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ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE
SANITARY CONDITION
OF THE
HARTISMERE RURAL DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 1943.



GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual report for the Sanitary condition of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

Area	96,486 acres
Population	17,910
Inhabited houses	4,955
Rateable value	£39,604
Sum raised by a penny rate	182. 17s 1d.

STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.	M	F	Total	Rate per 1000 population
Live legitimate	158	126	284	
" illegitimate	23	11	34	
			<u>318</u>	17.7
				(rate for England, 16.5)
Still births				
Legitimate	4	6	10	
illegitimate	1	1	2	
			<u>12</u>	0.67
				(rate for England, 0.5)
DEATHS.	115	123	238	18.8
				(rate for England, 12.1)
Infantile mortality (under 1 year)				
legitimate	6	3	9	
illegitimate	2	-	2	
			<u>11</u>	Rate per 1000 live births.
				38.7
				(rate for England, 49.)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Ages.	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	Total	
Scarlet Fever				1	11	4	2	1	19
Diphtheria						1			1
Whooping cough			8	5	13	2			28
Measles	5	11	16	54	10	7	3		106

Ages.	0	5	15	45	65	Total
Pneumonia.	4	1	4	9	9	27
Erysipelas.			1	1	2	4
Meningitis.	1					1
						<u>186</u>

The age classification of the above is in accordance with the quarterly report form instituted this year (1944).
In addition to the above, 7 cases of infective hepatitis (jaundice) were notified. This is only notifiable in the eastern region for the purpose of research into its incidence.
The infectious disease incidence is 10.6 per 1000 per annum.
Measles is up again after a year of recession; whooping cough is down. Others remain about normal. Nothing has been of epidemic proportions.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases notified.

Ages	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
0-1				
-5				1
-15			2	
15-25		1	1	1
25-35		1		
35-45	1	2		
45-55				

One of these cases was already in St. Audry's hospital; another was in an evacuee.

Seven deaths occurred. Non-pulmonary, 1 female of 2, two males, 44 & 67. Pulmonary, two females, 26 & 39; two males 40 & 61.

51 cases remained on the register at the end of the year.

Notification of all infectious diseases is satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M	F		M	F
Tuberculosis			Pneumonia	1	4
Respiratory	2	2	Other respiratory	1	-
Other forms	2	1	Appendicitis	-	1
Syphilis	2	-	Other digestive	3	5
Influenza	5	3	Nephritis	4	1
Cancer			Premature birth	1	2
Mouth	6		Congenital causes	6	1
Breast		9	Suicide	1	1
Stomach	2	2	Road traffic	1	-
Other sites	13	13	Other violence	7	2
Diabetes	1	1	Other causes	12	12
Stroke	7	16			
Heart Disease	27	37			
Other circulatory	1	2			
Bronchitis	10	7			

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Diphtheria inoculation. This proceeds satisfactorily. Children under five still remain difficult to enter for in the villages far from centres. It is estimated that 44.8% of these have been done as against 85% of those of school age.

Water. Samples have proved generally satisfactory and have been supplied to me. The succession of dry years have occasioned shortages which serve to point the great need for extensions of the scheme as soon as possible after the war.

Housing. Many houses are showing signs of decline, specially those licensed for temporary occupation during the war. The list of replacements and additions will have to be much lengthened.

Sewerage. Some difficulties have arisen owing to the aerodrome systems becoming overcharged following increases of personnel beyond that originally established. Some have been remedied; representations have been made with regard to others and are still pending.

Milk. No positive results were received from samples taken for tuberculosis.

A.R.P. No important change has taken place in the establishments. Several refresher courses in first aid have been given and the personnel as a rule are reaching a better standard of efficiency and organisation.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The Main Water Supply has more than proved its worth in maintaining a supply of wholesome water, in areas which but for it, no good water was available. But it is rather astonishing in fact, how few private houses have availed themselves of a laid-on Supply, the majority still using the Roadside standpipes provided by the Council. This is probably due to the lower rate paid on this service.

Supplies to farms are on the increase, largely due to water shortage in drought periods, and the fact that labour costs make water cartage much more expensive than the cost of a metered supply from the main. The improvement in Water Supplies demanded in Dairying is also contributing to the increase.

The Council is also supplying water in bulk to the Air Ministry; which supply is making a heavy demand upon both machinery and resources, but up to date, the latter has not shown any appreciable diminution in water levels in the borings. If the drought continues a lowering of the water level may be anticipated. As and when the Supply to the Air Ministry ceases, the situation will be greatly eased, as there will then be available for District distribution, a further quantity larger than the District itself is taking today.

The treatment plants for Syleham and Rickingham have been approved and the work has been put in hand, and commencement is expected early in the new year.

X → It is hoped that after the war, extensions can be made and new schemes put in hand to provide the remaining villages of the District with main water.

SEWERAGE.

The Sewerage Schemes of Stradbroke and Loxfield are both working well and are producing effluents both inodorous and innocuous.

It is hoped that Fressingfield will proceed with the Sewerage Scheme already prepared, as soon as practical after hostilities cease, and that the Council will consider the proper Sewering of Mendlesham Parish, and also the Parishes of Hoxne, and Botesdale with Rickingham.

Many smaller villages have just as much need on their part for a sewerage scheme as the larger villages, and it may be that something can be arranged in conjunction with the Government Housing Proposals, to enable the existing cottage to have drainage amenities equal to those of the new dwelling.

SCAVENGING.

The Council has no Scavenging Scheme in operation in the District either for Refuse or Night Soil.

Since the collection of tins ceased accumulations are being formed which are both unsightly and a harbourage for rats.

SALVAGE.

The W. V. S. now operate the Salvage collection carried out in the District, any surplus money left after expenses are paid, being divided in proportion among the Parishes concerned.

MILK PRODUCTION.

The general trend of Milk Production is in the up Grade. I feel that Publicity re Clean Milk, improvements of Premises and conditions coupled with the more widespread knowledge by the Dairy Farmer of Modern Dairying, has caused this improvement.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE and KNACKER YARDS.

The Slaughtering for the District is still centralized at Diss, the meat being allocated to the various Butchers

No complaints have been received re conduct of Knackers yards, and no notices have been served.

X The treatment will add to the running costs of scheme both in labour and sold for regeneration purposes, but should give a water which is both palatable and useful

HOUSING.

The Housing position is becoming more acute, many young wives, who have husbands in the Services, are living at home with their parents, as no houses are available.

Repair work on old cottages is almost at a standstill. Neither labour nor materials are available for improvement work, and only the bare work of making houses wind and water-tight can be maintained.

Your obedient servant,

H. Austin Reeve.
Sanitary Inspector.