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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

SENIOR SURVEYOR

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

1939.

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(Died 15th February, 1939).

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SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

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- \* Exchequer contributions to the salaries of these Officers  
under the Local Government Act, 1933.

THE SECRETARY OF THE

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

11, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.1.

(TELEGRAMS: "ROYAL MED")

AND THE LANCET OFFICE, 11, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.1.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the

proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours faithfully,

THE SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

AND THE LANCET OFFICE

11, BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.1.

Enclosed please find a copy of the report of the

Committee of the Royal Society of Medicine and the

Lancet Office, dated 11th inst.

concerning the proposed amendments to the

Regulations of the Royal Society of Medicine.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours faithfully,

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## ANNUAL REPORT

of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, for the year, 1939.

TO THE WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you for your consideration my Annual Report upon the health and Sanitary Circumstances of your District for the year 1939.

In preparing this report I have been guided by the Ministry of Health Circular No. 2067 from which the following extract is taken:-

" In view of the increasing pressure of work in the Public Health Department of Local Authorities and the need for strict economy in the use of paper, the Ministry considers that Interim Reports should be made for the year 1939 and be confined to essential matters which have affected the public health during the year. "

As in previous years this report will adhere as closely as possible to the scheme outlined by the Ministry of Health.

## SECTION A.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres	-	-	-	-	-	64,424
Population, 1931 Census	-	-	-	-	-	16,449
Population, 1939 Registrar General's Estimate	-	-	-	-	-	17,420
Population, 31st Dec., 1939, National Reg. Office	-	-	-	-	-	18,589
Total houses, 1939 Rate Book	-	-	-	-	-	5,301
Inhabited houses, 1931 census	-	-	-	-	-	4,239
Rateable value	-	-	-	-	-	£100,829
Product of ld. rate	-	-	-	-	-	£400.13.3d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Wetherby Rural District is roughly divided into two sections, one part, forming the sector reaching from Wetherby to the Leeds City boundary, is rapidly developing into a residential district, while the remaining part of the area is for the main part devoted to agriculture.

Under the Government Evacuation Scheme the area is classed as a receiving area.



Many of the residents, owing to good transport service, are employed in neighbouring towns and the main local industries are building and farming.

## REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE AREA

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you for your consideration my annual report upon the health and sanitary circumstances of your district for the year 1937.

In presenting this report I have been guided by the Ministry of Health Circular No. 2837 from which the following extract is taken:-

"The aim of the Department is to secure the best possible health of the community and the best for the individual. In the year of report, the Ministry considers that the health of the community should be kept for the year 1937 and be confined to essential matters which have affected the public health during the year."

As in previous years this report will adhere as closely as possible to the scheme outlined by the Ministry of Health.

### SECTION A.

#### 1. STATISTICS AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	-	-	-	-	-	64,438
Population, 1931 Census	-	-	-	-	-	16,249
Population, 1937 Census	-	-	-	-	-	17,450
Population, 1937 Census, Males	-	-	-	-	-	8,725
Population, 1937 Census, Females	-	-	-	-	-	8,725
Total houses, 1937 Census	-	-	-	-	-	4,235
Unoccupied houses, 1937 Census	-	-	-	-	-	1,100
Unoccupied houses, 1937 Census	-	-	-	-	-	1,100
Unoccupied houses, 1937 Census	-	-	-	-	-	1,100
Unoccupied houses, 1937 Census	-	-	-	-	-	1,100

#### 2. PUBLIC HEALTH.

The health of the district is generally good. The water supply is good and the sewerage system is well maintained. The district is generally healthy and the health of the community is good.

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## VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1939 (Summary).

(Registrar General's Figures.

BIRTHS.		Total	M.	F.		Wetherby R.D.	England and Wales.
Live births.	225	116	109		Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.95	15.00
Still births.	11	5	6				
Leg. 12		3	9		Rate per 1,000 estimated population	0.89	0.59
<u>MORTALITY.</u>							
Deaths (all causes)	229	113	114	115		13.15	-
						0.88	-
					Crude death rate per 1,000 population.		
					Comparability Factor 1939 (Reg-General)		
					Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population		
					(this is the rate which would apply if the age and sex distribution of the population were the same as for England & Wales as a whole)	11.5	12.1
<u>INFANTILE MORTALITY.</u>							
			No. of deaths.				
Puerperal sepsis	3				Rate per 1,000 total births.		0.74
Other puerperal Causes					(ditto)	None.	2.08
Total puerperal deaths					ditto		2.82

POPULATION - 16,920 for calculation of birth rates the estimated resident population including non-civilians at the middle of the year.

17,420 for calculation of death rates, a population estimate constructed so as to allow for the exclusion of non-civilians during the last quarter and for the different areal assignment of deaths adopted for the first and the last quarter, respectively.





