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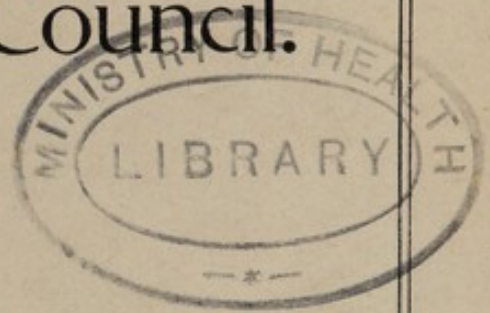


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WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE.
ESSEX.



To the Walton-on-the-Naze Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I present for your consideration my report for the year 1925.

The district is compact and situate on the eastern boundary of Essex, the soil is for the most part heavy London clay.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants since the unfortunate closing of the foundry are boating, fishing, apartment letting and boarding house keeping and building trade.

In the last few years a considerable number of persons have taken up residence in the district who journey daily to London and other centres for business purposes.

The destruction of mosquitoes by means of paraffin spraying which was first used in this district in 1909, has been carried out each year since with very good results.

A complete campaign of mosquito destruction by means of drainage and filling in ditches and marshes is unthinkable without large financial assistance for outside sources.

The area of your district is 2,082 acres.

Population (census 1921) 3,666.

Population (estimated 1925) 2,591.

Number of Inhabited Houses (1921) 570.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921 estimated) 620.

Rateable Value £14,872.

Sum represented by penny rate £56·575.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ...	12	14	26
Illegitimate ...	1		1
		Total	...
			27

Rate per 1000 population, 10·42

Deaths of Infants under 1 year 2

Rate per 1000 births 74

DEATHS.

From Measles 0

Whooping Cough 0

Diarrhœa (under 2 years) 0

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

Males 18. Females 10. Total 28. Rate per 1000 population 10·8.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.
Meningococcal meningitis ...	1	
Other tuberculous diseases ...		1
Cancer, malignant disease ...	1	1
Rheumatic fever	1	
Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c. ...	1	
Heart disease	2	3
Arterio-sclerosis	1	
Bronchitis	2	
Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	1	1
Suicide	1	
Other deaths from violence ...		1
Other defined diseases	7	3

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES during 1925.

Age.	No. of Deaths.
Under 1 year	2
1 and under 2 years	0
2 and under 5 years	1
5 and under 15 years	1
15 and under 25 years	0
25 and under 45 years	2
45 and under 65 years	5
65 and upwards	17
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Total	28
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STILLBIRTHS during 1925.

Number notified by Midwives	...	0
Number notified by Doctors or Parents	...	1
	Total	1
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Pneumonia	2	0	1
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	0	1
Acute Polio-myelitis	1	0	0
Chicken Pox	53	0	0

Number of specimens submitted to the County Public Laboratory :—

Swabs ? Diphtheria 4.

By arrangement with the Corporation of Colchester, cases of infectious disease, including small pox, are, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Colchester. The Corporation sends a motor ambulance to convey the patient to Hospital. The Council may recover the whole or such part as it may deem fit of the cost of removal and maintenance of the patient.

In cases of accident arrangement has been made for use of an ambulance with a voluntary association at Clacton-on-Sea.

There are no clinics or treatment centres in the district.

Public Health Officers consist of Medical Officer of Health (part time). Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor (whole time).

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

The Walton, Frinton, Kirby and Great Holland Nursing Society provides the services of a trained Nurse, under the direction of a doctor, in cases of maternity and illness (other than infectious disease) to those unable to afford the whole time service of a trained nurse.

No professional nursing in the home for infectious diseases is provided by the Local Authority or by a private association.

MIDWIVES.

No Midwives practice in the Area.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AEREA AND HOUSING.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1926.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

WATER.

All the houses with the exception of one, is supplied with water of good quality through the mains of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There has been no pollution of rivers or streams in this district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

There is a good system of sewerage in the district. The sewerage is collected in large semi-septic tanks, which are emptied by an iron outfall pipe into the sea, below low water mark, about 300 feet out, about 2 hours after high water time, the sewer being controlled by means of valves.

Six cases have occurred of the branch sewers at certain places being obstructed by drift sand, and road grit getting in through the street gullies in times of heavy rains, but these were cleaned immediately. One piece of sewer was opened up and repaired.

