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SWINTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1937.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE SWINTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health of the Swinton Urban District for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of the District	1,730 acres
Population estimated to middle of 1936	13,590
Population at Census, 1931	13,820
Height above sea-level	50 to 325 ft.
No. of New Houses occupied	90
No. of Inhabited Houses	3,640
No. of Working-class Houses	3,244
Average persons per house	3.7
Rateable value	£39,509
Sum produced by a Penny Rate	£142
Rainfall for 1936	28.62 inches
Birth Rate	16.92 per 1000
Death Rate	12.8 per 1000
Infantile Mortality Rate	47.8 per 1000 births
Zymotic Death Rate	0.14 per 1000
Respiratory Death Rate	1.5 per 1000
Tuberculosis Death Rate (1) Pulmonary	0.37 per 1000
(2) Non-Pulmonary	0.07
Cancer Death Rate	0.96 per 1000
Puerperal Death Rate (1) Septic	0.15
(2) Others	0.07

Births.

	Male	Female.	Total
Legitimate	104	116	220
Illegitimate	4	6	10
			230

Still-births—11. .81 per 1000.

Birth Rate—16.92 per 1000.

Deaths.

	Male.	Female.
Deaths Registered in the District ..	73	62
Non-Swinton Deaths	2	0
	71	62
Swinton Residents dying outside ..	24	17
	95	79

Net Deaths 174 is a *Death Rate* of 12.8 per 1000.

Causes of Death—1937.

Deaths from All Causes.

Causes of Death.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Total.*
1—Typhoid and paratyphoid fever	1	—	1
2—Measles	—	—	—
3—Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
4—Whooping Cough	—	—	—
5—Diphtheria	—	1	1
6—Influenza	8	9	17
7—Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—
8—Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—
9—Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	1	5
10—Other tuberculous diseases ..	—	1	1
11 Syphilis	—	—	—
12 General paralysis of the insane tabes dorsalis	—	—	—
13—Cancer, malignant disease ..	7	6	13
14—Diabetes	1	1	2
15—Cerebral haemorrhage, etc. ..	5	3	8

Causes of Death	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Total.*
16—Heart disease	26	21	47
17—Aneurysm	—	—	—
18—Other circulatory diseases ..	6	4	10
19—Bronchitis	3	5	8
20—Pneumonia (all forms)	8	2	10
21—Other respiratory diseases ..	—	2	2
22—Peptic ulcer	3	—	3
23—Diarrhoea, etc. (under two years)	—	—	—
24—Appendicitis	1	—	1
25—Cirrhosis of liver	—	—	—
26—Other diseases of liver, etc. ..	—	2	2
27—Other digestive diseases	1	—	1
28—Acute and chronic nephritis ..	4	2	6
29—Puerperal sepsis	—	2	2
30—Other puerperal causes	—	1	1
31—Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, etc. ..	2	4	6
32—Senility	4	6	10
33—Suicide	—	—	—
34—Other violence	5	—	5
35—Other defined diseases	6	6	12
36—Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	—	—	—
Total	95	79	174

Infantile Mortality.

There were 230 infants born alive and 11 died before they were 12 months old. This is an *Infantile Mortality Rate* of 47.8 per 1000 births.

The causes of death in these babies were :—

Pneumonia	3
Bronchitis	1
Prematurity	3
Meningitis	1
Marosimus (twins)	2
Debility	1

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.
(England and Wales, London, 125 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns)

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales.	125 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resid'nt Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County	**Swinton.**
	Rates per 1,000 Population.				
Births :					
Live	14.9	14.9	15.3	13.3	**16.92**
Still	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.54	**0.81**
Deaths :					
All Causes	12.4	12.5	11.9	12.3	**12.8**
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	**0.07**
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	**0.00**
Measles	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	—
Scarlet Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.00
Diphtheria	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.05	**0.07**
Influenza	0.45	0.39	0.42	0.38	**1.25**
Violence	0.54	0.45	0.42	0.51	**3.70**
Notifications :					
Smallpox	0.00	—	0.00	—	**0.00**
Scarlet fever	2.33	2.56	2.42	2.09	**1.40**
Diphtheria	1.49	1.81	1.38	1.93	**1.03**
Enteric fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	**0.22**
Erysipelas	0.37	0.43	0.34	0.44	**0.66**
Pneumonia	1.36	1.58	1.20	1.18	**3.12**
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
Deaths under 1 year of age ..	58	62	55	60	**47.8**
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age ..	5.8	7.9	3.2	12.0	**0.00**
Maternal Mortality :					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.97	Not available			**8.70**
Others	2.26				**4.30**
Total	3.23				**13.00**
	Rates per 1,000 Total Births (*i.e.*, Live and Still).				
Maternal Mortality :					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.94	Not available			**8.30**
Others	2.17				**4.15**
Total	3.11				**12.45**
Notifications :					
Puerperal fever	13.93	17.59	11.52	4.15	**13.00**
Puerperal pyrexia				14.34	

