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URBAN DISTRICT OF WIRKSWORTH



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR

THE YEAR 1946

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Sanitary Inspector.



WIRKSWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL :-

1946.

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Vice Chairman:- Councillor J.F. Slater.

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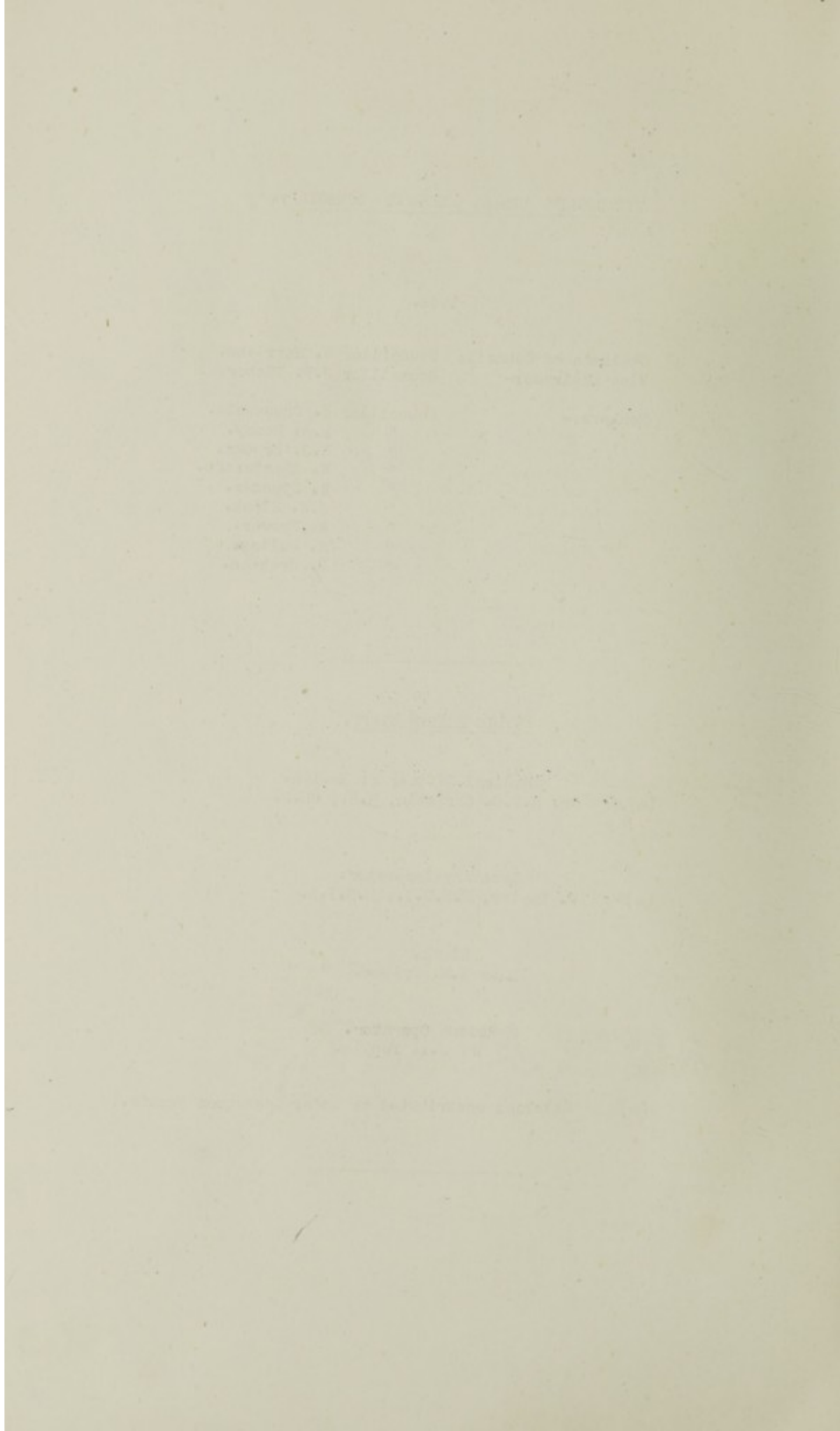
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WIRKSWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1946.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my Report for the Year 1946.

Wirksworth is a market town in the centre of an agricultural area, which is largely milk-producing. It is situated on limestone and limestone quarrying forms one of the principal industries of the place. Tape-weaving is another industry, and four mills afford employment of this description. A stocking and a clothing factory are now at work.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) 4,015.

Population: Census (1930) 4,822 (1946) 4,643.

R.G. figures (1942) 4,480 (1944) 4,514 (1945) 4,550

Number of Inhabited Houses, 1,440.

Number of Families or Separate Occupiers 1,443.

This figure is variable owing to the post-war movement of population, and only a survey of the entire district would find out the exact population and separate families:

Rateable Value, £21,928.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate, £82.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

			<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	- Legitimate	- (69)	73	36	33
	Illegitimate	- (4)		4	0
<u>Still Births</u>	- Legitimate	- (1)	2	0	1
	Illegitimate	- (1)		1	
	Birth Rate	- Live Births	15.7		
		Still Births	0.40		
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
<u>Deaths</u>			60	35	25
	Death Rate	-	12.9		

No. of Women dying in/ or in consequence of childbirth -
From Sepsis - 0 From other causes - 0

Death of Infants under 1 year of age:-

Total - 6. Legitimate - 5. Illegitimate - 1.

Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 live births - 82.1

Three of the six Infant deaths were Premature birth cases dying within a week. Two of the remainder died early from Acute Gastro-Enteritis, and the sixth had Whooping-cough with a superimposed Broncho-pneumonia.

<u>England and Wales</u>	- Infantile Death Rate	43
	Birth Rate	19.1
	Death Rate	11.5

Deaths from Cancer	{all ages}	6
" " Measles	" "	0
" " Whooping Cough		1
" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age)		2
" " Scarlet Fever		0
" " Diphtheria		0

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1							0	
5				0				
10				0				
15								
20		1				0		
25	1	1						
35		1						
45								
55	0				0			
65 and upwards	0							
TOTALS	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No notifications of Tuberculosis have been received in respect of those engaged in the Milk Trade, and no action has been required.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, Section 62.

No action has been taken under this section during 1946.

The notification of Tuberculosis appears to be satisfactory.

Other Infectious Diseases notified (other than Tuberculosis) are shown in the following table:-

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	14	9	0
Diphtheria	3	3	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Pneumonia	8	1	3
Measles	5	0	0
Chickenpox	95	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Acute Polio-Myelitis	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	28	0	1

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Notified	Treated in Hospital	Vision	Deaths
1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITAL AND OTHER
INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

HOSPITALS:

A cottage Hospital in the town, which is dependent largely on voluntary subscriptions, affords in-patient and out-patient general treatment. Provision is also made for Maternity cases, but the accommodation for this class, is below requirements, and there is a real need for increased maternity accommodation in the district. This Hospital participates in the Derbyshire Hospitals' Contributory Association.

The Royal Infirmary, Women's Hospital, and Children's Hospital, Derby, all are included in the Derbyshire Hospitals' Contributory Association.

1. Professional Nursing in the Home.

- (a) General - None
- (b) Infectious Diseases - None.

2. Midwife.

- (a) One under the supervision of the County Authority

3. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

- (a) Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Matlock provided by and under the control of the Derbyshire County Council. There is also a Welfare Centre in Wirksworth.
- (b) Day Nurseries - None
- (c) School Clinics at the Elementary Schools in Wirksworth provided by the Derbyshire County Council.
- (d) Tuberculosis at the Tuberculosis Department, New County Offices, Derby, and also at the Tuberculosis Clinic, Matlock, provided by the Derbyshire County Council.
- (e) Venereal Disease at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, provided by the Derbyshire County Council.

4. Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority, or by the County Council.

- (a) Tuberculosis - Derbyshire Sanatorium, outside the district provided by the County Council.
- (b) Maternity - Accommodation is provided at the Cottage Hospital, but as I have already mentioned, is below requirements.
- (c) Children - None.
- (d) Fever - Hoage Isolation, outside the District, to which the Local Authority contributes its share.
- (e) Smallpox - Hoage Isolation, outside the District.

5. Institutional provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Children, and Homeless Children - None.

6. Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For infectious cases, provided by the Hoage Isolation Hospital.
- (b) For non-infectious and accident cases.
 - (i) St. John Motor Ambulance, stationed at Matlock.
 - (ii) Matlock Motor Ambulance, stationed at Matlock.
 - (iii) Wirksworth Motor Ambulance, stationed at Wirksworth.

LABORATORY WORK.

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations are made by the County Council Bacteriological Department.

Number of Specimens sent to the County Laboratory by private practitioners during 1946:-



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	Positive	Negative	Total
Diphtheria	2	1	3
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Phthisis	0	1	1
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	2	4

The Local Authority provides Diphtheria Antitoxin and Tetanus Antitoxin free of Cost. A supply is kept by the Medical Officer of Health, who renders an account of its use to the local Authority.

The following quantities were issued during 1946.

Diphtheria Antitoxin - 2 vials, each containing 4,000 units.
Tetanus Antitoxin - 1

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS AND
LOCAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890	Date of Adoption. 6th December, 1893
Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1890, Part III. (Subject to certain conditions as to Sects. 35 and 38 Order L.G.B. No. 59992, of 22nd January, 1913).	20th December, 1902 5th March, 1913.
Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907 (subject to certain conditions as to Sects. 25, 27 and 30 Order L.G.B. No. 63662, 29th May, 1915).	12th July, 1915.
<u>Byo-Laws :-</u>	
New Streets and Buildings - 1939	
Common Lodging-Houses - 1879	
Nuisances - 1879	
Cleaning Footways, Removal of House Refuse and Cleaning Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools - 1879	
Shop Acts, 1912 - 28	25th August, 1930
do. 1934	26th November, 1934.
Offensive Trades Order of L.G.B. No. 63721, of 18th June, 1915, confirming Council's Order of 26th April, 1915, containing list of offensive trades.	26th April, 1915.
Chicken Pox Compulsory Notification Order for Compulsory Notification.	22nd February, 1926.
Public Health Act, 1925, Parts II. to IV., except Sections 21, 22 and 44	2nd May, 1927
Shop Acts, 1934, came into operation by adoption 1936.	

