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SIDMOUTH U.D.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
YEAR REPORT 1st DECEMBER, 1950

To the Chairman and Members of the
Sidmouth Urban District Council,
and the Chairman and Members,

I have the honor to present the Annual Report on the public health of the
Urban District for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR

1950

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	Total	Males	Females
Live Births (Legitimate)	57	31	26
Live Births (Illegitimate)	1	1	-
Still Births (Legitimate)	1	-	1
Still Births (Illegitimate)	1	-	1
Rate of still births per 1000 total (live and still births)	1.09		
Deaths	105	75	30
Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	16.90		
Deaths from postnatal causes	11	7	4
Deaths of newborn under 1 year of age (Legitimate)	1	-	1
(Illegitimate)	1	-	1
Death rate of all infants per 1000 live births	2.11		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	32		
Deaths from Diabetes	11		
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	11		
Deaths from Malaria (under 2 years of age)	11		

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SIDMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1950

To the Chairman and Members of the Sidmouth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the public health of the Urban District for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

The report conforms as closely as possible with the requirements laid down in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 2/50, dated 25th January, 1950.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	11,475 acres.
Number of inhabited houses	3,253.
Rateable value	£108,323.
Sum represented by a penny rate ..	£433. 19. 10.
Population	9,767.

Vital Statistics

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births (Legitimate)	89	51	38
Live Births (Illegitimate)	1	1	-
Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	= 9.21		
Still Births (Legitimate)	1	1	-
Still Births (Illegitimate)	-	-	-
Rate of still births per 1000 total (live and still births)	= 1.09		
Deaths	166	73	93
Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	= 16.99		
Deaths from puerperal causes	= nil		
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age (Legitimate)	1	-	1
do (Illegitimate)	-	-	-
Death rate of all infants per 1000 live births	= 1.11		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	32		
Deaths from Measles	Nil		
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil		
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil		

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services.

(a) Council Officials

Health Department

Medical Officer	E.L.Perry, D.S.O., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Inspectors	Stanley T. Chard, M.S.I.A. C. Rodgers, Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

- (b) (i) Laboratory Facilities: These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Exeter.
- (ii) Ambulance Facilities: All ambulance facilities are provided by the County Council.

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. WATER.

- (i) The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in both quantity and quality, excepting the supply of Salcombe Regis which is a private supply. The Consulting Engineers have put up suggestions for an alternative supply in this case.
- (ii) Sixteen samples were taken for bacteriological examination and three for chemical analysis. The Council's supplies are almost entirely chlorinated and after chlorination are entirely satisfactory. The Consulting Engineers have submitted a scheme for the supplies to be chlorinated at source, which will enable the whole supply to be chlorinated. Some of the springs which are satisfactory at normal times, show a high bacterial content after heavy rain, but all these waters are entirely satisfactory after chlorination. The chemical analyses are all satisfactory.
- (iii) The supply from all springs which yield plumbo-solvent water is passed through beds of limestone chippings.
- (iv) There are 3253 dwelling houses in the area, of which 3229 are supplied direct from the mains. The remainder (24) are fed by standpipes and these are mainly in the Parish of Sidbury, which has a private supply maintained by the Sidbury Manor Estate.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The new sewer which was constructed in the Byes and came into use in 1949 is very satisfactory and the trouble from overflow into the river Sid has ceased. This should lead to the lower part of the river being far less polluted, but there is evidence that the sewer which passes close to the river on the west bank is in a condition which may be a source of danger and the matter of dealing with it will be gone into.

3. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

I have nothing further to add to my observations in the preceding paragraph.

4. (i) Closet Accommodation.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(ii) Public Cleansing.

The refuse collection is under the control of the Surveyor and is satisfactory.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

See Sanitary Inspector's tabular statement.

(iv) Shops and Offices.

See Sanitary Inspector's tabular report.

(v) Camping Sites.

(a) The number of sites used for camping purposes during 1950 was two.

(b) The number of licences in respect of camping sites issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, was two.

(vi) Smoke Abatement.

No occasion for action has arisen.

(vii) Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no swimming baths or pools in the district.

(viii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases were dealt with during the year.

5. SCHOOLS.

No change to report.

SECTION D.

Housing.

See Sanitary Inspector's report.

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases during 1950 (excluding Tuberculosis)

Disease.	Total Cases		Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths
	Notified			
Scarlet Fever	3		2	-
Measles	3		-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	3		3	-
Whooping Cough	37		-	-
Chicken Pox	12		-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1		1	-
Food Poisoning	4		-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality, 1950.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 upwards	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Statistics provided by the Registrar-General.