Notifiable Diseases.

	Total	Removed to Hosptl.	Deaths.
Typhoid Fever	3	2	1
Scarlet Fever	20	19	0
Diphtheria	14	14	1
Pneumonia	29	0	10
Poliomyelitis	1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	0	2
Ophthalmia Neanatorum	1	0	0
Erysipelas	9	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	9	0	5
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	6	0	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality 1937.

Age Years	Notifications.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—5 ..	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
5—10 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10—15 ..	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
15—20 ..	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
20—25 ..	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
25—35 ..	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
35—45 ..	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
45—55 ..	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
over 55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ..	8	1	2	4	4	2	0	1

Scarlet Fever.

This disease has been less prevalent this year, 20 cases were notified and removed to Hospital, last year 46 Notifications were received.

The cases were spread generally over the district.

The disease was of a mild character, no deaths were recorded.

The 20 cases were notified as follows :—

		Wards.	
January	3		
February ..	2	Kilnhurst	5
March	1	Park	8
April	—	Roman Terrace ..	3
May	2	Central	3
June	3	Bridge	1

July	2
August	2
September	2
October	3
November	0
December	0

Diphtheria.

Diphtheria has been less prevalent, 14 cases were notified, 14 were removed to Hospital and 1 died, a mortality rate of 7%. The mortality rate the previous year was 5.6%.

Diphtheria Immunization offers the best means of prevention. This is provided by the County Council without any cost to the patient.

The 14 cases were notified as follows :—

		Wards.	
January	2	Kilnhurst	4
February	3	Park	2
March	3	Roman Terrace ..	4
April	1	Central	2
May	0	Bridge	2
June	0		
July	1		
August	0		
September	0		
October	2		
November	0		
December	2		

CHILD WELFARE.

Child Welfare Clinics are held at Rock House, Station Street, between 2 and 4 every Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

The No. of attendances during 1937 are as follows :—

	Under 1 year.		*1 to 5 years.*	
	First Attendance.	*Total*	*First Attendance*	*Total over 1 yr.*
Monday	206	1930	108	936
Wednesday ..	132	1354	110	857

The Ante Natal Clinic.

Expectant mothers are invited to attend the Clinic at Rock House between 2 and 5 p.m. the first and third Friday in every month.

They will be seen by the Lady Doctor, who will give advice to the patient. Any abnormalities or difficulties are discovered and dealt with. There were 300 attendances during the year.

Birth Control Clinic.

Suitable patients are recommended by their doctor or the doctor in charge of the clinics.

These women are seen by the Lady Doctor who will give advice and help. During the year there 311 attendances.

Nursing.

Two Queen's Nurses, who are trained and qualified midwives, are employed by the Swinton District Nursing Association. They reside at the Nurses' Home in Church Street. Messages should be sent before 10 a.m. either to the Home or left at the Post Office. Two Health Visitors are employed by the W.R.C.C. and attend all the Welfare Clinics at Rock House and the Clinics at the various schools.

They also visit the houses of mothers of young babies.

In the District there are seven midwives, four of these are employed by the County Council, two by the Nursing Association and one independent midwife.

Hospital Accommodation.

General Accidents : Montagu Hospital, Mexborough.
Children : do. do. do.

Maternity Cases.—The Maternity Wards at the Montagu hospital receive women from the Local Authorities in the Area. Here mothers will receive all the care and skilled attention possible.

Infectious Diseases.—
Wath, Swinton and Joint Board Hospital, Wath Wood.
do. do. Small Pox Hospital, Hoober.

