality. There are no Tubercular persons employed in the Milk business.

Number of retailers within the area	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Retailers outside the area	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Producers inside the area	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Producers outside the area and also Retailers	...	...	...	...	2

#### Shop Acts.

No action has been taken under the provisions of the Shop Act, 1934, regarding ventilation and temperature of Shops and Sanitary arrangements.

#### Cancer.

There has been no campaign against Cancer.

#### Tuberculosis—New Cases and Mortality during 1936.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
15 to 25	1	1	None	None	None	None	None	None
25 to 35	0	1	None	None	None	None	None	None
36	None	None	None	None	1	0	None	None
46	None	None	None	None	0	1	None	None
Total	1	2	None	None	1	1	None	None

There were no Non-notified Tuberculosis Deaths. The efficiency of Notification of Tuberculosis in the area is thorough and deserves commendation.

#### Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1936.

Disease.	Age.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	5 to 10 years	5	None	None
Ditto	10 to 15 years	1	..	..
<del>Diphtheria</del> Erysipelas	55 to 60 years	2	..	..
Erysipelas	70 years	1	..	..
Pneumonia	10 to 15 years	2	..	..
Total		11		

I beg to thank Mr. E. Williams, the Sanitary Inspector, for his ever-ready assistance during the period I have acted as Medical Officer of Health.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

**JOHN THOMAS PRICE, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O.,**

Medical Officer of Health for the Llandovery Borough.