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HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1950

Rotherwick.

July, 1951.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1950.

Population19,360.

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
Live Births	{ Legitimate	307	157	150	} Birth rate 17.5. England & Wales } 15.8
	{ Illegitimate	21	14	7	
Still Births		5	2	3	} Rate per 1,000 } Total Births } 15.0.
Deaths		227	124	103	} Death rate 10.0 } England & Wales } 11.6.

Death rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births - 33 (England & Wales 29).

Deaths from Heart and Arterial Disease	-	81
" " Cancer	-	39
" " Tuberculosis	-	6
" " Pneumonia	-	6
" " Influenza	-	3
" " Violence	-	8

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	23
Pneumonia	12
Poliomyelitis	3
Whooping Cough.	34
Measles	68
Erysipelas	3
Tuberculosis - all forms	25

The amount of infectious diseases was less than the average of recent years.

The scheme of immunisation against Diphtheria was continued. 156 children completed the course of treatment. 235 children had a reinforcing dose.

WATER

It is estimated that 87% of the dwellinghouses in the district are connected to a water main.

Analysis of the Hartley Wintney parish supply has been regularly carried out and reported satisfactory.



11 Samples of well water were analysed; 6 were reported as unsatisfactory. Steps were taken to obtain proper supplies. Mains were extended at Dore's Green, Ewshot and Brandy Bottom, Yateley.

SEWERAGE

At the time of writing the sewerage of Greywell village is in progress. It is to be hoped that sewers will before long be laid in Hawley, Yateley and Crondall.

FOOD

The following table shows the quantity of food condemned as unfit for human consumption during 1949- 1950.

<u>Meat</u>	562 lbs.	<u>Fish</u>	100 lbs.	<u>Fruit</u>	85 lbs	<u>Eggs</u>	2362
<u>Vegetables</u>	143 lbs.	<u>Cheese</u>	54 lbs.	<u>Milk</u>	118 tins	<u>Jams</u>	11 lbs
<u>Flour</u>	40 lbs.			<u>Butter</u>	32 lbs		

There were 38 cases of emergency slaughter of food animals; all were inspected and most were passed fit for human consumption.

During the year 6 samples of milk were taken from retailers; all were reported satisfactory.

HOUSING

The following new houses have been completed since the war :-

(Council built	374)
(Privately built	117)
(Prefabs	29)

The continued occupation and increasing decay of Army and Air Force huts causes much difficulty. The Council are doing everything possible to rehouse the occupants and demolish the huts but the problem is a large one. 305 huts are still occupied.

3,128 houses have been surveyed since 1945, of which 448 have been scheduled as unfit for habitation and incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost.

Where essential repairs are necessary owners are approached, and an appreciable amount of work has been done.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Officer of Health