Venereal Disease.

Clinics for the treatment of these diseases are held—
Rotherham at 12, Frederick Street.
Sheffield—Royal Infirmary.
,, Royal Hospital.
,, Jessop Hospital.
,, Children's Hospital.

Patients are seen at the following times :—

Men

Tuesday ..	11.30 to 12.30 noon.
	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.
Wednesday ..	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

Women & Children.

Tuesday and Thursday	2.0 to 4.30 p.m.
Friday	11.30 to 12.30 noon.
	6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

Tuberculosis Clinic.

The County Council Clinic and Dispensary is held at Exchange Buildings, Market Street, Mexborough on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Ambulances.

Accidents and General.—Motor Ambulance at Montagu Hospital. Telephone : Mexboro' 7.

Infectious Diseases.—Motor Ambulance, Wath Wood.
Motor Ambulance for Small Pox, Hoober.

Milk Supply.

The County Council Veterinary Officer has inspected all the Milk Cows in the District.

There were 94 cows owned by 8 cowkeepers and housed in 20 cowsheds.

There are 26 Registered Retail Milk Sellers in the District.

The health of the cows was found to be good and their cleanliness satisfactory.

Samples of Milk Taken for Bacteriological Examination.

Date.	No.	Produced inside or outside District.	Retailed by outside or inside Retailer.	Result Methylene Blue Test.
1937				
April 15	1	Inside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	2	Outside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	3	Inside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—1 hour
July 15	3a	Inside	Inside	Special sample for T.B.
April 15	4	Outside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—2½ hours
May 20	5	Inside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	6	Outside	Outside	Satisfactory
,,	7	Inside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—½ hour
,,	8	Outside	Outside	Unsatisfactory—3 hours
June 17	9	Outside	Outside	Satisfactory
,,	10	Outside	Outside	Unsatisfactory—2½ hours
,,	11	Inside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—2½ hours
,,	12	Inside	Inside	Satisfactory
July 15	13	Inside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—½ hour
,,	14	Inside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—½ hour
,,	15	Outside	Outside	Unsatisfactory—½ hour
,,	16	Inside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—4 hours
Aug. 16	17	Outside	Outside	Unsatisfactory—2½ hours
,,	18	Outside	Outside	Satisfactory
,,	19	Outside	Outside	Satisfactory
Sept. 28	20	Outside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	21	Inside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	22	Outside	Inside	Unsatisfactory—½ hour
,,	23	Outside	Outside	Unsatisfactory—2 hours
Dec. 16	24	Inside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	25	Inside	Inside	Satisfactory
,,	26	Outside	Outside	Satisfactory

Water Supply.

The quantity of water pumped into the main during the year ending 31st December, 1937, was 124,217,000 gallons.

The Piccadilly Well yielded 58,606,000 gallons, and the Wortley Avenue Well 59,835,000 gallons. The Council again had to draw water from the Wath mains, and has taken 5,776,000 gallons during the year.

The above consumption equals 22.7 gallons per head per day.

The rainfall for the year was 28.62 inches.

Housing Conditions.

The general form of Housing Statistics follows :—

HOUSING STATISTICS for the year 1937.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year :

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	263
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	654
(2) (*a*) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	98
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	298
(3) Number of dwellinghouses needing further action ..	230
(*a*) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	53
(*b*) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (*a*) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..	177

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices :

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	177

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2) No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	—
(*a*) by owners	—
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners	—
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..	1
(2) No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices ..	1
(*a*) by owners	1
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners	—
C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :	
(1) No. of representations, etc., made in respect of dwellinghouses unfit for habitation	49

(2) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 18

(3) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 20

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .. .. None

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .. .. None

4. Unhealthy Areas.

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937 ? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto .. None

5. Number of New Houses Erected during 1937 :

(*a*) by the Local Authority 30

(*b*) by private enterprise 60

Total 90

6. Housing Conditions.

(1) Total number of houses in the district 3640

(2) No. of working class houses included in the above 3244

(3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses.

There still remains some 130 houses to be dealt with under the Housing Acts after the present Clearance Areas are cleared. The Council are still pursuing their policy of making clearances as others are finished.

(4) Any special activity in house building ? If so, where ?