## CAUSES OF DEATH.

(Registrar General's Short List)

	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939.
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	1	-	-	1	-
6. Influenza	-	7	4	8	3	5
7. Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	2
8. Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-	1	1	-
9. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4	6	6	9	10	12
10. Other Tuberculosis	2	3	3	3	-	5
11. Syphilis	-	-	1	-	-	-
12. General Paralysis of the Insane- Tabes Dorsalis	-	-	-	-	1	-
13. Cancer	-	18	37	31	31	26
14. Diabetes	-	2	-	2	7	4
15. Cerebral Haemorrhage	-	9	16	11	15	17
16. Aneurysm	-	1	-	-	-	-
17. Other Circulatory Diseases	-	17	11	18	26	15
18. Bronchitis	-	14	7	12	9	3
19. Pneumonia (all forms)	-	15	13	17	9	8
20. Other Respiratory Diseases	-	2	6	3	-	-
21. Peptic Ulcer	-	3	3	3	3	1
22. Diarrhoea under two years	-	2	1	-	-	-
23. Appendicitis or Typhilitis	-	-	1	2	1	1
24. Cirrhosis of the Liver	-	1	-	2	-	1
25. Other Liver Diseases	-	4	3	1	2	1
26. Other Digestive diseases	-	3	10	3	11	2
27. Acute or Chronic Nephritis	-	3	3	8	7	4
28. Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-
29. Other Puerperal Diseases	-	-	-	1	1	1
30. Congenital Deformity, Premature Birth, &c.	-	6	4	10	7	5
31. Senility.	-	1	7	6	4	4
32. Suicide	-	2	1	-	-	-
33. Other Violence	-	4	6	10	7	10
34. Other defined diseases	-	14	23	8	21	21
35. Causes ill-defined or unknown	-	1	1	1	1	-
TOTAL	-	179	215	222	235	208
						229





## AREA, POPULATION AND DWELLINGS OF INDIVIDUAL PARISHES AT END OF 1939.

## WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT.

Township	Estimated Extent. Acres.	Population in 1931.	No. of dwellings.	* Services.
Angram	521	51	10	---
Bardsey-cum-Rigton	2752	796	404	S W C
Bickerton with Bilton	2299	357	87	---
Boston Spa	830	1433	537	S W C
Bramham-cum-Oglethorpe	4112	1042	305	S W C
Clifford	742	1110	279	S W C
Collingham (inc. part Linton)	2542	894	358	S W C
Deighton North	1475	106	25	---
Harewood (incl. Dunesswick, Heardley, Rigton & Wike)	8154	1161	338	** S W C
Hutton Wandlesley	1233	88	22	---
Keswick East	1290	503	199	S W
Kearby-with-Wetherby	1422	146	45	---
Kirkby Overblow	2224	255	92	---
Kirk Deighton	2276	349	151	S W C
Long Warston	2850	254	72	---
Ribston Little	858	153	45	---
Rigton North	3058	318	113	---
Scarcroft	1073	358	140	S W
Sicklinghall	1495	235	140	---
Spofforth with Stockeld	5468	793	232	S.W.C
Thorner	2461	113	344	S W C
Thorparch	1529	428	71	S W C
Tockwith (incl. Costhorpe)	3138	496	160	* S W
Walton	1590	192	53	---
Wetton	1373	617	220	S W C
Wetherby (incl. Mickletown and part of Linton)	2450	2805	887	S W C
Wighill	2247	180	51	(S) W
Wilstrop	1380	49	13	(A) ---
Wothersome	772	40	14	(A) ---
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64424</b>	<b>16317</b>	<b>5301</b>	<b>---</b>

\* Services represented as follows:-

S Public Sewers.

W Public Water Supply.

C Public cleansing.

\*\* Sewers only in Harewood and Rigton.

\* Sewers only in Tockwith.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

**Public Health Officers:-** The names and qualifications of the staff will be found at the commencement of this report.

It is with profound regret that I report the death of my father, Dr. James Arthur Hargreaves, who had been Medical Officer of Health to your Council since 1894. He has been responsible for the advancement of health services throughout this area, and his influence will be greatly missed.

**Laboratory facilities:-** Chemical analysis of water and other substances are carried out by Messrs. Richardson & Jaffe, County Analysts, Bradford, whilst all bacteriological examinations are carried out by the S.R.C.C. Public Health Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield.

**Ambulance facilities:-** As outlined in my last report, the ambulance facilities of the Council are very satisfactory, and remain unaltered.

**Mortuaries:-** I must once again stress the need for an up-to-date mortuary and post mortem room in Wetherby. Preliminary steps are being taken to



organise emergency mortuaries for wartime purposes throughout the district, and I hope to report further on these in my next report.

Nursing in the home:- District nursing schemes now serve the whole district and a County Council Health Visitor renders beneficial service in and around Wetherby.

Clinics and treatment centres:- There is no change from the arrangements outlined in my last report.

Hospital accommodation and treatment:- There is no change in the detailed particulars given in my report for 1935.

