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GILDERSOME URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Sixth Annual Report, for the year 1936. Owing to the amalgamation of the Urban District with the Borough of Morley early in 1937, it is my final report.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area about 1,000 acres.

Population: Registrar General's 1936 estimate, 3352. (last year, 3178)

Number of inhabited houses: 1024.

Number of families or separate occupiers about the same.

Rateable value: (last year £12,491) £12,975.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £48.

The inhabitants are chiefly occupied in woollen and worsted manufacture, agriculture and foundry work. These have no special importance as regards the public health. Motor-wrecking is a comparatively new industry. There is a fish meal works, the smell from which is often very offensive.

Vital Statistics.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Births: Legitimate	19	22	41
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Stillbirths	1	-	1
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Birth rate: 12.8 per 1000 (For England & Wales 14.8 live births, 0.61 stillbirths)

Deaths: Male 19. Female 26. Total 45.

Death Rate: 13.4 (last year 14). For England & Wales 12.1

Number of women dying in childbirth, 0.

Deaths of infants under 1 year, 4. Infantile Mortality rate 95.2 per 1,000 births. (England & Wales, 59)

Deaths from measles, 0.

Deaths from whooping cough, 0.

Deaths from diarrhoea under 2 years, 0.

Among the causes of death were cancer 5, apoplexy 6, heart disease 12, bronchitis 1, senility 8, pneumonia 1. There were no deaths from scarlet fever, diphtheria or influenza.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Hospitals - none in the area.

A.1. Fever. Oakwell Joint Hospital at Birstall.

2. Smallpox. do.

B.1. Tuberculosis. Provision by the West Riding County Council.

2. Maternity. Leeds Maternity Hospital is available for occasional use. There is a small private maternity home with 2 beds in Drighlington.

3. Children } Leeds and Bradford Hospitals are the nearest, about

4. Other } 4 and 6 miles away.

There is no provision for unmarried mothers or illegitimate infants apart from the Public Assistance.

Ambulance facilities: a. for infectious cases, a motor ambulance is provided by the Oakwell Joint Hospital. It affords very prompt removal of these cases. b. for non-infectious cases, the Morley motor ambulance is available on payment. A scale of fees has been fixed by the Council, and in necessitous cases the fee may be remitted.

Clinics and treatment centres - none.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority: There is a Medical Officer of Health, part time, who holds the same position for the

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For the Chairman and Members of the
Executive Committee of the Association.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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neighbouring district of Drighlington. Mr. T. Grayshon, the Drighlington Sanitary Inspector, is also part time Sanitary Inspector for Gildersome. Nursing in the home: the Local Nursing Association provides professional nursing.

Midwives: One in the village. One in the neighbouring area of Drighlington. Not subsidised.

Maternity and Nursing Homes: none in the area.

Maternal Mortality: There were no deaths during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water is supplied by the Corporation of Bradford. It has been sufficient in quantity and pressure. One sample was taken after a complaint. It was found to be good and wholesome water, contaminated only by iron from the old iron supply pipe which belonged to the complainant.

Rivers and streams: none of appreciable size in the area.

Closet accommodation: Conversion to the water carriage system is almost complete where practicable. There are only a small number of privies left, in outlying houses far from the sewers.

Scavenging is carried out by the Council.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The Inspector reports 96 inspections of dwelling houses. 49 of these needed repairs. Thirtyone of these were rendered fit.

The Medical Officer of Health visited 17 houses. He visited the fish meal works three times. The installation of the new plant was not successful in abolishing offensive smells, mainly owing to insufficient water supply for condensing. Arterian well boring is in progress. The M.O.H. attended Court on the prosecution of the Company by the Council, but the case was settled privately and evidence was not given.

Arrangements for the disposal of the dead are satisfactory.

Schools.

There are three elementary schools in the area. The sanitary arrangements and water supply are satisfactory. The Medical Officer of Health held three sessions for diphtheria immunisation. Twenty nine injections were given.

Housing.

The Inspector appointed under the Act is the Sanitary Inspector. The general standard of the houses is fair but some are old and defective. There were no demolition orders during the year.

The number of houses is now about 1024. About 12 new houses were completed during the year. W.Cs. are provided for all new houses.

Inspection and Supervision of Foods.

Milk: There is sufficient produced within the area, some being sent out. The number of cowsheds is 14, about 96 cows being kept. There is one accredited producer holding license from the County Council.

b. There is one slaughterhouse. No complaints were received during the year.

c. There are two bakehouses, one of them underground.

d. Adulteration of food. No action taken.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

There were 7 cases of scarlet fever, 4 of them removed to hospital, 1 case of pneumonia, 2 of puerperal fever and 1 puerperal pyrexia (occurred in hospital out of the district).

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation 1935.

There were no tuberculous employees in the milk trade and no action was taken.

Public Health Act 1925. Section 82.

There was no compulsory removal to hospital, cases accepting removal when advised.

neighbouring district of Dagenham. Mr. T. D. Dagenham, the Brighton
Sanitary Inspector, is also part of the Sanitary Inspector for Dagenham
writing to the Board: the local Housing Association provides professional
services.
Midway One in the village. One in the neighbouring area of
Dagenham. Not submitted.
Sanitary and Housing Inspector: none in the area.
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Closest sewerage: Corporation to the water supply system is almost
complete water treatment. There are only a small number of privies
left, in existing houses far from the sewers.
Household is now led out by the Council.
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Sanitation and Disposal of Waste
Kills There is sufficient provision for the area, some being very old.
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Public Health Act 1925, Section 25.
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Tuberculosis. New Cases and Mortality in 1936.

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary.	Non-pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-pulmonary.
0 - 5	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

W. STANLEY SYKES,
Medical Officer of Health.

Glenholme,
MORLEY.

May, 1937.

Summary of Cases and Occurrences in 1935

Age Periods	Polymyositis, Non-polyarthritic	Polymyositis, Polyarthritic	Non-polyarthritic
0 - 10	1	1	1
10 - 20	1	1	1
20 - 30	1	1	1
30 - 40	1	1	1
40 - 50	1	1	1
50 - 60	1	1	1
60 - 70	1	1	1
70 and over	1	1	1

I have the honor to be,
 Your obedient servant,
 W. STANLEY DYER,
 Medical Officer of Health.

Witness my hand and seal
 this 1st day of May, 1935.