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THE RURAL DISTRICT OF HASTINGS



St. Rode,  
London Road,  
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

7th June 1926.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of the Rural District of Hastings for 1925.

Physical Features. The District is situated to the North East of Hastings and includes some of the beauty spots of Sussex; it comprises within its boundaries Fairlight, area 2813 acres, a picturesque village on the coast three miles East from Hastings. Population 420.

Guestling, area 3576 acres, population 691, situated four miles north of Hastings. It is a pleasant, peaceful village within hail of the sea. It derives its name from a very old custom, a sort of Parliament instituted by the Cinque Ports to arrange matters among themselves called "A Guestling" which was known long before our present Houses of Parliament, and its methods were essentially those which obtain now in our Commons.

Pett, area 1908 acres, population 278, is a delightful spot situated on the coast, north east of Hastings, including Pett Level, a strip of marsh, the beginning of the flat land bordered by yellow beach and the sea which widens out into the immense Romney Marsh land of Rye.

Ore is situated partly in the Borough of Hastings and partly in the Rural District. The area in the Rural District is 529 acres.

The Rateable value of the District is £15,507.

The ground is undulating and in parts rises to 400 feet above sea level, the southern border being formed by the coast line.

For those retiring from active pursuits and seeking a delightful healthy district near to an ancient and historic town, no more suitable place could be found, and for restful holidays within sight and sound of the sea, and amidst glorious country, our district compares most favourably with any part of England.

The Motor and Train service is good and winter as well as summer the amenities of Town and Country life combine.

The soil is sandy, in places gravel and sandstone with some areas of clay. There is no chalk in the District.

Water. The Water is soft and of good quality and obtained chiefly from wells from which samples are taken for analysis from time to time. The Borough of Hastings Waterworks supply houses in Fairlight and Ore.





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Population. The Registrar General's estimate of the population on June 30th 1925, is 1929, an increase of 33 on that of 1924. There are about 730 houses, mostly scattered. Many of the inhabitants are engaged in agricultural work. There are a number of retired people resident in the district and several large private schools.

Climate. The climate is equable and bracing, the purity of the air, the absence of fog and smoke with the high proportion of sunlight make it an ideal climate for those suffering from chest complaints, rheumatism and nervous disorders.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
	35	Legitimate 33	18	15
		Illegitimate 2	-	2
				Birth Rate 18.14.
<u>DEATHS</u>	35	21	14	Death Rate 18.14.

Deaths of women in, or in consequence of childbirth,	nil.
" infants under one year,	1.
" from measles,	nil.
" " Whooping Cough,	nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	nil.

Causes of Death

Organic Heart Disease	6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Influenza	3
Pneumonia	1
Bronchitis	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	1
Malignant Disease	6
Nephritis	2
Other defined diseases	9
Violence	3
	35

Ages at Death

Over 90 years	1
80	6
70	7
60	6
50	6
40	2
30	4
20	2
Under 1 year	1
	35

Population. The Registrar General's estimate of the population on June 1st, 1932, is 1952, an increase of 33 on that of 1924. There are about 750 houses, mostly scattered. Many of the inhabitants are engaged in agricultural work. There are a number of small shops in the district and several large private schools.

Climate. The climate is equable and bracing, the purity of the air, the absence of fog and smoke, and the high proportion of sunlight make it an ideal climate for those suffering from chest complaints, rheumatism and nervous disorders.

#### Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year

Births Total 32

Legitimate 32 18 10

Illegitimate 2 - 2 Birth Rate 18.14

Deaths 32 14 Death Rate 18.14

Deaths of women in, or in consequence of childbed, 11.  
 " Infants under one year, 1.  
 " From measles, 11.  
 " Whooping Cough, 11.  
 " Diarrhoea (under 5 years), 11.

#### Causes of Death

Organic Heart Disease 5  
 Pulmonary Tuberculosis 5  
 Influenza 3  
 Pneumonia 1  
 Bronchitis 5  
 Other Respiratory Diseases 1  
 Stomach Disease 5  
 Jaundice 1  
 Other defined diseases 5  
 Violence 1

32

Age at Death  
 Over 50 years 1  
 40 5  
 30 7  
 20 5  
 10 5  
 5 5  
 Under 1 year 1

Notifiable Diseases during the year

Disease.	Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	nil		
Scarlet Fever	One	One	
Diphtheria	Nil		
Enteric Fever	Nil		
Puerperal Fever	Nil		
Pneumonia	One		
Measles	Nine		
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil		

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25					1			
35								
45								
55	1				1			
65 and upwards								
Totals	1				2			

Ophthalmia Neonatorum - No cases notified.