Defective drains are immediately repaired as soon as defects are noticed or complaints received.

The sewers are flushed and the gullies cleaned out every fortnight.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

All houses have water closets which are connected with the sewerage system, except in the case of a few farm cottages where they drain into properly constructed cess-pools.

SCAVENGING.

Each house must be provided with a moveable metal ashbin with lid. Notices are promptly sent out when the ashbins are found to be defective by the Scavengers.

The house refuse is collected once weekly from every house and twice weekly from the Hotels and Boarding Houses were needed and from the bathing huts daily. Two large tipping horse vans with metal covers are provided, one is used daily throughout the year, and the other is used for three days per week for nine months, and six days per week for three months.

Five street scavengers are employed and all the street under the Council's control are tar painted and gravelled, and are scavenged daily.

The house refuse is dumped on a marsh and all the paper, etc burned.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

This is as well done as possible by me considering that I am Surveyor as well as Sanitary Inspector and have no assistance.

WORK DONE.

Complaints received	...	...	...	34
Nuisances detected	...	...	...	30
Nuisances abated by ordinary notice	...	...	...	29
Nuisances abated by Statutory notice	...	...	...	5
Nuisances being dealt with	...	...	...	1
Plans approved	...	...	...	90
Houses and additions erected	...	...	...	79
Houses and additions in course of erection	...	...	...	11
Houses disinfected	...	...	...	4
Sewers repaired or relaid	...	...	...	2
New sewers	...	...	...	1
Drains (New) inspected	...	...	...	122
Drains (New) tested	...	...	...	61
Slaughter-house inspections	...	...	...	4
Dairies and Cowsheds inspected	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses inspected	...	...	...	6
Workshops inspected	...	...	...	8
Closing Orders issued	...	...	...	0
Closing Orders Houses made good	...	...	...	0
Houses and additions, inspections during progress	...	...	...	226
Mosquito destroying (days spraying)	...	...	...	75
Dustbins (orders for replacements)	...	...	...	88

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action taken.

OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY REGULATIONS.

No houses or trades exist.

SCHOOLS.

- (a) Sanitary conditions very good.
- (b) Water supply ample and good.

HOUSING.

1.—GENERAL HOUSING CONDITIONS.

1. The general housing conditions are good, but where they are bad, action will be taken in 1926 to obtain Closing Order as soon as the building conditions enables it to be done.

2. (a) There is a shortage of houses for housing the working class.

(b) My Council contemplate erecting 40 houses, 20 of these being in course of erection.

3. The population is increasing rapidly, subsidy houses have a ready sale and are chiefly occupied by retired persons, and officials of small means, and some by working men who let lodgings to visitors during the season in order to pay the instalments of the purchase-money.

2.—OVERCROWDING.

There is little serious overcrowding and what there is is caused by a dearth of houses to let, and by the landlords objecting to let to people of large families of small means, or precarious occupations. Repairs are expensive and the property tax allowance for small houses is not large enough.

Persons with large families will receive preference in the houses provided by the Council.

Temporary overcrowding takes place during the season owing to the rooms being required by the visitors. The children however spend most of their time in the open air.

3.—FITNESS OF HOUSES.

1. The general standard of housing is good and is improving. In some cases I found that the Landlords let the houses on the tenants agreeing to do the repairs, and fail to do so having no means.

2. General action taken as regards unfit houses.

Rents of small houses are very low and do not allow much for remedying defects. When the houses become vacant and a higher rent obtained there is no difficulty in getting repairs done. The defects are chiefly leaky roofs, defective gutters, want of painting, defective fences and paths, want of dampcourses, and age of buildings.

3. Conditions are good as regards water supply and closet accommodations and refuse disposal, no special measures were taken or needed.

4.—UNHEALTHY AREAS.

There are no unhealthy areas.

5. BYELAWS.

All the Byelaws relating to the houses, etc. are kept.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

(a) New houses (excluding additions and shops) erected	60
(b) With state assistance under the Housing Acts :	
1. By the Local Authority	20
2. By other bodies or persons	34

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

1.—INSPECTION.

