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OF THE

# Medical Officer of Health

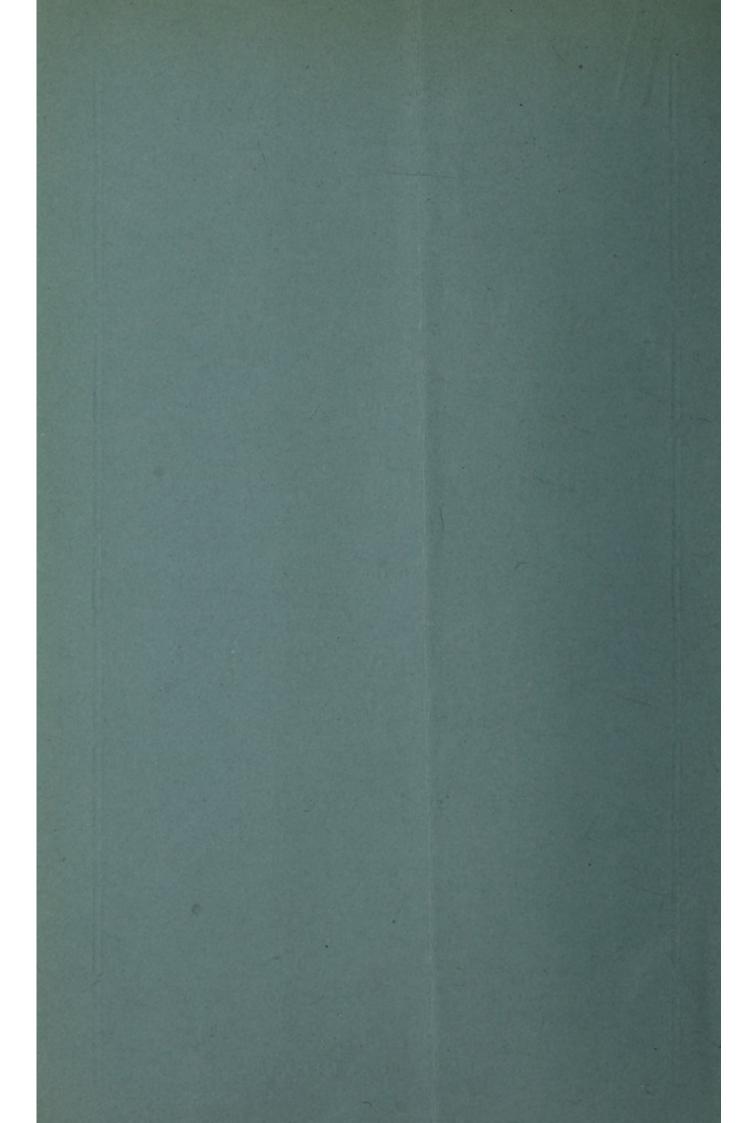
TO THE

Rural District Council of Kingsclere

For the Year 1921.

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# Kingsclere Rural District.

KINGSCLERE, March, 1922.

# TO THE KINGSCLERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In reviewing the past year, 1921, I think you will all agree with me it was in many ways exceptional, for instance, the drought, unemployment, heavy financial troubles, checking of building scheme, and several other matters, yet with us it was particularly healthy—46 infectious cases in all only being notified. It is a great relief to me to know I have checked our constant heavy outbreaks of diphtheria.

I came across a case of scarlet fever at Newtown, in which house were also four boarded out children from London. I had them all removed to our isolation hospital and kept in quarantine for a period before allowing them to return to their respective homes.

A case of acute ascending paralysis removed to Reading Hospital, died on the third day of the disease, and the Reading authorities communicated direct with the Ministry of Health. Burghelere and Litchfield Schools were each closed for whooping cough, and Headley for epidemic influenza. I am very adverse to this systematic school closing directly the average attendance commences to drop, for it in no way benefits the children.

There are various centres in the County for treatment both of tuberculous and venereal diseases, a list of which has been printed and issued by County Medical Officer. Maternity and Child Welfare is also organized. School children are constantly under the observation and treatment either of School Medical Officers or Nurses, and the general practitioner is fast losing his living among what, in my opinion, is one of the most important branches of his practice.

Much pressure was put on the County Surveyor to abate the dust nuisance in Kingsclere, but, so far, nothing has been carried out.

The rainfall was only 16.71 inches in 103 days, which is practically half of our usual quantity.

No adulterated articles of food were found in the 9 samples sent for analysis.

## Milk.

An abundant supply and much cleaner. Dairies, Cowsheds, and the animals' udders are all well attended to.

## Statistics.

Area, 45,986 acres, of which 1,523 are inland water.
Population, 8,158. Kingsclere, 4,840; Highelere, 3,318.