Private building chiefly at western end of district. Council slum clearance schemes at Bowbroom, Meadow View and Church Street.

(5) Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority ? If so, please give particulars.

Five schemes on five sites comprising 302 houses and 32 bungalows now progressing for rehousing persons from condemned properties wholly.

(6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act 1936 .. .. No

7. Town Planning.

(1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee ? If so, which ?

Rotherham Regional Town Planning Committee.

(2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force.

(2) The whole of the district .. .. .. Yes

(3) Have Council during 1937 passed a resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme ? If so, does it relate to :—

(*a*) Whole district ?—

(*b*) Part of district ?—

8. Name and address of officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations :—

Ernest Adams, Council Offices, Swinton.

9. Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your district, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed ? If so, please state Action taken ?.. No

10. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.

(*a*) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of year 49

(2) Number of families dwelling therein 51

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein 387

(*b*) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 5

(*c*) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 28

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases .. 166

(*d*) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding .. .. Nil

(*e*) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.

Of the 49 cases of overcrowding at the year end, 9 cases are in houses to be included in Clearance Areas.

Bye-laws relating to Houses let in Lodgings are inadequate, and we have no bye-laws relating to tents, vans and sheds.

List of Adoptive Acts.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Acts, 1890.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Acts, 1907.
Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Bye-Laws.

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements.
Scavenging.
Prevention of Nuisances.
Common Lodging Houses.
New Streets and Buildings.
Alteration of Buildings.
Slaughterhouses.
Houses Let in Lodgings.
Offensive Trades.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Adams, your Sanitary Inspector, for his valuable assistance. The year has been a busy one for him, but he is always ready to help me in every possible way.

I must thank your Surveyor, Mr. Goodwin, for all his advice and help which I very much appreciate.

Your obedient servant,

S. O. HATHERLEY.

SWINTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR, 1937.

Health Department,
Swinton,
June, 1938.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SWINTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

The report on the work done this year is based on the information required by Circular 1650 dated 4/10/37.

The principal works being carried out during the year was the erection of houses for the re-housing of persons to be displaced from the houses condemned in Clearance Areas and individually.

The work of the department in all its phases has been again chiefly carried out by informal action with satisfactory results as in previous years.

INSPECTION WORK.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

	No.	No. of houses concerned
Drainage :		
Choked removed, *i.e.*, by owners	38	—
By Council under scheme	47	—
New drains provided and tested	84	55
Old drains tested	29	28
Old drains taken up and disbanded	29	28
New gullies provided	51	30
Inspection Chambers :		
Provided where previously non-existent ..	23	39
Existing chambers repaired	5	—
Houses :		
Wash-houses reconstructed		1
Defective chimneys,flues, stacks and pots		75
Defective ovens renewed		28
Defective firebars renewed		43
Defective side boilers renewed		30
Plastering of internal walls and ceilings		327
Dampness of walls and ceilings remedied		385
Doors renewed and repaired		41
Washing coppers renewed		19
Windows, frames, sashes and cords renewed ..		79
Steps repaired and renewed (stairs, cellars and outer)		20
Floors repaired and renewed		175
Roofs repaired		89
Cellars flooded, remedied		44
Repointing of external walls		98
Yards paved (for 70 houses)		15
Roof Drainage :		
Repairs and renewals of eaves, gutters and fall pipes		131
Fall pipes acting as drain ventilators disconnected..		3
Sinks and Sink Drainage :		
Sinks and sink waste pipes renewed		74
General :		
Manure heaps		1
Animals as to be a nuisance		2
Dirty houses		2
Not classified		6
Water Closets :		
General defects remedied (cisterns and basins) ..		26
Informal Notices :		
Served (written and verbal)		327
Letters written as reminders to all notices		87
Letters written on various general subjects ..		70

