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Kidderminster Rural District Council.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : G. J. EADY, L.M.S.S.A. (Lond.).

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Kidderminster Rural District Council.*

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1946.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,790
Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population, mid 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,710
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,871
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£59,435
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£241/13/11

Social Conditions.

In the main the inhabitants of the District are engaged in agricultural and kindred work, though a certain proportion are employed in industry at Kidderminster, and a number of males are employed at Iron Works in the District.

Vital Statistics.

			<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Live Births	Legitimate ...	...	85	65	150
	Illegitimate	...	9	4	13
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population					16.8
Birth Rate for 1945 ...					17.1
Birth Rate for England and Wales					19.63

			<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Still Births	Legitimate ...	...	3	1	4
	Illegitimate	...	1	0	1
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) births					17.2
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) births, 1945 ...					17.7

			<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Deaths ...	...	...	49	42	91
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population					9.37
Death Rate for England and Wales, 1945					11.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :

Deaths.

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	0
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	0

Date Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	18.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	20.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	Nil

There were 3 deaths of Infants under one year of age, as against 3 in 1945.

Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 43 per 1,000 live births.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	13
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	0

The total deaths registered were 91 as against 104 in 1945.

Causes of Death.

							<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Typhoid Fever, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1
Other Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	6
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	1
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	13	14	14
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	—
Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other Violence	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1
All Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	7
Causes ill-defined or unknown	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Special Causes :—								
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
						49	42	—

Average Age at Death 62.8 years.

Males 64.6 years.

Females 60.6 years.

Zymotic Diseases.

One case of Diphtheria occurred in the Area, a child aged 2 years who had been immunised privately at the age of 11 months. Quick recovery.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Staff.

I have the assistance and co-operation of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. R. S. Porter, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and other Foods, and of Miss J. E. Mantle as Public Health Clerk.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Worcestershire County Council Laboratories are available for the examination of clinical material, water, milk and foodstuffs, and the work is carried out by the County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities.

For Infectious Diseases an ambulance is provided by the North Worcestershire Joint Isolation Hospital Committee. The ambulance is stationed at the Hospital and is available at all hours.

For other cases an Ambulance Service is provided by the Kidderminster Corporation.

Nursing in the Home.

There are three District Nurses in the Area, who also practise as Midwives and act as Health Visitors. A fourth District Nurse deals with a small portion of the Area, and there are also two other Midwives.

The work of these District Nurses has been very well carried out.

Infant Welfare Centres.

There are three Voluntary Infant Welfare Centres in the Area, one at Far Forest, which is held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, one at Cookley, which is held on the first Friday of each month, and one at Wolverley which is held on the first Tuesday of each month.

There are also Infant Welfare Centres at Hagley and Wribbenhall, which many children from this Area attend.

Hospitals.

The Kidderminster and District General Hospital is available for all residents in our Area.

For Infectious Diseases the North Worcestershire Joint Isolation Hospital at Hayley Green is also available.

Tuberculosis.

This work is undertaken by the Worcestershire County Council, who send patients requiring Sanatorium treatment to Knightwick, Hill Top (Bromsgrove) and Hayley Green. A Tuberculosis Dispensary is held every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Kidderminster General Hospital, when Dr. Mayfield attends.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

The Council own approximately sixty miles of water pipes, and the water in the Rural Area is supplied by :—(1) The Council's borehole at Cookley. (2) The City of Birmingham Elan Aqueduct. (3) The Stourbridge Water Board. The supply is satisfactory both in regard to quality and quantity.

Number of Houses Supplied from Public Mains.

Direct to Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1952
By means of Standpipes	...	...	...	...	...	373
Total	...	...	...	...	...	2325

Population Supplied from Public Mains.

Direct to Houses	...	...	...	...	...	6832
By means of Standpipes	...	...	...	...	...	1305
Total	...	...	...	...	...	8137

At regular intervals throughout the year, the Sanitary Inspector submitted samples of water from the Council's borehole at Cookley for chemical and bacteriological examination by the County Analyst. Three bacteriological and chemical analyses were made, and all the samples were satisfactory.

A sample of the water supplied from the Elan Aqueduct was taken, the analysis of which showed that the source of supply and the condition of the piping was satisfactory.

Report of the County Analyst.