Inhabitated Houses, 1,852.

Number of families or separate occupiers, 1,865.

The census returns of 1921 at present are not obtainable.

Rateable Value, £50,384.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £209 18s. 8d.

Births. Legitimate, 148; 84 males, 64 females. Illegitimate, 8; 3 males, 5 females.

General Birth Rate, 19.1 per 1,000 population.

Kingsclere Birth Rate, 19.21 per 1,000 population.

Highclere Birth Rate, 19.29 per 1,000 population.

Deaths. 94; 51 males, 43 females.

General Death Rate, 11.4 per 1,000.

Kingsclere Death Rate, 12.4 per 1,000.

Highclere Death Rate, 9.94 per 1,000.

Deaths of infants, 12; legitimate, 10; illegitimate, 2. Deaths of infants per 1,000 births, legitimate, 67·56; illegitimate, 250.

Deaths: Kingsclere, 60; 31 males, 29 females. Highclere, 34; 18 males, 16 females.

- 9 Kingsclere deaths occurred outside area.
- 3 Highelere deaths occurred outside area.
- 1 death in Highelere did not belong to area—inquest.
- 4 inquests, all Highelere area—2 accidents, 1 suicide, and 1 concealment of birth.

1 death not certified.

There were 2 deaths each from whooping cough and diarrhœa.

Ages at death:

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	Kingsclere.	Highclere.
Under 1 year	6	6
,, 2 ,,	1	1981-0
,, 5 ,,	1	1
,, 15 ,,	and a supply	1
,, 25 ,,	1	1
,, 45 ,,	7	1
,, 65 ,,	12	10
Over 65 ,,	32	14
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	60	34
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Notifiable Diseases during the Year were 46.

	1	Cases	To l. Hespital.	Deaths.	Age at Death.
Diphtheria & Croup		3		1 croup	4 years
Scarlet Fever		3	2	6 1m 100	140-1
Enteric Fever			-	-	-
Puerperal		-	-		-
Pneumonia		2	P = 1	THE PERSON NAMED IN	-
Whooping Cough		12	-	2	$\begin{cases} 9 \text{ months} \\ 2 \text{ years} \end{cases}$
Erysipelas		6		100 -	
Chicken Pox		8	-	-	State +
Dysentry		1	-	-	-
Acute Ascending					
Paralysis		1	1	1	17 years
Malaria		1	-	1	27 years
Tuberculosis:-					
Pulmonary, Male		1		1	43 years
Female		7	_	1	50 years
		8			
Non-Pulmonary		_		_	

Tuberculosis is generally notified and then comes under the treatment of County Tuberculosis Officer.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 1, treated at home—recovery complete.

There were no special causes of sickness.

Milk is supplied in necessitous cases by the Guardians on the recommendation of their Medical Officers and no longer by the District Council.

Nursing. There are six District Nurses in the area, and they each attend largely maternity cases. Some districts have not funds sufficient to provide one. There is no general system of nursing, nor provision made by the Council, more than that they subscribe to certain general hospitals in the vicinity, viz., Hants County, Berks County, and Newbury District Hospitals.

Your own Isolation Hospital serves all the requirements in the district for which it is intended.

The Union Infirmary, with its well appointed staff, is a great asset, and nurses many sick aged poor. There were three births in it, and six deaths—three of these each over four score years.

Laboratory work is carried on from the County Medical Officer's department, Winchester.

Antitoxin is provided free where necessary.

The following Acts, etc., are in force:-

- 1. Model Building Bye-Laws.
- 2. Notification of Infectious Diseases.
- Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1886, the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Shops Order of 1885, and Amended Order, 1886.
- 4. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Model Regulations, 1907, as issued by the Local Government Board.
- Urban Powers, Section 44, Public Health Act, 1875.

Systematic and special visits are made both by myself and your Sanitary Inspector. We are the only Officers employed, with the addition of your Isolation Hospital resident nurse.

Housing. Six houses were pulled down in Kingsclere to improve a very dangerous corner on entry into the village.

The 10 Kingsclere houses commenced in 1920 are still not ready for occupation for several reasons, including unsatisfactory sanitary arrangements and, at present, no water supply.

On three occasions I applied to the Magistrates for orders to repair houses. In each instance they were carried out to my satisfaction before the time given expired.

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

- a) Total ... ... ... 10
- (b) As part of a municipal housing scheme ...

I.—Unfit Dwelling-Houses.	
Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	500
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	102
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	11
(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	32
II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	32
IIIACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.	
A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	11
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—	
(a) by owners	11
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	None
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	None
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.  (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be	
remedied	11
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—	
(a) by owners	11
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	None
C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	None
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-	
houses having been rendered fit	9
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	None
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pur-	
suance of Demolition Orders	None

I append the Inspector of Nuisances Report.