Hospital and Nursing Facilities.

Hospitals. Cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, and Enteric fever are isolated in the Borough of Hastings Sanatorium. Any other patients requiring Hospital treatment are admitted to the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, or the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea. If small-pox should occur, any cases can be treated at the Hastings Small Pox Hospital.

Nurses. Nursing Attendance is provided by the District Nursing Association.

Schools. School children are under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Foulerton and his Staff. There are no School Clinics.

Clinics. The Special Clinics at Hastings for Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are available to residents in the District if required.



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Ambulance. An efficient ambulance service is provided by the Borough of Hastings.

Laboratory work. Pathological and Bacteriological examination can be carried out at the Royal East Sussex Hospital as required.

### Sanitary Administration.

The whole of the District is continually being inspected, and all earth closets, cesspools, etc. emptied and cleansed when necessary. A part of Ore, contiguous to the Boundary of Hastings, is drained into the Borough Sewers.

The Sanitary Inspector reports 520 visits paid in 1925.

Slaughter-houses, workshops, bakehouses, Factories, etc. are cleansed and limewashed when necessary.

There are 30 Dairies in the District. The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order is enforced.

Several new wells have been sunk, nearly every one yielding a satisfactory supply.

Public Health Staff. This consists of one Sanitary Inspector and an Assistant for Dairies, Cowsheds and Workshops.

### Housing:-

Plans for 43 houses were submitted during the year, the approximate cost being £45,000. The work is being supervised by the District Surveyor.

Number of New Houses erected during the year:

(a) Total	43
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923, 1924	
(i) By the Local Authority,	Nil
(ii) By other bodies or persons,	5

### (1) UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES:

(1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	30
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District Regulations, 1920	
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	None
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub heading, found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	22





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(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of Defective Houses rendered fit in  
consequence of informal action by Local Authority  
or their Officers

20

(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

(a) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing  
Town Planning Act 1919:

- |                                                                                                                                                       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which<br>notices were served requiring repairs                                                            | None |
| (2) Number of Dwelling houses which were rendered<br>fit after service of formal notices<br>(a) by owners (b) Local Authority                         | None |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which<br>Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of<br>Declarations by owners of intentions to close | None |

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- |                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| (1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which<br>Notices were served requiring defects to be<br>remedied                                                    | None         |
| (2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were<br>remedied after service of formal notices<br>(a) by Owners<br>(b) by Local Authority in Default of Owners | None<br>None |

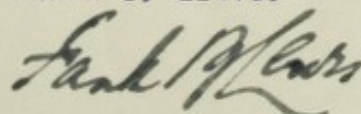
(c) Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the  
Housing, Town Planning etc. Act, 1909:

- |                                                                                                                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of representations made with a view to<br>the making of Closing Orders                                                    | None |
| (2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which<br>Closing Orders were made                                                        | None |
| (3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which<br>Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling<br>houses having been rendered fit | None |
| (4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which<br>Demolition Orders were made                                                     | None |
| (5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance<br>of Demolition Orders                                                        | None |

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK B. LEWIS.





(5) REVIEW OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of Defective Houses rendered fit in  
consequence of informal action by local authority  
or their officers

(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

(a) Proceedings under Section 35 of the Housing

Act 1936

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which

notices were served requiring repairs

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which

the effect service of formal notices

(a) by owners (b) local authority

(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which

Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of

Declarations by owners of intention to close

(f) Proceedings under Public Health Act:

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which

notices were served requiring defects to be

remedied

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were

remedied after service of formal notices

(a) by owners

(b) by local authority in default of owners

(c) Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the

Housing, Town Planning etc. Act, 1909:

(1) Number of tenements made with a view to

the making of Closing Orders

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which

Closing Orders were made

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which

Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling

houses having been rendered fit

(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which

Demolition Orders were made

(5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance

of Demolition Orders

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

FRANK A. LEWIS



RURAL DISTRICT OF HASTINGS  
HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT 1909.

No. of Dwelling houses in- spected for purposes of Sec. 17 of Act.	No. of such houses found unfit for habitation.	Representation made with a view to Closing Orders	No. of Closing Orders made	No. of Dwelling houses in which defects remedied with- out Closing Orders	No. of Dwelling Houses in which defects remedied after Closing Orders	General characters of defects found to exist
During year of 1925 About 38	None	None	None	22	None	Defective roofs out- side walls Eaves gutters Uncleanliness of interior of houses and defects and insufficient drainage and Sanitary Accommodation. The necessary work, etc., has been carried out.

*Frank M. P. [Signature]*



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