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WEST SUSSEX (SOUTHERN) COMBINED SANITARY DISTRICT.

10, Bullockton Avenue,

WORTHING.

July 1941.



Gentlemen,

Annual Report, 1940.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics, 1940.

	Littlehampton	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	12.6	14.6
Death Rate per 1,000 population	12.4	14.3
Corrected Death Rate	11.2	-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	71	55

The population as given by the Registrar General is 12,730. The factor for correction is 0.90, which gives a corrected death rate of 11.2.

Evacuation.

In May 1940 all the evacuee children of school age in Littlehampton were transferred to safer areas. At present there are 50 evacuee children under five years of age in Littlehampton, (43 accompanied and 7 unaccompanied).

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	12 (11 in 1939)
Diphtheria	15 (9 in 1939)
Typhoid Fever	1 (2 " ")
Pneumonia	15 (12 " ")
Tuberculosis	12 (6 " ")
Erysipelas	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Measles	37
Whooping Cough	27
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	3

Housing.

No. of new houses erected during 1940:

By Private Enterprise	 12
By Local Authority	 Nil



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Housing - cont.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts.)	... 251
No. of inspections made for the purpose	... 856
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... Nil

Bacteriological samples.

The usual samples of milk and ice cream were taken as follows:-

Milk	...	...	39(32 gave satisfactory results)
Ice Cream	...	...	6(all gave satisfactory results)

Where the results were not satisfactory appropriate action was taken.

Water.

Samples of the public water supply have been examined regularly each month and were consistently satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. McGowan, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 5408 visits and inspections were made as compared with 5144 visits the previous year.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H. Wilshaw,

Medical Officer of Health.

To The Chairman and Members of the Littlehampton Urban District Council.

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Local number of dwelling houses investigated
for housing defects (after Public Health
and Housing Act, 1924)

No. of inspections made for the purpose

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a
state of disrepair and in need of
repairs as to walls for water
penetration

Sanitary inspection

The usual number of calls and inspections were taken as follows:-

20/25 rate sanitary (results)	...	...
25/30 rate sanitary (results)	...	...

Where the results were not satisfactory appropriate action was taken.

Water

Inspection of the public water supply has been continued regularly each month and with satisfactory results.

Sanitary inspection

I have had a complete report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. H. Jones, on the sanitary work done during the year. It is a pleasure to report that the sanitary work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner and that the results are of a high standard.

Health

All diseases, including infectious diseases, are notified to the Health Officer. The health officer has been kept fully informed of the progress of the work and has been able to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of disease. The health officer has also been able to take the necessary steps to deal with any outbreaks of disease.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Jones

Chief Sanitary Inspector

To the Health Officer, City of London