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HATFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH.

Year - 1942.



To the Chairman and Members of the Council.-

Ladies and Gentlemen:

(1) STATISTICS:	1942.	1941.	1940.	1939.
Rateable value at 31st December.	£ 163,702	£ 158,219	£ 160,637	£ 152,073
Inhabited Houses at 31st December.	5,250	5,200	5,200	5,200
The population figure supplied by Registrar Gen.	20,750	20,560	20,020	17,940
No. of deaths from all causes	174	190	185	161
No. of births: legitimate	369	290	347	279
illegitimate	12	19	14	12
No. of still births:				
legitimate	10	7	12	7
illegitimate	1	1	3	1
No. of deaths of infants:				
under 1 year. legitimate	7	9	13	7
illegitimate	1	2	-	2
Live birth rate per 1,000 of the population.	18.36	15.03	18.03	16.22
Still birth rate per 1,000 Live & still births	28.06	25.21	30.89	26.75
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the population	9.34	9.24	9.24	8.97
<u>Death rate of infants under one year.</u>				
Death rate of all infants per 1,000 live births	20.99	35.60	36.01	30.93
Death rate of all legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	19.24	31.03	37.45	25.09
Death rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	83.33	105.36	0	166.66
<u>Infectious Diseases.</u>				
Scarlet Fever	57	12	37	93
Diphtheria	1	4	22	15
Typhoid Fever	0	0	1	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0	3	0
Pneumonia	19	24	24	19

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<u>Infections Diseases (cont:)</u>				
<u>  Puerperal Pyrexia</u>	1	4	5	0
Erysipelas	3	4	5	1
Measles	74	489	74	Not notified.
Whooping Cough	43	97	8	"

Diphtheria Immunisation: 78% of the children attending the elementary schools in this area were immunised at 31st December, 1942.

Scabies: A cleansing centre was opened at the Memorial Hall on September 18th. 36 persons received treatment up to 31st December, 1942, under the supervision of Mrs. Chappell, the Sister-in-Charge of the First Aid Post.

(2) HOUSING: At the outbreak of War the Council had a substantial waiting list for houses, particularly in Hatfield. It was hoped to alleviate the position by the erection of further houses on the Birchwood Estate, but this development could not be proceeded with. With the influx of official evacuees, self evacuated families and the transfer of war workers, the position has gradually worsened so that the shortage of accommodation is acute throughout the district.

(3) SCAVENGING, 1942: In December, 1941, your Scavenging Contractors, Messrs. Marriott & Son, gave notice of the termination of their contract and a Sub-Committee was appointed to consider future scavenging arrangements. It was decided that the Council proceed with a scheme for the direct collection of house refuse in the District, and in connection with this proposal acquire three new lorries and a staff of 6 men, consisting of 3 loader drivers and 3 loaders. The existing arrangements for disposal to be continued, this amounting to about 2,500 tons per annum. The estimated cost for the scheme was £2,386.

(4) WATER SUPPLY (STANBOROUGH) 1942: During the year it was reported that the private water supply to the houses on the Stanborough Estate had failed, and arrangements had to be made to fix stand pipes in the Water Company's mains to afford a supply of water to the householders.

It was pointed out to the occupiers that under arrangements with the Water Company the Council had, in 1939, extended the water mains in this area and considered that all the houses should be linked up with the public supply.

It was decided to serve notices on the owners of the houses connected to the Estate Supply and 18 houses out of 36 were connected to the Barnet Water Company's supply.

Consequently the Estate Supply was again put into operation but the owner was informed that the Council view the position with concern, and stressed the danger which must exist where a supply of water is in use without frequent analysis and under the conditions which at present exist.

The private water supply has been under constant supervision and continues to provide a supply of water to houses on the Estate

not connected to the public main.

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