(a) Total number of houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	25
(b) Number of houses which were inspected and recorded under Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910 ...	15
(c) Number of dwelling houses found in a state so dangerous as to be unfit for human habitation ...	10
(d) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	5

2.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OR FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their officers ...	10
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3.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A.—Proceedings under section 3 of Housing Act, 1925.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	0
2. Number of houses which were rendered fit :--				
(a) By owners	...	...	...	0
(b) By Local Authority	...	...	...	0
3. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intentions to close	...	...	...	0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	0
2. Number of houses in which defects were remedied			
(a) By owners	...	...	0
(b) By Local Authority	...	...	0

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 & 15 of Housing Act, 1925.

1. Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to the making of a Closing Order	...	...	0
2. Number of Closing Orders made	...	...	0
3. Number of dwelling houses in regard to which Closing Orders were determined, on the houses being made fit for human habitation	...	...	0
4. Demolition orders made	...	...	0
5. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	...	...	0

Signed—A. J. MEAKINS,
Sanitary Inspector.

MILK SUPPLY.

Milk of excellent quality is supplied throughout the area. Nearly all the milk is produced in the area or at surrounding farms.

MEAT.

An Inspector has been appointed under the Meat Regulations, 1924. The humane killer only is permitted to be used in the slaughter-houses.

BAKEHOUSES AND DAIRIES.

Have been inspected from time to time and have been found clean and in good sanitary condition.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Period.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

FORM A.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the year
1925.

Coastwise sailing, 4. 4 Barges. Tonage 700.

FORM B.

Rats destroyed Nil.



INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary inspectors or
Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. 1	Number of		
	Inspections 2	Written Notices 3	Occupiers Prosecuted 4
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	5	...	...
Workshops (including Work- shop Laundries)	...	...	...
Workplaces (other than out- workers' premises)	...	...	...
Total ...	5	...	...

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect to which Pro- secutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. C. BROCKWELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

WALTON-ON-NAZE METEOROLOGICAL STATION (Eastern District) 1925.

SUNSHINE—Daily Average, (Hours and Tenths).

	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May.</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sep.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	Daily Average.
E. District	1.60	2.44	2.99	4.50	7.11	8.24	6.34	4.85	3.90	3.33	2.77	1.84	4.16
Walton-on-Naze	1.58	2.49	3.60	5.27	8.27	8.95	6.98	5.40	4.53	4.01	3.00	2.36	4.70
Clacton-on-Sea	1.27	2.49	3.59	4.98	7.98	9.06	6.68	5.26	4.22	3.80	2.94	2.19	4.55
Felixstowe	1.79	2.62	2.95	5.33	8.25	8.71	6.76	5.70	4.48	4.16	2.98	2.41	4.69
Lowestoft	1.92	3.30	3.38	5.19	8.43	8.08	7.79	5.67	4.43	3.73	3.02	2.41	4.78
Yarmouth	1.91	2.64	3.02	4.70	7.74	7.60	7.24	5.13	3.74	3.22	2.88	2.07	4.33
S. E. District	1.77	2.72	3.78	4.92	7.25	9.65	6.75	5.36	4.78	3.74	3.10	2.14	4.65
S. W. District	1.26	2.81	3.91	5.76	4.84	11.05	5.87	5.03	4.92	3.34	3.17	1.81	4.48

RAINFALL.—Totals in Inches.

	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May.</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sep.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	Total.
E. District (6 Counties).	1.26	3.26	1.25	1.90	2.01	0.46	2.14	2.37	2.71	2.10	2.44	2.21	23.11
Walton-on-Naze	1.01	1.17	1.00	1.71	1.50	0.38	1.24	1.97	2.30	1.96	1.87	2.12	18.24
Clacton-on-Sea	1.09	1.39	0.83	1.63	2.01	0.37	1.27	1.52	2.45	1.88	1.82	2.10	18.37
Felixstowe	1.06	1.57	1.04	1.65	1.33	0.41	1.96	2.93	2.89	1.84	1.88	2.04	20.61
Lowestoft	0.88	1.95	1.61	2.22	1.99	0.68	1.66	2.04	2.73	1.80	4.41	2.19	24.65
Yarmouth	1.19	1.91	1.58	2.19	2.35	0.85	1.34	2.40	3.14	1.91	3.90	2.64	25.41
S. E. District (8 Counties) including London.	3.14	4.00	0.67	2.38	2.97	0.12	3.36	2.81	2.84	3.38	2.77	3.70	32.14
S. W. District (5 Counties)	4.11	5.46	0.86	2.94	4.49	0.10	3.35	3.79	4.05	4.73	2.97	4.41	41.27