### SECTION C.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water, drainage and other matters of interest under this heading are dealt with by Mr. Gray, the Senior Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector in his report which follows, and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his co-operation. For purposes of continuity of record, I herewith append the usual table of public supplies of water in the district.

1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111
111	111	111	111	111

#### General Housing Statistics, 1939.

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	306
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1535
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1935.	160
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	732
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	(41 H.A.) (143 P.H.A.)

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

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	(31 H.A.) (138 P.H.A.)
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# WATER SUPPLIES.

No. of houses in Parish.

No. of Houses Supplied.

1901 1911 1921 1931 1939.

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Parish

Undertakers

WETHERBY DISTRICT WATER COMPANY.	Bardsey	-	63	69	70	235	402	4	35	42	196	247
	Boston Spa	-	339	347	346	398	537	116	297	308	374	529
	Bramham	-	165	233	237	270	305	-	106	139	184	236
	Clifford	-	225	187	189	227	279	-	74	140	199	260
	Collingham (enlarged 1937)	-	83	125	124	175	258	64	97	111	156	349
	Deighton North	-	25	23	21	21	25	-	-	-	4	14
	Harewood (Brandon)	-	10	10	10	11	11	-	-	-	-	11
	Keswick East	-	101	122	126	154	189	-	93	93	124	170
	Kirk Deighton	-	75	79	73	88	131	-	14	54	67	106
	Linton	-	35	35	44	106	-	13	25	33	70	106
	Hickethwaite)	-	17	16	17	16	-	-	-	12	14	-
	Hibaton Little	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	abolished 1937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.	Scarcroft	-	55	55	57	109	140	-	18	37	60	115
	Thorner	-	215	229	254	298	344	-	109	147	230	292
	Thorparch.	-	61	70	62	65	71	3	30	51	51	59
	Walton	-	39	40	42	45	53	-	29	32	42	52
	Wetherby (enlarged 1937)	-	463	538	515	632	897	237	339	397	613	870
	Total for area of supply		1972	2188	2217	2850	3677	437	1266	1956	2411	3411
	Bilton-with-Rickerton	-	71	72	76	81	87	-	-	-	-	54
	Hutton Sandesley	-	19	22	21	21	22	-	-	-	-	11
	Harewood (Sike)	-	29	29	29	29	27	-	-	-	-	23
	Kearby-with-Netherby	-	36	40	37	45	44	-	-	-	-	31
	Kirkby Overblow	-	66	75	72	96	92	-	7	36	88	74
	Long Marston	-	61	61	58	66	72	-	-	-	-	39
	Sicklinghall	-	52	49	54	59	63	-	-	-	-	39
	Spofforth (incl. Hagg's supply)	-	172	186	180	203	232	-	-	-	-	166
	Tockwith	-	152	147	138	138	160	-	-	-	-	76
	Wighill	-	40	40	40	43	51	-	-	-	-	43
	Total for area of supply		698	721	705	781	849	-	7	36	88	556





### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

#### (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	-	-	-	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	-	-	-	-	0
(a) By owners	-	-	-	-	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	-	-	-	-	0

#### (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-	-	-	-	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-					
(a) by owners	-	-	-	-	15
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-	-	-	-	0

#### (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	-	-	-	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	-	-	-	16

#### (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	-	-	-	-	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	-	-	-	-	0

### 4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding:-

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	8
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	8
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	64
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	5
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	5
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	37

The main Housing Developments during 1939 are given in the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector's Report.

#### SECTION E.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

This subject is fully dealt with in Mr. Gray's report which follows.

#### SECTION F.

#### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

#### ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Details of these cases are given in the following table:-



Police ( )  
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John (18)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	(37)	(38)	(39)	(40)	(41)	(42)	(43)	(44)	(45)	(46)	(47)	(48)	(49)	(50)	(51)	(52)	(53)	(54)	(55)	(56)	(57)	(58)	(59)	(60)	(61)	(62)	(63)	(64)	(65)	(66)	(67)	(68)	(69)	(70)	(71)	(72)	(73)	(74)	(75)	(76)	(77)	(78)	(79)	(80)	(81)	(82)	(83)	(84)	(85)	(86)	(87)	(88)	(89)	(90)	(91)	(92)	(93)	(94)	(95)	(96)	(97)	(98)	(99)	(100)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

(b) Number of new cases of waterborne reported during the year

(1) Number of persons concerned in each case

bercolosis and of deaths from the

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Respiratory.</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
5 -	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
15 -	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
25 -	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	2
35 -	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
45 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
55 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	5	3	3	1	4	2	10

- (a) Ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total notified deaths:-  
1 in 2.2
- (b) Efficiency of Notification of tuberculosis:- On the whole satisfactory.
- (c) Action taken for failure to notify:- None.
- (d) Wilful neglect or refusal to notify:- None.
- (e) Excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the area:- None.