Upon a sample of Borehole water contained in a W. Qt. Bottle. Marked Cookley Borehole. Received from Mr. R. S. Porter, Sanitary Inspector, Land Oak House, Kidderminster, on the 16th October, 1946.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above sample chemically and bacteriologically, with the following results :—

Physical Characters.	Clear.	
Odour	None.	
Deposit	None.	pH 7.4.
Chemical Examination. (Results expressed in parts per 100,000).		
Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	...	None
Solids in Solution (Dried at 100°C)	...	26
Solids in Solution after Ignition	...	22
Chlorides calculated as Common Salt	...	3.3
Hardness—Permanent	...	10
Hardness—Temporary	...	8
Hardness—Total	...	18
Free and Saline Ammonia	...	0.002
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	0.0006
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrates)	...	Trace
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrites)	...	None
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C	...	None
Toxic Metals	...	None detected
Free Chlorine on receipt	...	0.003

Note :—To convert the above parts per 100,000 to grains per gallon, multiply by 0.7.

Bacteriological Examination.

Number of Colonies developing upon Agar.

(a)	In two days at 37°C	...	...	...	Nil per one m.l.
(b)	In three days at 22°C	...	...	...	4 per one m.l.
Coli-Aerogenes (presumptive coli) count	...	...	...	...	Nil per 100 m.l.
Streptococci...	...	...	...	...	Absent.
Opinion—The sample is fit for drinking.					

(Signed)

H. E. MONK,

County Analyst and Bacteriologist.

Report of County Analyst.

Upon a sample of Tap water contained in a W. Qt. bottle. Marked Birmingham Water from Rock. Received from Mr. R. S. Porter, Sanitary Inspector, of Land Oak House, Kidderminster, on 17th October, 1946.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above sample chemically and bacteriologically, with the following results :

Physical Characters.	Slight yellow.				
Odour	None.				
Deposit very slight, brown.	pH 9.4.				
Chemical Examination.	(Results expressed in parts per 100,000).				
Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°)	...	...	...	...	Slight trace.
Solids in Solution (Dried at 100°C)	...	...	...	...	8
Solids in Solution after Ignition	...	...	...	...	4
Chlorides calculated as Common Salt	...	...	...	...	0.9
Hardness—Permanent	...	...	...	...	2.9
Hardness—Temporary	...	...	...	...	0.2
Hardness—Total	...	...	...	...	3.1
Free and Saline Ammonia	...	...	...	...	0.0006
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	...	...	0.019
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrates)	...	...	...	...	None
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrites)	...	...	...	...	None
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C	...	...	...	...	0.38
Toxic Metals	...	...	...	...	None detected.

Note.—To convert the above parts per 100,000 to grains per gallon, multiply by 0.7.

Bacteriological Examination.

Number of Colonies developing upon Agar.

(a)	In two days at 37°C	...	...	2	per one m.l.
(b)	In three days at 22°C	...	...	6	per one m.l.
Coli-Aerogenes (presumptive coli) count				...	Nil per 100 m.l.
Streptococci				.....	...
				...	Absent.
Opinion—The sample is fit for drinking.					

(Signed)

H. E. MONK,

County Analyst and Bacteriologist.

Rivers and Streams.

There has been no serious pollution to rivers and streams during the year, and I am looking forward to the time when the small amount of pollution, which at present is unavoidable, may be eliminated by the proposed Sewerage Schemes.

Public Cleansing.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Schools.

The sanitary condition of the schools is satisfactory. The majority of the schools are connected with the Council's water supply.

There were no school closures during the year.

When a case occurs of a notifiable infectious disease in a house where there are school children, the school or schools which these children attend are notified and a request is made for the scholars to be excluded from school for a specified time. Diphtheria contacts have nose and throat swabs taken prior to resuming school.

HOUSING.

A.—STATISTICS.

1.—Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts, including Rural Housing Survey)	1,318
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	1,397
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925	918
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	939
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	805

2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices :—

	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	211
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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| (1) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... | 3 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :— | |
| (a) | By Owners | 3 |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of Owners... | Nil |

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil |

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit | Nil |

4.—Housing Act, 1936. Part IV.—Overcrowding.

There is, unfortunately, a very considerable degree of overcrowding in the area. This is a matter which has been brought before the Council and explained in detail.

Every effort has been made to deal with the problem and extensive schemes are being pushed forward for the building of new houses and converting and adapting such premises as are available.