Formal Notices.		
Served (total)		5
P.H.A. 1875 Section 94	1	
P.H.A.A.A. 1907 Section 25	1	
P.H.A. 1925 Section 20	3	
In hand at 31st December, 1936:		
Formal (total)		3
P.H.A.A A 1907 Section 25	1	
P.H.A. 1925 Section 20	2	
Informal		13
Notices under the Housing Acts:		
H.A. 1936, Section 155		19
H.A. 1936, Section 11 (Demolition Orders)		28
H.A. 1936, Section 11 (Notice consideration Demolition Orders)		23
H.A. 1936, Section 157		28
Letters		58
Additional fresh water closets provided (total) ..		129
Conversion of trough closets	3	
Conversion of waste water closets	2	
Additional to existing buildings	28	
Provided for new houses and buildings ..	96	
Disused, demolition of property		6
Ashpits abolished (total)		4
By demolition of property	4	
Sanitary dust bins provided (total)		112
In lieu of ashpits	20	
Provided for new houses and buildings ..	92	
Dilapidated, renewed		166
Disused, demolition of property		24
Privies done away with (total)		8
Demolition of property	8	
Pail closets disused		1
Trough closets abolished (total)		3
By conversion to pedestal water closets ..	3	
Waste water closets abolished		3
By conversion to pedestal water closets ..	3	..

Additional Closets.

It will be seen that 28 additional closets have been provided to existing buildings, thus ensuring gradually that each house throughout the district shall have its own sanitary convenience, and providing more hygienic conditions. There is now 99% of the houses in the district provided with its own sanitary convenience excluding of course, those houses condemned and included in clearance areas and for individual demolition.

Yards Paving.

The paving of yards is also being gradually completed, chiefly by means of informal action, and during the year it will be seen that 15 yards in respect of 70 houses have been paved.

Scavenging of Ashpits and Bins.

This work has again been carried out, as previously, efficiently and satisfactorily without complaint. Collection takes place more or less bi-weekly, and the two freighters are working satisfactorily. The collection of refuse from the additional semi-detached type of houses, being erected throughout the district, has been done without any additional staff or transport. It will be recognised that as the older houses, usually many in one yard, are demolished, the work of scavenging these newer type of houses will be more difficult than the old type.

Transport, now employed full time is two S. & D. freighters, one with a 7 cube yard body and the other with a 9 cube yard body. It was decided at the latter end of the year that a 30-cwt. general purposes lorry be purchased to be used chiefly for tip works.

Labour employed is :—One chargehand, two drivers and eight fillers for collection, and two full time men solely on tips.

The Emptying of Ashpits and Privies is as heretofore, always on Sunday night every three or four weeks. The staff of one freighter (each alternately) does this work and stand off from bin emptying on the following day, thus one day binning is missed in that particular week that ashpits are emptied. Ashpits and privies will gradually disappear as the property to which they belong is demolished.

Disposal is carried out by means of controlled tipping only, on the Queen Street and Kilnhurst tips. The work has been carried out most satisfactorily and efficiently, and the work of reclaiming and levelling out the field in Queen Street is making a real good job. The Kilnhurst tip is now almost filled up, and it will be necessary in the very near future to find another site for tipping for that end of the district.

AMOUNT OF WORK DONE.

Total pits emptied		425
Total loads removed (all refuse)		2493
i.e. ashpits refuse only	132	
dry refuse bins only	2361	
Loads tipped on Council tips (total) ..		2493
Swinton	104	
Kilnhurst (controlled tip)	473	
Queen Street (controlled tip)	1916	
Mileage run : Freighter No. 1		3232.4
Freighter No. 2		3736.1

ANALYSIS OF WEIGHTS.

Vehicle	Refuse	Loads	Tons	Av. wt. per load t. c.q.	Av. wt. per Bin lbs.	Av. No. of Bins per load	Tipping: Swin. t. c.	Tipping: Kiln. t. c.	Tipping: Queen Street t. c.	No. of Bins Emptied
Fr. 1	Bins	1185	2251½	1.18.–	47	90.5		901. –	3879. –	107,283
Fr. 2	Bins	1176	2528½	2.3. –	49.3	97.6				114,893
Fr.	Night soil	132	277	2.2 –			218.–	59. –		
		2493	5057				218.–	960. –	3879. –	

WORKING COSTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross cost				2478	4	6
i.e. Collection	2005	16	11			
Disposal	472	7	7			
Receipts against Gross Cost :						
Drain clearances (Cr. Collection) ..				8	4	6
				£2470	0	0

	Collection. £	s.	d.	Disposal. £	s.	d.	Net total cost. £	s.	d.
	1997	12	5	472	7	7	2470	0	0
Cost per house		10	11.72		2	7.14		13	6.86
Cost per 1000 houses ..	548	16	8	129	15	0	678	11	8
Cost per 1000 population ..	133	3	6	31	9	10	164	13	4
Cost per ton		7	10.82		1	10.4		9	9.22

It will be seen that the gross cost of the whole service is slightly down despite the additional number of new houses built during the year.