	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Non-Respiratory.	Respiratory.	Non-Respiratory.	Respiratory.
0	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1
9	1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1
Total	10	10	10	10

(a) Ratio of non-respiratory deaths to total notified deaths:-

1 in 2.2

(b) Efficiency of notification of tuberculosis:- On the whole satisfactory.

(c) Action taken for failure to notify:- None.

(d) Final report or refusal to notify:- None.

(e) Excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the year:- None.

# WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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for the year 1939.

Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
(Wetherby.)

June, 1939.

TO THE WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit for your information and consideration my 33rd Annual Report as your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, giving details of the work carried out in your Public Health Department during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1939.

The outstanding details of the year have been in connection with Housing, Water Supplies, Town Planning and Civil Defence.

There was continued progress during the first nine months of the year, but since the outbreak of War, new and additional duties of Civil Defence have taken priority over normal work.

The amount of work completed will, I am sure, be of great interest, and will show how the health of the district has improved, due to the foresight of your Council, in the years that have passed, carrying out great improvements to water supplies, sewerage, public cleansing, and hospital services.

## TOWN PLANNING.

The Wetherby Rural District No. 1 Town Planning Scheme, which was deposited with the Minister of Health on the 1st July, 1938, was the subject of a Ministry of Health Local Inquiry held on the 28th June, 1939, and succeeding days, by F.C. Brown, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. The scheme covers an area of 29.768 acres. Unfortunately, the outbreak of War has placed in abeyance the decision of the Minister of Health.

The No. 2 scheme, covering a further area of 20.538 acres has had the period for the deposit of the Draft Scheme extended to the 25th July, 1940.

The control over the building development of the district, under the Town Planning (Interim Development) Order, 1933, has been of great value, for the preservation of health and amenities of the district.



HOUSING.

## (1) New Houses,

The erection of new houses continued very active during the early part of the year, but there were signs of a reaction during the closing months when few plans were submitted for approval. The following tables give details of building developments:-

TABLE OF PLANS APPROVED DURING THE YEAR 1939.

With corresponding details for the Three Previous Years.

No. of plans				Type of Building	No. of buildings on such plans.			
1936	1937	1938	1939		1936	1937	1938	1939.
51	50	62	47	New Houses	101	71	73	66
8	13	6	1	Council Houses	54	96	22	6
28	37	26	37	Additions and alterations to houses.	33	56	28	47
4	4	2	2	Conversions to houses	4	6	3	2
5	9	8	8	Farm buildings	7	12	28	12
15	15	52	28	Workshops and garages	15	17	51	33
71	77	92	71	Temporary buildings	77	81	94	73
3	6	8	6	Licensed Premises	3	6	8	6
4	13	2	4	(alterations, etc)	24	16	2	34
3	6	4	2	Petrol Pumps	8	6	5	3
1	-	1	1	Electrical Sub-stations	1	-	1	1
6	9	3	2	Sewer details	-	-	-	-
14	7	8	3	State Plans	-	-	-	-
23	25	9	6	Miscellaneous	27	26	10	6
-	-	-	1	Chapel	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	Electricity store	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	Decontamination station	-	-	-	1
237	271	263	221		335	393	325	262.

The Borough Council No. 1 Town Planning Scheme which was deposited with the Minister of Health on the 1st July, 1938, was the subject of a Ministry of Health Local Inquiry held on the 28th June, 1939, and succeeded by a further inquiry on the 29th June, 1939. The scheme covers an area of 2,700 acres. The decision of the Minister of Health in respect of the scheme is awaited.

The No. 2 scheme, covering an area of 1,700 acres, was deposited with the Minister of Health on the 1st July, 1938, and is the subject of a Local Inquiry held on the 28th June, 1939, and succeeded by a further inquiry on the 29th June, 1939. The decision of the Minister of Health in respect of the scheme is awaited.

The Council have the pleasure to announce that the Town Planning (Local Inquiry) Order, 1935, has been passed by the Council, and that the Council have decided to proceed with the scheme for the improvement of the town of Bournemouth.

