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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR

1958
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ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :
DAWLISH U.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT R.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT U.D.C.
TEIGNMOUTH U.D.C. AND
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

COUNCIL OFFICES,

KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT - 1958

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year ended 31st. December, 1958. The Corrected death rate shows a rise from 10.17 per 1000 total population in 1957 to 11.3 in the year under review. Two hundred and forty six deaths occurred as opposed to two hundred and ten in 1957, but whereas the age at death in 1957 was 69.43 years, in 1958 it was 72.66. An increase of over three years.

Deaths in infants under one year show an increase from four in 1957 to six in 1958. The Infant Mortality rate, i.e. the number of deaths in infants under one year per 1000 related live births, rose correspondingly from 17.02 to 30.61 - a considerable increase. If the two years are taken together, however, the Infant Mortality rate would not be much above the rate for the whole of England and Wales which for 1958 was 22.6. Fluctuations such as this are inevitable when figures applicable to relatively small populations are compared with those for the Country as a whole.

The incidence of Infectious Disease shows a fall from seven hundred and sixty four cases notified in 1957 to seventy four in the year under discussion. This decrease is almost entirely due to the fall in the number of cases of Measles from six hundred and sixty eight to thirty nine. The small incidence of cases of Measles follows the usual course of the disease in that it normally reaches epidemic proportions in alternate years. No cases of Poliomyelitis occurred. To what extent this is due to the vaccination programme it is not possible to say.


I should like to thank the Chairman, Councillors,
and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation
received during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. ...

Medical Officer of Health



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	4,153
Population Mid 1958	17,200
Population 1951 Census	16,393
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January, 1958	£249,885
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1958	£256,396
Product of 1d. rate as at 1st. April, 1958	£989

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	101	89	190
Illegitimate	3	3	6
	<u>104</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>196</u>

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	11.39
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	11.62
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	13.23
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.08
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	16.4

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	5	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth rate per 1000 total population	0.46
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	39.21
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	21.6

Deaths

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 72.66 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths was 70.76 years and for female deaths 74.6 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	122	124	246
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			14.30
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			11.30
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.31
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			11.01
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			11.7

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births			30.61
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales			22.6

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks) per 1000 related live births			20.40
Neo-Natal Mortality rate England and Wales			16.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1958. Four maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
brought forward	84	90
Pneumonia	6	6
Bronchitis	6	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	16
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	1	4
Suicide	1	-
	<hr/> 122	<hr/> 124

Total: 246

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	7	2	9
Whooping Cough	5	12	17
Measles	18	21	39
Dysentery	1	-	1
Pneumonia	6	2	8
	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 74

Total: 74

TUBERCULOSIS

Twelve cases of pulmonary and three cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in Newton Abbot during 1958. Details are set out in the following table :-

TUBERCULOSIS (continued)

<u>AGE PERIODS</u>	<u>CASES</u>			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under five years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	1	-	1
25 - 44	-	2	-	2
45 - 64	6	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
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	8	4	-	3
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Total: 15

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

No official action was necessary under the National Assistance Acts in the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

NEWTON ABBOT
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
of
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

1958

STAFF:

Chief Public Health Inspector

C.E.Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector

J.A.McPherson, F.A.P.H.I.

Clerk

G.J.Ingram.

REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE

LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

During 1958 the rehousing of tenants from the courts etc commenced and demolition took place in Salem Place, Exeter Road and Little Bradley. Thus with little comment a major event in appearance and indeed the history of the town took place.

A considerable amount of work was also carried out in connection with improvement grants and the Rent Act 1957.

A further improvement was also made at the Public Abattoir, a chill room being installed, and during the period of its operation it proved a considerable asset to the property.

Details of inspections made are set out in the following pages:-

DRAINAGE:

Number of premises visited	59
Number of tests applied	96
Number of visits made	311

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. <u>Inspections</u>	No. on register	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	15	8	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	31	14	6	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	5	-	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (Cont'd)

2. <u>Cases in which defects were found.</u>	Found.	Remedied	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prosecution
<u>No. of cases in which defects were found:-</u>					
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	3	-	4	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	1	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION:

Details of animals slaughtered and the results of inspection are shown in the following table:-

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Bullocks	3,032	2,545	2,919	3,347	3,680	4,191
Calves	2,132	7,392	9,053	10,737	7,109	6,370
Sheep	10,486	12,261	10,746	10,931	10,123	13,598
Pigs	1,579	4,210	7,234	6,066	5,836	6,863
TOTALS	17,229	26,408	29,952	31,081	26,748	31,022

FOOD INSPECTION (cont'd)

	CATTLE	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
No. KILLED:	3,035	1,156	6,370	13,598	6,863
No. INSPECTED	3,035	1,156	6,370	13,598	6,863
All diseases other than Tuberculosis.					
(i) Whole carcass condemned.	4	7	30	183	25
(ii) carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	329	395	43	1240	557
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis.	10.97	34.77	1.14	10.46	8.48
Tuberculosis only					
(i) Whole carcass condemned.	11	12	9	-	1
(ii) carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	114	249	9	-	90
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis.	4.11	22.58	0.28	-	1.32
Number of cases of C. Bovis.	NIL.				