I set out below the numbers and kinds of the sanitary conveniences in the district at the year end :

	No.	No. of houses with.	No. of other buildings with.
Ashpits (total)	41	116	—
i.e., wet covered	38	101	—
dry covered	3	15	—
Privies	68	101	—
Water closets :			
Fresh water (pedestal) ..	3734	3389	83
Fresh water (troughs)	30	15	19
Waste water	7	7	—
Pail closets	23	7	8
Sanitary dust bins	3619	3486	50

Complaints of Nuisances Received.

The complaints of nuisances received during the year were 136 in number and an analysis of these follow. They were all attended to without delay.

Choked drains	61
Defective sinks	4
As to cellars	4
Housing matters	22
Dampness	12
Firebars	1
Ranges	5
Smoke	1
Water closets	12
Cords	1
Guttering	1
Infestation	2
Animals	1
Manure	1
Effluvium	3
General	5
	136

PREMISES CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS.

Dairies and Cowsheds :

Cowsheds :	
Number	20
Number of inspections	81
Dairies and Milkshops :	
Number of inspections	15
On register :	
Retailers only (in district)	4
Retailers only (outside districts)	14
Cowkeepers who are retailers	8
Supplementary licences for retailing only of pasteurised milk	1
Letters written : General	11

Two registers as required by the Milk and Dairies Orders are kept. As usual, a close supervision of the methods of handling and production of milk has been maintained throughout the year. A table of the results of samples taken for bacteriological examination follows later in this report.

Alterations to the register are as follows :—

One cowkeeper struck off on ceasing to use premises.
Two premises of cowkeepers changed occupants.
One new outside retailer was added.
One inside retailer ceased business and was struck off.

A new dairy wash house was provided in connection with Church Farm, Church Street.

Factories and Workshops :

Bakehouses :

On register	1
Number of inspections	3

Workshops :

On register	16
Number of inspections	27

Factories :

On register	10
Number of inspections	28

Twelve letters were written on general subjects affecting workshops.

Generally all premises are kept satisfactory.

Eleven additional water closets (two of which were for women) were provided at three factories. Informal action only was necessary in all these cases.

The whole of the drainage of one factory (consisting of several hundred yards of pipes) was overhauled and a new drainage system installed.

One bakehouse was struck off the register on being closed by occupier.

Eleven observations of chimneys for the emission of smoke were made, and it was necessary in one case to issue a caution.

Schools :

Number of visits	13

The whole of the schools in the district (six in number) including all class rooms, cloak rooms, lobbies, etc., were sprayed throughout during the year with formaldehyde solution.

Offensive Trades :

Number of inspections (total)	63
Letters written on various matters	7
On register :	
Fish frying	17
Maggott Breeders	1
Marine Stores	1

The following alterations to the register were made :

3 fish frying premises changed occupiers.

1 new fish frying licence was granted.

The cleaning shed in connection with one fish frying business was condemned as unfit, and this was closed and an entirely new, up to date shed erected in its place. All the premises were generally kept in a clean condition.

Slaughterhouses :

On register :

Registered	8
Licensed	5

All the premises were generally kept in fair condition as to

cleanliness and removal of rubbish. Inspections are carried out when visits for examination of meat are made.

The licence for the Knackers Yard, which was witheld last year owing to unsuitability of premises was re-issued on a temporary basis as new premises were being erected for use within the period of the licence.

Letters written :

Re-licences	9
Repairs	3
Notices over slaughterhouses	1
General	4
Horse slaughterhouse	3

Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924.