## DETAILS OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.

Parish	Houses erected		Rooms per		No. of
	Private	N.R.D.C.	House.	Total.	W.C.'s, etc.
Bardsey.	1	-	2	2	1
-do-	1	-	3	3	1
-do-	2	-	5	10	2
-do-	4	-	6	24	5
-do-	1	-	7	7	2
-do-	1	-	8	8	1
Boston Spa.	1	2	3	9	3
-do-	3	6	4	36	9
-do-	2	2	5	20	4
-do-	1	-	12	12	3
Bramham.	-	2	4	8	2
-do-	1	6	3	21	6
Bickerton	-	1	3	3	1
-do-	-	1	4	4	1
-do-	-	1	5	5	1
-do-	-	1	6	6	1
Clifford	-	2	3	6	2
-do-	1	-	5	5	1
-do-	2	-	8	16	1
Collingham.	2	-	4	8	2
-do-	3	-	6	18	3
-do-	4	-	7	28	5
-do-	1	-	8	8	2
-do-	1	-	9	9	3
Harewood.	1	-	7	7	3
-do-	5	-	8	40	10
Kearby.	1	-	6	6	1
Scarcroft.	1	-	5	5	2
-do-	2	-	6	12	3
-do-	3	-	7	21	4
-do-	1	-	8	8	3
Spofforth.	-	2	3	6	2
-do-	-	2	4	8	2
-do-	1	-	5	5	1
-do-	1	-	6	6	1
Thorner.	1	-	4	4	1
Tockwith.	-	2	3	6	2
-do-	-	8	4	32	8
-do-	-	2	6	12	2
Wetherby.	-	2	3	6	2
-do-	2	-	4	8	2
-do-	5	-	5	25	5
-do-	1	-	6	6	1
Walton	1	-	14	14	4
*Wothersome.	3	-	4	12	3
Weeton	1	-	6	6	1
-do-	1	-	7	7	2
-do-	1	-	10	10	2
Wighill.	2	-	7	14	3
Totals	66	42	278	562	136

\* 2 houses granted subsidy under Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1938.



# HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION, 1ST JANUARY, 1940.

Parish.	No. of Houses.	Private.
Bardsey	2	
Boston Spa	2	
Clifford	1	
Collingham	4	
Harewood	3	
Kirk Deighton	2	
Scarcroft	1	
Spofforth	3	
Walton	2	
Wetherby	2	
Wighill	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	

The new Building Bye-Laws, were confirmed by the Ministry of Health early in May, 1939.

## SLUM CLEARANCE SCHEME.

Progress has been made under this heading, and the following statement shows:-

Legal Procedure. The position at the 31st December, 1939.

(a) Demolition Orders issued	-	107
(b) Closing Orders issued	-	1
(c) Undertakings to disuse for habitation	-	15
(d) Undertakings to recondition dwellings	-	13
(e) Still under consideration by the Council	-	1
<b>Houses subject to Official Representations</b>		<b>137</b>

## Clearance Progress.

(a) Houses demolished	-	82
(b) Houses reconditioned per undertakings	-	12
(c) Houses converted to other uses per undertakings	-	15
(d) Houses closed	-	1
(e) Condemned houses now vacant and awaiting demolition	-	26
(f) Still under consideration by the Council	-	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>137</b>

In response to the recommendations of the Ministry of Health, the condemned houses which are now vacant are not to be demolished until after the War.

## (III) OVERCROWDING ABATEMENT.

It is pleasing to report that although 5 new cases of overcrowding have occurred during the year, there are only 8 outstanding cases.

A later table which gives a summary of work under the Housing Acts shows fully the progress made with abatement of overcrowding and associated matters.

Much time has been spent during 1939 checking Rent Book entries of Permitted Numbers, and re-surveying houses where alterations and extensions have taken place.



(IV) RECONDITIONING.

31 houses have been reconditioned under the Housing Act, 1936, and 134 repaired under the Public Health Acts.

There has been a marked increase of interest in the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, and it is gratifying to record that during the last twelve months the following houses have been reconditioned under the Act.

Bramham	-	-	-	1
Harewood	I	-	-	11
Wighill	-	-	-	2
Total	-	-	-	14

Works are now in hand under the Rural Workers Act at Tockwith (2 houses), whilst grants have been promised for a further 2 Houses at Bilton and 5 at Harewood.

The following table enumerates the Housing Defects which have been remedied during 1938.

HOUSING DEFECTS.

Number of Houses dealt with	H.A.	P.H.A.
" " " made into through houses	31	138
" " " obstructive buildings demolished	11	1
" " " with land lowered to below floor level.	10	8
" " " with yards concreted -	1	1
" " " with yards repaired -	18	8
" " " Sanitary conveniences converted, repaired or insuff.	12	15
" " " drainage work carried out	37	140
" " " new sinks provided -	29	48
" " " improved water supply	35	31
" " " roofs repaired -	4	54
" " " walls pointed and repaired	31	48
" " " floors renewed & repaired	31	20
" " " internal plastering repaired	31	16
" " " dampness remedied -	22	17
" " " increased window area prov.	30	19
" " " improved ventilation -	28	14
" " " new food stores provided	29	13
" " " miscellaneous defects remedied, incl. staircases, cupboards, doors, coppers, etc. -	16	10
	31	45

(V) COUNCIL HOUSES AND RE-HOUSING.

Your Council now own 674 houses.

The complete all-in-cost of your houses varies from £286 to £638 per house, whilst the rents at present charged range from 2/4 per week to 13/1 per week exclusive of rates and from 6/1 per week up to 18/- per week inclusive of all charges.

The annual rent roll has risen from £9,811 up to £11,031 and the total arrears at the last accounting period were £385.4.0, inclusive of rates. The Repairs and Maintenance Fund at the last accounting period was £7,870.8.3d. whilst at the same date the Housing Acquisition Fund stood at £8446.5.3d.