Total Deaths in 1950 - 166.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2.	1.
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3.	1.
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	1.	1.
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0.	5.
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0.	1.
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	11.	9.
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	8.	18.
18. Coronary disease, Angina	20.	10.
19. Hypertension with heart disease	0.	2.
20. Other heart disease	12.	18.
21. Other circulatory disease	1.	5.
22. Influenza	0.	1.
23. Pneumonia	2.	5.
24. Bronchitis	2.	3.
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4.	2.
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1.	0.
31. Congenital malformation	1.	2.
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5.	7.
34. All other accidents	0.	1.
35. Suicide	0.	1.
Total	73.	93.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

E.L.PERRY.

Medical Officer of Health.

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases during 1950 (excluding Tuberculosis)

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1
Diphtheria	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	12	12	1
Olden's Fox	1	1	1
Amoebic Polycystitis	1	1	1
Food Poisoning	4	4	1

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1950.

Age Period	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
0	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-
25	1	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-
40	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-
50	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-
60	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-
70	-	-	-	-
75	-	-	-	-
80	-	-	-	-
85	-	-	-	-
90	-	-	-	-
95	-	-	-	-
not known	-	-	-	-

SIDMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1950.

TABLE I.

Visits, Interviews, etc.

<u>GENERAL SANITATION.</u>	<u>No. of visits.</u>
Water Supply	20
Samples taken for analysis	19
Drainage	103
Movable Dwellings	7
Factories	21
Accumulations and deposits	3
Rodent Control	25
Dustbins	1
Animals improperly kept	31
Smoke Abatement	nil
<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASE.</u>	
Enquiries in case of I.D.	10
Visits re disinfection	16
Visits (other diseases)	11
<u>COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.</u>	
Visits to Cowsheds	nil
Visits to Dairies	7
<u>FOODSHOPS AND RESTAURANTS.</u>	
Visited and Inspected	87
Visits to Slaughterhouses	3
Visits to other premises & pigs slaughter	10
<u>HOUSING.</u>	
Visits and Inspections under Housing and Public Health Acts	61
Visits and Inspections re dirty or verminous premises	4
Miscellaneous housing visits (including Council houses)	38
<u>INTERVIEWS, ETC.</u>	
Interviews and appointments	48
<u>TABLE II.</u>	
Complaints received	45
Nuisances abated	32
<u>Notices Served</u>	
Intimation Notices given	7
Statutory Notices served	10
Statutory Notices complied with	5

DRAINAGE.

No. of complete new house drainage systems	8
" " house drainage systems repaired, relaid or extended ...	27
" " new water closets	18
" " old closets replaced with new	nil
" " drains tested	38
" " drains cleared	9

DISINFECTION.

No. of premises disinfected after I.D.	7
No. " " " " " T.B.	1
No. " " " " " other diseases or illness ..	3
Bedding or clothing disinfected in steam disinfector after I.D.	5
" " " " " " " " " " T.B.	1
" " " " " " " " " " other diseases	14

UNSOUND FOOD.

The following amounts of unsound food were examined, condemned on voluntary surrender for destruction or salvage during the year:

<u>Meat and Meat Products:</u>	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. home killed meat.
.....	107 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. imported meat.
.....	86 lbs. sausage meat.
.....	76 tins meat products.
<u>Fruit and Vegetable Products:</u>	310 tins.
<u>Fish and Fish Products:</u>	122 tins.
.....	23 stones.
<u>Milk and Milk Products:</u>	9 tins
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	76 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. cheese
.....	5 guinea fowl
.....	28 lbs. lemon curd.
.....	56 lbs. sweetened fat.
.....	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Vita Cream

MILK & ICE CREAM SAMPLES.

	<u>Passed.</u>	<u>Failed.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Samples taken for bacteriological test, (methylene blue)	-	-	Nil
Heat treated samples (phosphatase test)	-	-	Nil
Ice Cream	4	2	6

HOUSING SUMMARY

	<u>Demolished.</u>	<u>Closed.</u>	<u>Reconditioned.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Houses dealt with previous to this year:</u>	63	12	61	135
<u>Houses dealt with during 1950:</u>				
Clearance Areas	nil	nil	nil	nil
Individual unfit houses	nil	3	nil	3
Houses reconditioned Public Health Act			5	5
Total	63	15	66	143

I am,
Your obedient servant,

STANLEY T. CHARD,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.