SECTION E.**Inspection and Supervision of Food.**

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| (a) | Milk Supply. |
| (b) | Meat and other Foods. |

The Sanitary Inspector's Report deals with these matters.

The Food and Drugs Acts are administered by the County Council.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

Scarlet Fever.

There were 17 cases of Scarlet Fever as against 7 in 1945. 13 were admitted to Hospital.

Diphtheria.

There was one case of Diphtheria during the year as against none in 1945.

Diphtheria Antitoxin is provided free to Medical Practitioners by the Rural District Council.

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

The necessity for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria has been carefully explained and strongly urged upon parents throughout the area, and the response has been remarkably good.

The vast majority of children in the area have already been immunized and a further 139 children of all ages were treated during the year.

The notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the following table :—

Diseases.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Measles	None	None	None
Scarlet Fever	17	13	None
Diphtheria	1	1	None
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	1	None
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	None	None	None
Erysipelas	6	2	None
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	None	None
Pneumonia	12	None	4

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).
during the year 1946.

AGE IN YEARS.													
Disease	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	Over 65	Total No. of cases
Scarlet Fever	—	—	1	—	2	8	3	—	2	—	—	1	17
Diphtheria	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	1	—	3	—	2	12
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	6
	—	—	2	1	2	12	4	1	4	3	4	4	37

Prevention of Blindness.

The Rural District Council have not taken any action under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Tuberculosis.

Ten cases were notified during the year as against ten in 1945.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
5—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
15—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3	1	2	3	—	1	1	1

It was not necessary to take any action under the Public Health Act (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations) 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Venereal Disease.

I have received no information of Venereal Disease arising in or contracted from persons living in this area.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, as I shall very soon be obliged to leave your service owing to superannuation, I would like to express to you how deeply I have appreciated the interest and enthusiasm which the members of your Council have at all times shown in the work of your Public Health Department.

During the difficult years of the war, you were unceasing in your efforts to secure the care and comfort of the very large number of evacuees who came to your Rural District. They were all very well cared for and were very contented here, and you established a Sick Bay in which children suffering from various disabilities were given a very comfortable home, were very happy, and made remarkable progress.

By day and night your Officers had the presence and support of Councillors in your offices, and your first-aid services were always active and efficient.

Your interest in the various problems presented to the Public Health Department has at all times been evident, and has been a great source of encouragement to your Sanitary Inspector and to me. We have always known that any useful suggestion we could put forward, would be given the very earnest consideration of your Council, and that every effort would be made to secure the improvement of unsatisfactory conditions.

There has been no time during which I have had the honour and great pleasure of acting as your Medical Officer of Health during which I have not felt the stimulus of the warmth and active support of your Council in all measures directed to the improvement of conditions in your area, and it is with great regret that age will shortly compel me to retire from your service.

I have the honour to remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE JOHN EADY,

Medical Officer of Health

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SANITARY INSPECTOR

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

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration within the Rural District for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION.

Number of visits made to premises re cases of infectious disease and disinfection	...	...	...	...	58
Number of rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	44
Number of library and other books disinfected				...	244
Number of books destroyed	...	...	...	...	17

Disinfection of premises and articles which have been exposed to infection is carried out by means of disinfectant fluid and formaldehyde lamps.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Although a considerable number of houses have been inspected for various reasons, *e.g.*, Rural Housing Survey, Housing and Public Health, it is gratifying to be able to report that only one serious case of bug infestation has been found. This case was treated with Zaldecide with good results.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Regular inspections of premises where food is sold, prepared for sale or stored for sale, have been made and the closest contact is kept with all persons engaged in the handling of food. It is fortunate that all our traders have a high sense of duty to the public, and take every step necessary to see that food is supplied to their customers in a perfectly clean condition.

MEAT AND FOODS INSPECTION.

Meat supplied by the Central Slaughter-house in Kidderminster is regularly inspected on its arrival in our District and having regard to all the difficulties which exist, it maintains a reasonably good standard.