Parish.	Slum Clearance Subsidy	Overcrowding Subsidy	Non-Subsidy	Total.
Bardsey	1	-	3	4
Bickerton	-	1	3	4
Boston Spa	12	4	6	22
Bramham	12	4	2	18
Clifford	4	4	2	10
Collingham	9	5	2	16
Kirk Deighton	2	-	-	2
Long Marston	4	-	-	4
North Ripton	6	-	-	6
Spofforth	8	2	2	12
Thorner	9	-	1	10
Tockwith	9	7	-	16
Weeton	1	-	1	2
Wetherby	22	7	13	42
Wighill	6	1	1	8
Totals	105	35	36	176

(VI) SUMMARY OF WORK UNDER HOUSING ACTS, 1938.

1. Dwelling-House Inspection.

(a) Total Houses inspected (H.A. and P.H.A.)	-	306
(b) Number of inspections on housing work	-	1535
(c) Houses record under Consolidated Regs.	-	160
(d) Houses found unfit for habitation	-	0
(e) Houses found defective, but repairable.	-	-
Housing Acts, 1935-36	-	60
Public Health Act, 1936	-	138
(f) Houses found satisfactory	-	108

2. Remedy of defects.

(a) Houses reconditioned under Section 9 H.A. 1936	-	31
(b) Houses repaired under Public Health Act, 1936	-	138
(c) Housing notices served but works not commenced	-	30
(d) Houses with work in hand at year-end	-	14
(e) Inspected houses awaiting attention	-	104

3. Slum Clearance.

(a) Houses demolished per Demolition Orders	-	16
(b) Demolition Orders operative - houses vacant	-	26
(c) Undertakings accepted to disuse as dwellings	-	9
(d) Undertakings accepted to recondition dwellings	-	6
(e) Houses still under consideration by the Council	-	1
(f) Houses demolished informally	-	2

4. Overcrowding.

(a) Number of houses measured for Permitted Numbers	-	108
(b) Number of houses measured for Amended Permitted Nos.	-	43
(c) Total number of houses measured up-to-date	-	4606
(d) Number of Permitted Numbers issued to owners	-	10
(e) Number of Amended Permitted Numbers issued (owing to houses being altered, etc.)	-	3
(f) Number of rent books inspected for insertion of P.No.	-	46
(g) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1939	-	8
(h) Number of families therein	-	8
(i) Number of new cases of overcrowding abated during 1939	-	5
(j) Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1939	-	5
Number of persons concerned in such cases	-	37



## 5. List of Demolished Houses.

Angram (Sampson)	-	-	1
Bramham (Corcoran)	-	-	1
(Ivy cottage)	-	-	1
(Miss Whitten)	-	-	3
Boston Spa (Muirhead-Murray)	-	-	3
Bilton (J.J. Hunt)	-	-	2
Clifford (Old Star Cottage)	-	-	1
Sicklinghall (Carlshead Cottage)	-	-	1
Kirk Deighton (Atkinson)	-	-	2
Wetherby (5, Market Place)	-	-	1
" (9 and 11, Westgate)	-	-	2

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES.

There is a slight increase in the number of outstanding nuisances compared with a decrease last year. This increase being partly accounted for by the investigation of the quality of water supplies at North Ripton, and also due to the outbreak of war.

Nuisances outstanding at end of 1938	-	136
Nuisances found during 1939	-	1659
Total	-	1795
Nuisances abated during 1939	-	1649
Outstanding nuisances 31/12/39	-	146

The General Table appended to this report gives an outline of the nature and numbers of the various classes of nuisance dealt with.

HOUSE DRAINAGE AND CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.(i) Sewer Connections.

There has again been an increase in the number of houses connected to the Wetherby Joint Sewage Scheme, and the following list shows the number of connections in each of the parishes served by the scheme.

Parish	No. of houses.
Bardsey	337
Collingham	324
East Keswick	166
Kirk Deighton	104
Scarcroft	82
Wetherby	844
(including licensed premises)	1857

Assuming the Census average of 3.69 persons per house, this gives an estimated total of 6,808 persons now served by these works.

To other schemes in various parishes in the District 19 additional houses were connected during 1939. These connections have enabled 9 cesspools to be abolished and the drainage of 12 houses removed from streams.

(ii) Drainage.

Conversion of Privies to W.C.'s alterations of buildings, reconditioning of houses, etc., have accounted for the construction of 303 new drains and 67 new inspection chambers.

147 drains found to be defective have been reconstructed. 118 drainage systems have been tested with the smoke machine during the year.



(iii) Conversions and Closet Accommodation.

The following list gives details of progress in this direction during 1939 and the three preceding years.

