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# ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR

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# REPORT.

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## General Statistics.

Area.—26,881 acres.

Population (1931 Census).—8,812.

Number of inhabited houses (1942).—2,620.

Rateable Value (1st April, 1942).—£53,113.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate (1942/43).—£229.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics.

### *Births.*

		M.	F.	Total.
Live Births.—Legitimate	...	93	69	162
Illegitimate	...	5	4	9
		—	—	—
		98	73	171
		—	—	—
Still Births.—Legitimate	...	1	4	5
Illegitimate	...	—	—	—
		—	—	—
		1	4	5
		—	—	—

	Rural District.	England & Wales.
Birth Rate.		
Per 1,000 Population	15.7	15.8
Still-birth Rate.		
Per 1,000 Population	0.45	0.54
Per 1,000 live births	29.2	—

### *Deaths.*

		M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from all causes	...	48	56	104
Deaths of Infants under 1 year :				
Legitimate	... ..	2	—	2
Illegitimate	... ..	—	—	—

	Rural District.	England & Wales.
Death Rate.		
Per 1,000 Population	9.58	11.6
Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births	11.7	49.0

*Analysis of deaths from all causes.*

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	1	1	2
Other tuberculosis ... ..	—	1	1
Acute infantile encephalitis ... ..	—	1	1
Cancer : Buccal cavity : Oesophagus	—	—	—
Uterus ... ..	—	1	1
Stomach and duodenum ... ..	4	2	6
Breast ... ..	—	3	3
All other sites ... ..	1	7	8
Diabetes ... ..	—	1	1
Intracranial vascular lesions ... ..	2	7	9
Heart disease ... ..	14	22	36
Other circulatory diseases ... ..	—	1	1
Bronchitis ... ..	4	—	4
Pneumonia ... ..	2	1	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..	1	1	2
Other digestive diseases ... ..	1	1	2
Nephritis ... ..	3	2	5
Congenital malformation ; Birth injuries ; Infantile diseases	2	—	2
Suicide ... ..	1	—	1
Road traffic accidents ... ..	1	—	1
Other violent causes ... ..	3	—	3
All other causes ... ..	8	4	12
	—	—	—
	48	56	104
	—	—	—

**General Health of the District.**

This has remained very good.

**Notifiable Infectious Diseases.**

Scarlet Fever	4
Whooping Cough	16
Diphtheria	5
Measles	14
Puerperal pyrexia	1

## Immunisation against diphtheria.

This District has been incorporated in the Wiltshire County Council scheme for the control of diphtheria. A large proportion of children, both of school age and pre-school age, had already been immunised in 1940 and 1941, and a further number received their first inoculation at the end of 1942.

The following table shews the number of children who received complete immunisation in the year 1942. \* indicates that most children were immunised in 1941, hence the low numbers in these cases.

Parish	Children of	
	School age.	Pre-school age.
Atworth ... ..	74	1
Broughton Gifford ...	114	23
Hilperton ... ..	92	40
Holt ... ..	19	23
Limpley Stoke (see Winsley)		
Melksham Without ...	12*	—*
Monkton Farleigh ...	9	18
Semington ... ..	46	13
South Wraxall ... ..	—*	—*
Staverton ... ..	57	26
Westwood ... ..	6*	4*
Wingfield ... ..	—*	—*
Winsley, including Limpley Stoke	13*	21

### General.

Apart from the above details, little can be added to this Report. Many problems had to be settled, but these need not be detailed at this stage. It has been more important to carry out the work than to sit down and write about it.

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