You will observe my report is abbreviated by instructions from headquarters.

Housing might be better, but is gradually improving.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Yours truly,

REGINALD MAPLES,
Medical Officer of Health.

## REPORT-INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES, 1921.

Visits made during this year, 978, not including T.P., 102 house to house visits, Kingsclere in July, or visits to Dairies and Bakehouses.

Water Analysis by Medical Officer of Health—one Ecchinswell, one East Woodhay, two from Kingsclere.

Sent to Winchester, fourteen-all proved satisfactory.

New Houses—1, Newtown; 1 Bungalow, Tadley; 1 Bungalow, Headley; 1 House, Baughurst; 4, Burghclere; and 2, Highclere, for K.R.D.C.; 10 commenced in Kingsclere; 1, Woodhay; 2, Ecchinswell. About 20 privies have been made pail closets.

Dirty Children. I have been called upon to inspect three, and supplied soap, etc.

Water sold at Hannington for farm use, and water supplied Ashmansworth, Aug. and Sept.

Overcrowding. Three cases—1 at Wolverton, 1 Woolton Hill, 1 Kingsclere.

Court Proceedings. Four cases.

Repairs to 14 houses done after notice by K.R.D.C.

Dairies and Cowkeepers" Register—Added during 1921, 26.

Slaughter-houses. One Tadley, two Kingsclere, two new Kingsclere; total, 5.

Bakehouses. 14, plus one re-opened at Tadley. Report made 9th Aug., 1921, Housing, and Oct. 1919.

Done.	Not Done.	Void.	Part Done.	Pulled Down.	Total.
31	14	5	9	2	61
69	8	-	21	2	100
26	9	2	2	-	39
126	31	7	32	4	200
	31 69 26	31 14 69 8 26 9	31 14 5 69 8 — 26 9 2	31     14     5     9       69     8     —     21       26     9     2     2	31     14     5     9     2       69     8     -     21     2       26     9     2     2     -

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## ADDENDUM.

Since compiling my report and having it printed, I have received from the Registrar General the two following tables.

He estimates the population at 8,460, not 8,158, which would slightly alter my percentages.

TABLE
Causes of Death in Kingsclere Rural District 1922.

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Causes of Death			Males	Female
CIVILIANS ONLY.	Non meet	P2 010		10.8
ALL CAUSES			47	46
1 Enteric fever				
2 Small-pox				
				2
			3	1
			2	2
				***
			1	4
			4	2
			7	4
			2 2	5 1
			2	3
			2	1
19 Other respiratory diseases				2
			2	
		***		
			1	1
	11 7.00		3	3
			***	
24 Parturition, apart from puerperal fev	rer			
25 Congenital debility, &c			1	3
26 Violence, apart from suicide				1
				1
			17	14
29 Causes ill-defined or unknown				1
Special causes (included above)				
Cerebro-spinal fever				
Poliomyelitis				
Death of Infants under 1 year of age	Total		5	7
	gitimate			2
TOTAL BIRTHS			85	72
Legitimate			81	66
Illegitimate			4	6
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TABLE I. - BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1921.

Provisional Figures: --Populations estimated to the midule of 1920 have been used for the purposes of this Table. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.

)EATHS	Uncertified Causes of Deaths	E	0.7	7.	0.5	
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS	Inquest Cases	6.4	8.9	5.1	8-2	
TAGE OF	Certified Causes of Death	92.5	92 5	93.2	91.6	N. See
PERCENT	Deaths in Public Institutions	25.5	33-2	17.7	49.2	
RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS	Total Deaths under	83	87	84	80	
RATE P BIR	Diarrhosa and Z years	15.5	19.3	15.6	21.3	
	Violence	0.44	0.40	0.35	0.42	
ż	Induenza	0-23	0.23	0.56	0-23	
TH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.	Diphtheria	0.12	0.15	0-11	0.25	01
1,000 Po	Whooping Cough	0.12	0.13	0.11	0-12	
TE PER	Searlet Fever	0.03	0.04	0.03	90.0	AL III
	yleasles	90.0	80.0	0.02	0.02	100
ANNUAL DEA	Small Pox	00-0	0.00	0.00	0.00	18
ANN	Enteric Fever	0.03	0.01	0.01	10.0	-
11	All Classes	12:1	12.3	11.3	12.4	- CE
	Birth rate per 1,000 Total Population		23.3	22.7	22.3	or Birth
Ch.	.084,2-(m) sob bu	England and Wales	96 Great Towns (including London) Populations exceeding 50,000	148 Smaller Towns, (Census Populations 20,000 to 50,000)	London	