FOOD INTAKE (continued)

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

All data were
 obtained from
 the following
 sources:
 (1) Direct
 observation
 of food intake
 (2) Food diary
 (3) Food record
 (4) Food balance
 (5) Food intake
 (6) Food intake
 (7) Food intake
 (8) Food intake
 (9) Food intake
 (10) Food intake

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

(11) Food intake
 (12) Food intake
 (13) Food intake
 (14) Food intake
 (15) Food intake
 (16) Food intake
 (17) Food intake
 (18) Food intake
 (19) Food intake
 (20) Food intake

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

(21) Food intake
 (22) Food intake
 (23) Food intake
 (24) Food intake
 (25) Food intake
 (26) Food intake
 (27) Food intake
 (28) Food intake
 (29) Food intake
 (30) Food intake

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

(31) Food intake
 (32) Food intake
 (33) Food intake
 (34) Food intake
 (35) Food intake
 (36) Food intake
 (37) Food intake
 (38) Food intake
 (39) Food intake
 (40) Food intake

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

(41) Food intake
 (42) Food intake
 (43) Food intake
 (44) Food intake
 (45) Food intake
 (46) Food intake
 (47) Food intake
 (48) Food intake
 (49) Food intake
 (50) Food intake

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

(51) Food intake
 (52) Food intake
 (53) Food intake
 (54) Food intake
 (55) Food intake
 (56) Food intake
 (57) Food intake
 (58) Food intake
 (59) Food intake
 (60) Food intake

NO. SUBJECTS	10	10	10	10	10
AGE	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
SEX	M	M	M	M	M
HT	175	175	175	175	175
WT	65	65	65	65	65

(61) Food intake
 (62) Food intake
 (63) Food intake
 (64) Food intake
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 (66) Food intake
 (67) Food intake
 (68) Food intake
 (69) Food intake
 (70) Food intake

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

Unsound Food: During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

33 Bovine carcasses and offals,
43 Calf carcasses and offals,
189 Sheep carcasses and offals,
23 Pig carcasses and offals,
159 Bovine heads,
82 Pig heads,
1 Sheep head,
3319 Organs and parts,
1477 Lbs of Beef,
136 Lbs of Mutton,
319 Lbs of Pork,
1310 Tins of fruit,
335 Tins of meat,
49 Lbs of Veal,
120 Tins of Peas,
90 Tins of Tomatoes,
51 Tins of Soup,
39 Tins of Milk,
41 Tins of Beans,
3 Tins of Golden Syrup,
2 Tins of Cocoa,
21 Jars of Pickles,
72 Tins of fish,
1 Tins of Marmalade,
11 Lbs of Ham,
38 Lbs of Cheese,
1 Fowl,
2 Packets of Biscuits,
13 Jars of Onions,
43 Jars of Beetroot,
71 Lbs of Sausages,
9 lbs of Prunes,
846 Lbs of Crab Meat,
1 Tin of Cake Mixture,
4 Tins of Carrots,

General.

882 visits were made during the year to the Public Abattoir for meat inspection,
97 visits were made during the year to other food premises,
4 Informal Notices were served during the year under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

HOUSING:

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows :-

Number of council houses constructed	109
Number of private houses constructed	128
Number of houses inspected for defects	124
Number of inspections made	457
Number of informal notices served	64
Number of statutory notices served:-	
(a) Under Section 9, Housing Act 1957	3
(b) Under Section 17, Housing Act 1957	18
(c) Under Public Health Act, 1936	-
Number of dwellings rendered fit	81

RODENT CONTROL :-

A member of the manual labour staff of this department has continued to be employed on a part-time basis on this section of work. As in previous years two treatments of the sewerage system of the town were carried out, approximately 35 manholes being baited and poisoned on each occasion.


In addition 44 premises were treated for rat infestation involving 573 visits.

STAFF:

Again there has been no changes in the staff of this department and thanks are again due to Mr McPherson and Mr Ingram for their able help in the work carried out.

I would also like to record my thanks to colleagues for their co-operation during the year and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their consideration and support.

I am,
Your obedient servant,


Chief Public Health Inspector

Summary of the work carried out under this heading in the year 1957

100	Number of research papers published
150	Number of private papers communicated
150	Number of papers presented for discussion
400	Number of papers read in public
50	Number of papers read in private
5	Number of papers read in private (at the request of the author)
10	(a) Papers read in private at the request of the author
10	(b) Papers read in private at the request of the author
10	(c) Papers read in private at the request of the author
10	(d) Papers read in private at the request of the author

Private papers

A number of the papers read in private were also read in public. The number of papers read in private was 50, of which 10 were read at the request of the author, 10 at the request of the author, 10 at the request of the author, and 10 at the request of the author.

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Public papers

Again there has been no change in the staff of this department and there are still one Dr. Johnson and Dr. Smith for this year. The work carried out is as follows:

I will first like to mention a number of papers read in public during the year 1957. The papers were read in public at the request of the author, at the request of the author, at the request of the author, and at the request of the author.

The number of papers read in public was 400, of which 100 were read at the request of the author, 100 at the request of the author, 100 at the request of the author, and 100 at the request of the author.

Number of papers read in public during the year 1957