Letters written *re* notice of slaughter	6

Slaughtering in slaughter houses by butchers is generally by regular notice, and notices are received from householders respecting occasional slaughter as required by the regulations. No difficulty has been experienced during the year. Vehicles used by hawkers are inspected from time to time and during the year two warnings were given to hawkers from outside districts as to improvements required to their vehicles.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	496	10	907	477
All Diseases except Tuberculosis :				
Whole carcases condemned	2	—	1	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	19	—	23	12
Per cent. of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	4.23			3.1
Tuberculosis only :				
Whole carcases condemned	1	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	—	—	5
Per cent. of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	2.22	—	—	1.26

In addition, were received :

Irregular notices on licensed premises :

Pigs	6
Cow	1

Irregular notices on unlicensed premises :

Pigs	30

The quality of meat inspected has been maintained at the usual high standard.

In addition, the following foodstuffs were condemned :

25 lbs. tinned tongue.
7 lbs. corned beef.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

One licence to use the humane killer was issued during the year. This was issued for a period of two years.

Four letters were written in this connection.

No contraventions have been found as to non-use of the humane killer on slaughtered bovines and pigs inspected in slaughter houses, and I find that butchers generally are more satisfied with this method of stunning than with the pole axe.

Canal Boats.

Number on register	2
Number of inspections	Nil

Infectious Diseases :

Number of Visits (total)		37
After Scarlet Fever	20	
Diphtheria	14	
Typhoid	1	
Para-typhoid	2	

These cases occurred spread out throughout the year, there were no epidemic outbreaks and were a considerable decrease in numbers to the previous year.

Five letters were written to other Local Authorities respecting the movements of persons contact with patients suffering from any one of these diseases.

The usual notices to Day and Sunday Schools debarring children from attending for the period of incubation were sent in each case together with those debarring borrowers of books from the Public Library and the Kilnhurst Sub-Library.

All library books are collected from infected houses and disinfected before being returned to the library for circulation again.

A bulletin as to the condition of patients in the Isolation Hospital is obtained each morning and posted in the Public Library for the information of relatives. This is found to be of great value to the people concerned.

Entertainment Houses.

Two visits were made to the Picture House during the year (out of entertainment hours).

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Order 1919.

No special effort has been made for the destruction of rats and mice, but the work of laying baits has continued as required throughout the year. In this direction, over 100 baits were laid with success.

Rag Flock Acts 1911 and 1918.

No action has been taken during the year.

Drain Stoppage.

In 47 instances, drains of private properties were cleared by this department under the scheme the Council inaugurated for removing simple stoppages from drains, thus ensuring prompt attention when found, and preventing a recurring nuisance for several days under the usual routine system. The charge was fixed at 3s. 6d., and many owners and agents still avail themselves of the usefulness of the scheme.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No. of Council houses found to be infested	10
No. disinfested	10
Other houses found to be infested	24
No. disinfested	24

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs? Spray with insecticide loaned to tenants. What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses? Spray by Council staff of all household goods aided by fumigation block giving off gas, closure for at least 3 hours. All work of disinfestation is done by the Council.

Housing Acts.

Extensive internal and external repair of properties has been carried out, covering a great number of houses by informal action chiefly. This is done by meeting owners on the property and discussing works required. It is then found not necessary for so much formal action, and at the same time has been possible to get more detail works carried out.

Individual Houses.

Demolition Orders were made and became operative in every case without any appeal in respect of the undermentioned houses:

1 house	—5 Victoria Street, Kilnhurst.	
1 ,,	29 ,, ,, ,,	
1 ,,	38 ,, ,, ,,	
1 ,,	2 Queen Street, Swinton.	
4 ,,	1/4 Field View, Queen Street.	
4 ,,	1/4 Wagon Yard, Queen Street.	
1 ,,	11 White Lee Road, Swinton.	
3 ,,	14/16 Bridge Street, Swinton.	

One room (divided into two) over a passage and known as No. 5 North Street, was closed for human habitation.

It is proposed to rehouse the people from these houses in the houses now being erected.

Re-housing.

During the year there were 150 people rehoused, 103 of these were taken from 21 houses in Clearance Areas and 47 from 9 houses individually condemned. All the houses newly occupied were on the Bowbroom Estate.

There were 20 houses actually demolished during the year, 5 in clearance areas and 15 individually condemned.

54 letters were written respecting questions of re-housing.

In conclusion I beg to thank the members for theirsupport, and to acknowledge the assistance given by other Officials and my sincere thanks to Dr. Hatherley for his great help and valued advice given to me in the performance of my duties during the year.

I beg to remain,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

E. ADAMS,

Sanitary Inspector.