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HARTISMERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1961.



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| Public Health Committee | - - - - - | Refuse collection, rodent control and all other public health functions. |

To the Chairman and Members of the Hartismere Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1961.

As a result of the Census it has been possible to determine a more accurate figure for the population of this Rural District. It is now known to be 16,190, whereas it was estimated in the year before (1960) by taking into consideration births, deaths and movements of population, and not by actually counting heads, to be 16,930.

There has been a decrease in the standardised Birth Rate from 18.23 to 16.62 and a rise in the Infant Mortality Rate from 18.80 to 25.86.

The total number of deaths is about stationary but the standardised Death Rate has risen very slightly from 9.76 to 10.05.

In common with the rest of the country, 1961 was a 'Measles Year', 182 cases having been notified. Whooping cough was also prevalent, but there were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

It will be seen that the state of the Public Health in Hartismere for 1961 was very satisfactory.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1962.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	96,486 acres.
Population	16,190.
No. of inhabited houses	6,049.
Rateable Value	£115,339.
Product of Penny Rate	£458. 8s. 2d.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	118	105	223
Illegitimate	5	4	9
Total	123	109	232

Birth Rate.

Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	14.33
Comparability factor	1.16
Standardised birth rate	16.62
Birth rate England and Wales	17.4

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	-	2	2

Still Birth Rate.

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	8.55
Still birth rate England and Wales	18.7

Infant Mortality (Deaths of children under 1 year).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	4	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	2	4	6

Infant Mortality Rate.

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	25.86
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales	21.4

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	2	2	4

Vital Statistics - Summary for past 5 years.

England &
Wales 1961

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	
Population.	16,940	16,950	16,960	16,930	16,190	
Live Births.	258	247	245	266	232	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	15.2	14.57	14.45	15.71	14.33	
Standardised Birth Rate	17.6	16.90	16.76	18.23	16.62	17.4
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	1	7	4	5	6	
Infant Mortality Rate	3.88	28.34	16.33	18.80	25.86	21.4
Deaths	160	173	170	190	187	
Crude Death Rate	9.45	10.21	10.02	11.22	11.55	
Standardised Death Rate	8.22	8.88	8.72	9.76	10.05	12.0

Monthly Notification of Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Whooping Cough	8	3	3	3	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	25
Measles	10	42	68	14	26	14	-	5	3	-	-	-	182
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	6
Pneumonia	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	21	48	80	17	26	14	2	7	10	1	4	3	233

Notifiable Diseases - Age Distribution.

0- 1- 3- 5- 10- 15- 25- 45- 65- Total

Scarlet Fever	-	3	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	8
Whooping Cough	-	4	3	13	5	-	-	-	-	25
Measles	3	21	36	95	24	-	1	1	1	182
Dysentery	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	6
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	1	6
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Total	3	29	41	112	31	1	9	4	3	233

Notifiable Diseases - Summary for Past 5 years.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Scarlet Fever	4	7	52	3	8
Whooping Cough	44	-	10	21	25
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	187	217	99	38	182
Pneumonia	4	6	16	6	6
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-
Polionyelitis	2	-	1	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	1	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	22	11	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	2	2
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	5	1	2
Erysipelas	-	1	4	2	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	1	1
Salmonella Typhi-murium	-	2	-	3	-

4. VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS. (Figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer.)

(a) Vaccinations against Smallpox.

Primary 153
Re-vaccination 22

(b) Immunisations.

(i) Primary.

Diphtheria -
Whooping Cough -
Tetanus 50
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough 2
Diphtheria/Tetanus 5
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus 201
433

(ii) Boosters.

Diphtheria and Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus
134

No separate figures for this district are available for Poliomyelitis vaccinations.

5. TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Males.</u>		<u>Females.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	
Cases on register at 1.1.61.	38	14	24	11	87
Primary Notifications	4	1	3	-	8
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Total	42	15	27	11	95
<u>Cases taken off register in 1961.</u>					
Deaths	1	-	1	-	2
Recovered	7	-	4	-	11
Removed from District	1	-	-	-	1
Re-diagnosed Non T.B.	-	-	-	-	-
Total removed	9	-	5	-	14
No. of cases remaining on register at 31.12.61.	31	15	22	1	81

Tuberculosis - Statistical Summary for Past 5 Years.

1957 1958 1959 1960 1961

Number added to Register by Primary Notification -						
	(a) Pulmonary	2	7	-	4	6
	(b) Non-Pulmonary	2	1	1	3	1
Total number added to Register		11	16	4	7	8

6. WATER SUPPLY.

Connections.

107 connections to properties were made during the year. Of these 26 were metered supplies.

There are now 956 metered supplies in the district (up to 31st December, 1961).

Water Examination.

Well Water - - 3 samples were taken, all of which were found to be unsatisfactory.

Mains Supply - - 12 routine samples were taken in different parishes and a further 12 taken at source (Redgrave Headworks). All reports showed the findings to be excellent.

Well Water Cyanosis.

During the year 17 samples were taken - 12 of these were found to be safe and 5 unsafe (the reports on 4 of these were termed as doubtful). The families concerned in the unsafe cases were warned and advised to obtain an alternative supply.

7. SEWERAGE.

Botesdale and Rickingham.

The following properties were connected to the public sewer during the year:-

24 post war and 28 pre war council houses.
54 private properties.

Mendlesham Green.

A Council house drainage scheme for 8 houses was completed.

Mellis.

A Council house drainage scheme for 14 houses was completed.

8. MILK DEALERS LICENCES.

These are now issued under the Milk (Special Designation) regulations 1960. There are now 10 licences issued enabling persons to sell prepacked milk from an approved source.

9. MILK SAMPLING.

No. of samples taken by East Suffolk County Council - 60.
No. containing Tuberculosis organisms - nil.
No. containing Brucella organisms - nil.

10. FOOD INSPECTION.

154 Cattle, 11 pigs, 6 calves and 17 sheep were killed in the one licenced slaughter house during the year and 100% inspection of carcasses was carried out. No carcasses were condemned which again shows the first class quality of meat handled.

The following foodstuffs were condemned during the year:-

120 lbs. tinned ham.

11. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was taken under this Act.

12. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Number of factories with mechanical power -	49
Number of factories without mechanical power -	1
Other premises - building sites etc. -	28
Number of inspections made -	63
Number of defects found -	2
Number of defects remedied -	2

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