Year	Privy Middens to W.C.'s	Pail Closets to W.C.s	New W.C.s	Total.
1939	39	24	39	102
1938	38	31	40	109
1937	29	25	53	107
1936	26	11	52	89

It is interesting to note that since 1918:-

487 Privy Middens have been converted to W.C.s

331 Pail Closets have been converted to W.C.s

856 New and additional water closets have been provided.

This work has been carried out without the Council making any contribution towards the expenses of the owners.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

I have once more to direct your attention to the increased dry weather flow of sewage which is being received at the Disposal Works. This is, of course, due to the building developments which have taken place throughout the area, also to the conversion of Privies and Earth-closets to water-closets, and to the installation of baths. This has necessitated increased attention and supervision of the Disposal Works, additional inspection and cleansing of the miles of sewers for which your Council are responsible, and has enhanced the difficulty of suitably disposing of the ever increasing amounts of sludge produce. The Disposal Works, at Spofforth, Thorne, Wetherby and Wetherby are working at full pressure and I am compelled to point out that additions and alterations will ultimately be required to these works, so that the effluents comply with the standards of the West Riding Rivers Board.

Sewer Extensions 1939.

Private Sewers (Section 17 P.H.Act, 1936).

723 yards 9" sewer.

1147 yards 6" sewer.

25 Sewer Manholes.

During 1939, 60 houses were connected to the sewers, 2 defective sewers were repaired and 9 blocked sewers were unstopped and cleansed.

WATER SUPPLIES.

A great deal of work has been carried out in connection with water supplies during 1939.

(1) Public Water Supplies.

a. Wetherby R.D.C

All the public supplies within the district are examined at three monthly intervals, and the water supplied by the Council is of the highest purity.

The Kearby High Level Automatic Switch Gear has not functioned with entire satisfaction, and has needed constant daily attention.

Details of the Council's Public Water Supplies are given in the following table:-



Parish	Houses in Parish.	Connections 1939. Houses Meters.		Total Connections. Houses. Meters.	
Bilton-with Eickerton.	87	16	6	54	10
Hutton Wandesley	22	-	-	11	9
Kearby	44	4	1	31	9
Kirkby O'blow	92	1	1	74	9
- (Harrogate)	25	132	-	25	5
Long Marston	72	10	2	39	5
Sicklinghall	63	1	1	39	9
Spofforth	232	10	1	166	13
Tockwith	159	42	5	76	8
Cattal (Nidderdale R.D.)	1	-	1	1	1
Wighill	51	12	3	43	7
Wike (part Harewood)	27	1	1	23	4
<b>Totals -</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>89</b>

The increasing number of meters and the growing miles of water main, have greatly increased the work of the water Inspector, and his services on other work are not now available.

(b) Wetherby District Water Company.

The water supply of this undertaking has been maintained in a satisfactory manner during 1939, and has been extended to the parish of Little Ribston after the Council guaranteed an annual return of 10% of the cost.

(c) Lascelles Estates Company.

As a result of the quarterly bacteriological analysis of Public Water Supplies, it was found that to ensure a satisfactory supply it would be necessary to instal Chlorinating Apparatus at the Pumping Station. This work has now been completed.

(d) Leeds Corporation.

(e) Harrogate Corporation.

The supplies of these undertakings have been found to be satisfactory throughout the year.

(f) General.

The following table shows the extent of the Public Water Supplies within the District:-

Undertakers.	No. of houses in supply Area.	No.	Houses supplied. Per cent. of houses in the District.
Wetherby District Water Company.	3677	3411	65.2
Wetherby R.D.C.	849	556	10.5
Leeds Corporation.	312	283	5.34
Lascelles Estate Co. Ltd.	216	175	4.08
	<b>5054</b>	<b>4425</b>	<b>85.12</b>

(ii) Private Water Supplies.

The provision of a public water supply for the Parish of North Ripton has been deferred pro temp although your Council decided to have all the private supplies within the Parish examined. This work was completed during the year.



The results of these examinations are:-

	Good	Suspicious	Unsatisfactory.
No. of houses	82	5	25
No. of wells	31	5	23

There are now only the Parishes of Angram, North Rington, Wilstrop and Wothersome without a piped supply of water. Details respecting these villages were given in last years report.

The total number of samples of water collected during the year is 114.

The results of analysis are as follows:-

	Good	Suspicious	Polluted	Total.
Chemical	38	6	13	57
Bacteriological	33	19	5	57
Totals	71	25	18	114

53 houses were provided during the year with a pure supply of water in lieu of 27 polluted supplies, leaving an outstanding total of 112 houses with supplies of suspicious purity at 31st December, 1939.

#### CAMPING AND MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

(Section 268/269 Public Health Act, 1936.  
Town & Country Planning Act, 1932.)

It has not been possible to devote as much time as I should like to the control of camping. However, 216 inspections of camping sites and 734 of moveable dwellings have been made during 1939.

The camping regulations are being well complied with at the 25 licence sites in the district.

The Defence Regulations will undoubtedly restrict camping in 1940, owing to the very stern control imposed by the Authorities.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Meat Inspection. Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

The following table gives details of slaughterhouses, Knackers Yards, etc., and the inspections made thereto during 1939.