The following articles of food were condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year :—

Bacon	3 lbs.
Ham	14 lbs.
Swiss Rolls	24 lbs.
Tinned Vegetables	7 tins
Tinned Milk	13 tins
Haricot Beans	90 lbs.
Sugar Reformer	8 lbs.
Dehydrated Turnips	3 lbs.
Fish	98 lbs.
Cheese	8½ lbs.
Assorted Tinned Foods	9 tins

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Cowkeepers registered	212
Cowsheds registered	218
Producers (including Graded Milks) registered	198
Retail Purveyors	15
Inspections	186
Contraventions	47
Informal Notices	8
Statutory Notices	Nil

CONTRAVENTIONS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

Cowsheds reconditioned	...	...	...	...	...	3
Yards filled up and paved	...	...	...	...	...	2
Improvements to dairies	...	...	...	...	...	19
Limewashing and cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	111
Removal of Manure	...	...	...	...	...	76
Defective drainage	...	...	...	...	...	3
New dairies provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
New drainage provided	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water laid on	...	...	...	...	...	4

The cowsheds and dairies of the Kidderminster District are, on the whole, well constructed and the producers are keen to take advantage of the fact to produce wholesome milk.

Despite the difficulties experienced through shortage of labour, etc., the standard of milk produced in the area has been maintained at a high level. Great credit is due to the producers, who have had to work very hard to achieve this result.

The greatest courtesy is shown to your Officers by all concerned and every opportunity is taken by the Farmers to co-operate whenever possible. The service of notice has never been necessary as all reasonable requests are met as soon as humanly possible.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Number of unexpired licences in force	13
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BAKEHOUSES.

Number on register December, 1946	8
Inspections	24
Informal Notices served	Nil
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	Nil

Contraventions Remedied.

Limewashing	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dirty Floors	...	...	...	...	...	0

CANAL BOATS.

Number of boats inspected during 1946	...	...	...	17
Number of boats conforming to the Acts and Regulations	...	...	...	17
Number of boats infringing the Acts and Regulations	...	...	...	Nil
Total number for which the cabins were registered	...	...	...	17
Total number occupying the cabins	...	...	...	17

Details of occupants :—

Male Adults	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Female Adults	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Children of School Age	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Children under School Age	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

PUBLIC CLEANSING.**House Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

This work was carried out until August by a Private Contractor, who used a 3-ton lorry and 2 men.

The schedule of collection covered the following Parishes :—

Wolverley.	Stone.
Churchill and Blakedown.	Broom.
Chaddesley Corbett.	

Certain emergency collections have been made in the Parishes of Kidderminster Foreign and Upper Arley.

In August, the Council purchased a new Morris Commercial 70 cwt. vehicle, fitted with a Tuke and Bell body. This lorry took over from the Private Contractor the collections in the Parishes of Wolverley, Churchill and Blakedown, Chaddesley Corbett, Stone and Broom, and by the end of the year a vast improvement had been achieved.

In 1947 it is hoped that the service given to the Ratepayers will be of the best.

Collection.

Total number of loads removed	...	...	...	...	734 loads.
Estimated weight	...	...	...	...	2,018 tons.

Disposal.

Churchill and Blakedown	...	...	...	...	297½
Wolverley	...	...	...	...	367½
Shatterford	...	...	...	...	17
Far Forest	...	...	...	...	46
Arley	...	...	...	...	6
					734 loads.

Night Soil Collection.

A weekly collection of night soil is made from Chaddesley Corbett Village.

The work is done by a Local Contractor who uses a motor lorry provided with suitable bins for the carriage of the night soil.

The Council's proposed Sewerage Scheme for the Village will render this service unnecessary, but as a temporary measure the system is as efficient as possible.

Number of Pail Closets emptied per week	81
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DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

1946 has again been a year of anxiety to the Council and its Officers, because of the conditions existing in several villages, viz.: Wolverley, Cookley, Chaddesley Corbett, Broom and Churchill. The Council have submitted sewerage schemes for these areas and are anxiously awaiting permission to commence work. Pending the receipt of this permission it is a case of continual improvisation to surmount the difficulties which continually arise.

In Cookley, we have to deal with properties having little or no area of land on which to deal with their sewage and perpetual nuisances exist with no possible remedy except a sewer.

In Wolverley, we have the same problem to a lesser degree, but in addition we have an area of inter-war development sited on land which will not absorb sewage effluent. In this Area, known as Fairfield, continual nuisances exist from overflowing cesspools and the only possible remedy is the provision of a sewer.

CAMPING SITES.