	No.	Inspections.
Slaughterhouses	16	441
Butchers Shops and meat rooms	29	229
Meat Vans	No record	11
Knackers Yards	2	22
Farms, etc., for emergency slaughter		35
Slaughterhouses for emergency slaughter		67

Six dirty premises were dealt with and 3 other contraventions of Slaughterhouse Bye-Laws were found and attended to during 1939.

The following tables give details of meat inspection.



MEAT INSPECTIONS.

Animal.	No. Inspected.	Entirely Condemned.		Parts of carcase condemned.		Total condemned
		T.B.	Other disease.	T.B.	Other disease.	
Cows	6	-	-	-	-	-
Cattle (excl. Cows)	606	2	1	2	4	9
Calves	79	3	2	-	-	5
Sheep and lambs	1,297	-	10	-	-	10
Pigs.	777	5	12	3	-	20
	2,765	10	25	5	4	44

MEAT CONDEMNED.

<u>Full Carcasses.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Weight in lbs.</u>
Bullock	2	Generalised Tuberculosis	1,194
Calves	3	-ditto-	210
Calves	1	Pyæmia	36
Calves	1	Septicaemia	54
Sheep	7	Septic Intoxication	403
Pig	5	Generalised Tuberculosis	345
Sheep	1	Emaciation	38
Pig	2	Septicaemia	110
Pig	11	Swine fever	660
Sheep	2	Moribund	131
Bullock	1	-do-	450
<u>Parts of Carcasses.</u>			
Bullock	2	Localised Tuberculosis	31
Bullock	1	Actinomycosis	39
Bullock	1	Cirrhosis	29
Bullock	1	Angioma	15
Pig	2	Localised Tuberculosis	24
Total	43		3,769 lbs.

Meat inspection work is carried out as systematically as possible in view of the scattered nature of the Slaughterhouses, but Butchers, Slaughtermen and others comply very well with the Regulations and so far as can be ascertained there are few attempts at evasion. It is interesting to note the increasing number of notifications of emergency slaughter.

(II) Milk Supply.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

1,045 inspections have been made to registered Cowsheds during 1939, and 54 visits to Dairies and Milkshops. The following table enumerates the improvements secured to premises.

COWSHEDS REPAIRS COMPLETED, 1939.

Cowsheds repaired	-	-	5
" reconstructed	-	-	8
" new	-	-	2
" closed	-	-	4
New floors	-	-	14
Floors repaired	-	-	3
Drainage work	-	-	10
New concrete paving	-	-	14
Internal reconstruction	-	-	9
Additional light	-	-	12
Additional ventilation	-	-	11



Roofs repaired	-	-	8
New cooling houses	-	-	8
Cooling houses repaired	-	-	3
Water supply improved	-	-	5
Manure accumulation removed	-	-	7
Dirty Cowsheds	-	-	59
Dirty milk stools	-	-	20
Miscellaneous matters	-	-	15

There are now 311 farms producing Milk or Butter in the District, having a total of 491 cowsheds and standing 4,352 cows.

TABLE OF COWSHEDS IN THE DISTRICT.

Parish	Number of Milk Producing Farms.			Number of Retail purveyors	
	Wholesale	Retail	Butter.	Cowsheds	Cows.
Angram	-	1	2	3	14
Bardsey	6	7	1	30	275
Bickerton with Bilton	1	9	7	20	97
Boston Spa	-	2	-	4	16
Bramham	10	4	1	20	197
Clifford	2	5	-	10	65
Collingham	2	5	2	12	124
Deighton North	-	2	2	4	24
Harewood	27	1	1	83	808
Hutton Wandesley	1	-	2	5	61
Kearby	12	1	4	35	293
Keswick East	7	3	1	23	190
Kirk Deighton	3	3	5	14	154
Kirkby Overblow	9	2	1	23	261
Long Marston	3	3	5	14	154
Ribston Little	-	5	1	6	43
Rigton	8	3	8	25	274
Scarcroft	4	1	-	10	114
Sicklinghall	5	3	2	13	94
Spofforth	15	7	1	31	317
Thorner	11	1	3	23	247
Tockwith	1	7	5	13	68
Thorp Arch	2	4	-	8	58
Walton	2	4	1	8	60
Weeton	5	5	3	18	136
Wetherby	2	3	-	7	79
Wighill	3	4	3	10	73
Wilstrop	-	-	4	5	26
Wothersome	1	-	-	4	30.
Total	-	142	104	65	491
					4,352

(iii) Designated Milks - Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936.  
Licences issued under the above Order are as follows:-

Accredited Milk	-	-	25
Tuberculin Tested Milk	-	-	5
Total	-	-	30

by the West Riding County Council.

Licences issued by the Wetherby Rural District Council for the sale of Designated Grades of Milk produced outside the District:-

Tuberculin Tested - Dealers	-	2
" " Supplementary	-	2
Pasteurised -	-	1