Number of large sites which were used for camping purposes (approximately)	...	...	...	...	...	22
Number of sites in respect of which licences have been issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Estimated number of campers resident in the area at any one time during the summer, 1946	...	...	...	...	...	3,000
Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	47

WATER SUPPLY.

General.

Number of samples submitted for analysis	...	10
Number of samples found to be unfit or unsuitable	...	5
Number of samples found to be fit	...	5

Council's Borehole, Cookley.

Number of samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination	3
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Number of samples found to be of good quality and fit for drinking	3
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The water from the Borehole shows little variation in physical character and chemical composition.

For specimens of Analyst's Reports, see Medical Officer of Health's Report.

COMPLAINTS.

Number of Complaints received	301
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Summary of Complaints.

Housing defects	79
Defective and choked drainage	70
Miscellaneous	152

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA, 1946.

Particulars of Visits and Inspections are as follows :—

Number of premises inspected	1,139
Bakehouses	24
Canal Boats	17
Caravans and Moveable Dwellings	47
Cowsheds	186
Dairies	189
Fried Fish Premises	11
Infectious Disease	58
Overcrowding	201
Premises where animals are kept... ..	56
Schools	6
Water Courses	41
Water supply	72
Workshops	1
Provision of Dustbins	30
Miscellaneous	200

SANITARY WORK.

Interior of Houses.

Dirty Houses improved and cleansed by tenant	...	12
Verminous Houses dealt with	... ..	3

Yards and Outbuildings.

Rainwater cisterns and pumps repaired or cleansed	...	11
Dirty yards and W.C.'s cleansed by tenants	... ..	24
Offensive accumulations removed from yards, etc.	...	48

Drainage.

Yard gullies cleansed by tenants	... ..	61
Drains opened and cleansed from obstruction	... ..	59
Defective drains repaired	... ..	70
New drains provided	... ..	16
Glazed stoneware gullies provided	... ..	19
New sink waste pipes provided, others repaired	...	9
Inspection chambers provided to drains	... ..	10
Overflowing cesspools cleansed and repaired	... ..	97
Inspection chambers repaired and provided with new air-tight covers	... ..	2
Glazed sinks provided	... ..	4
Cesspools abolished	... ..	2

Water Closets.

New Water Closets erected	... ..	1
Additional W.C.'s provided	... ..	1
Foul and obstructed W.C.'s cleansed	... ..	32
New W.C. cisterns provided, others repaired	... ..	6
Water Closets repaired	... ..	21
Water Closets provided with new basins and traps	...	2
Defective water supply to W.C.'s remedied (burst water pipes, defective ball valves, etc.)	... ..	107

Conversions.

Conversion of privies to W.C.'s	... ..	4
Conversion of Pail Closets to W.C.'s	1

Urinals.

Urinals cleansed and repaired	3
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Privies and Pail Closets.

New pans provided to Pail Closets	47
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Ashpits and Dustbins.

Houses provided with new sanitary dustbins	35
Insanitary conditions of dustbins cleansed by tenants	...		1
Ashpits abolished	...	...	9

Various.

Nuisances from improper keeping of animals	...	...	21
Accumulations of manure and refuse removed		...	27
Water courses cleansed	...	...	2
Miscellaneous nuisances dealt with	...	...	116
Nuisances on highways	...	...	7

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919 .

Infestation Order, 1943.

Appended herewith is a summary of the work carried out during the year.

No. of Visits.	Premises found to be infested.			Premises found to be not Infested.	Premises treated with Zinc Phosphide.	Premises treated with Red Squill	Premises treated with Ratbane Grain
	Heavy	Medium	Light				
1913	13	24	67	1321	49	52	1

Sewers.

Acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Food, the sewers at Blakedown were treated during the year with satisfactory results.

Worcestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee.

The co-operation between this Committee and ourselves has been excellent and our thanks are due to all concerned.

Worcestershire Planning and Advisory Committee.

I am pleased to be able to report that this Committee has done very useful work during the year.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, may I express my thanks for the interest and support given me by the whole of the Council during the year.

I would also express my appreciation of the willing co-operation which I have received from the Clerk, Mr. J. H. Swann, the Surveyor, Mr. A. S. Northover, Miss I. M. Mountford, Rating Officer, and the whole of the Council's staff.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. S. PORTER,

Sanitary Inspector.