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

It is gratifying to note that during the year an adequate supply of water has again been available in the Wirksworth and Middleton Areas.

The usual spate of burst mains has of course arisen and been dealt with as occasion demanded.

Repairs were carried out to the Hydrostat at Via Gellia and the plant is again satisfactory. The Wigwell Pumping Plant has caused no trouble during the year except of course for the ordinary maintenance and running repairs which are always necessary with any mechanical plant.

The laying on of the new water mains to the Derby Road Housing Site and the connecting up of the same to the Council's Main in Derby Road was commenced towards the latter part of the year. This will be completed in 1947.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL:-

The rainfalls during the past year have again pointed out only too clearly the inadequacy of the Council's Sewage Outfall Works. Extension of the Works is long overdue and the position will indeed be even more aggravated upon the completion and occupation of the New Council Housing Estates.

In times of rain the works are completely inundated and although much long overdue work has now been carried out by the Council's new Surveyor upon this Outfall Works; such as clearing out of sludge beds, channelling etc., yet the conditions of work upon this site are most disheartening for both Officials and Staff.

The Council will most certainly have to seriously consider extending these works whatever may be the cost.

The overloaded and surcharged sewers throughout the District have also received much attention during the year and low gradient lengths have been dragged and cleansed.

HOUSING.

During the year, work progressed upon the New Council Housing Estates.

Contracts were signed for the following Houses:-

<u>Wirksworth.</u>	78 "D" Type Houses
	6 "B" Type Houses
	6 "A" Type Houses
	2 "C" Type Houses
<u>Middleton</u>	12 "D" Type Houses
	2 "B" Type Houses
	8 "C" Type Houses
	2 "A" Type Houses

Progress was maintained throughout the year, and despite the shortage of materials and the bad weather towards the end of the year, the position in December, 1946 was that:-

50 Houses were up to Damp Course Level.
40 Houses were up to Eaves Level.
38 Houses were roofed.
and 6 Houses were Plastered.

It is suggested that the following be printed in the Journal of the American Medical Association:

The Council on Medical Education and the Council on Medical Practice have agreed to the following:

1. That the Council on Medical Education should be composed of representatives of the various medical schools and of the American Medical Association.
2. That the Council on Medical Practice should be composed of representatives of the various medical societies and of the American Medical Association.

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The Surveyor hopes to be able, early in the New Year, to give his Completion Certificate upon 9 of the New Houses so that the Tenants can take over the occupation.

You will note, Gentlemen, that our Vital Statistics compare favourably with other Districts, and with those of England and Wales. The Infantile Death Rate is, unfortunately, rather high, but is self-explanatory.

This year, as you will see, there were only three cases of Diphtheria and these were children in one family. The fact that there were no more, or developments in contacts, speaks well, I think, for immunisation. During the year, 109 children were immunised for the first time and 432 were given a secondary or reinforcing injection. It is gratifying to find that parents are realizing the benefit derived from immunisation and bringing their children along for treatment.

I come, now once again to the need of the District for a General Nurse. I am continually being asked for such a service, and I trust that it may be made possible in the near future. Some districts have both a General and a Maternity Nurse who interchange services monthly. I suggest this arrangement might be shared with another district if it is felt there is not sufficient call in one district alone.

Increased housing and better conditions in houses is overdue, and with the building programme going ahead, one looks forward to a fulfilment of the first need. Regarding the second, I have felt for some time now that there is a need for some adjustment in rents and rating, and rent restrictions. Some houses in this district are of so low a rental, that the proprietor could not possibly afford to make improvements on his property. If, however, a landlord can claim a fair return for his outlay, then there is some incentive to improve property and incidentally provide up to date amenities for his tenants. Every house ought to have a hot and cold water system, a bath and a W.C. This may seem a tall order, but nevertheless, very necessary for health and deserving of the utmost consideration and concentrated effort. As in the past, I know I can rely on your support and helpful co-operation.

I have the honour to be

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W.S.G. CHRISTIE.

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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE WIRKSWORTH

URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1946.

SANITARY INSPECTOR:-

J. TAYLOR, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

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

Gentlemen,

I took over the position of Sanitary Inspector to your Authority in March, 1946, and my present report covers the period from that date to 31st December, 1946.

During this period a fair number of improvements have been affected, but there still remain many problems, such as overcrowding, unfit houses, unsatisfactory drainage and sewerage - to mention only a few.

However, with its programme of 126 New Council Houses well launched upon its way I think it fair to say that the Wirksworth Council is fully alive to its responsibilities.

The present times are difficult, but I suggest we should look ahead to a year of increased activity in respect of our Housing Programme - the completion of which will help to solve to some extent a few of our other problems.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1946.

The following table of inspections made, notices served and Nuisances abated is appended for your information:-

CLOSETS AND ASHPITS.	No. of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector	Number of Notices Served		No. of Nuisances abated with or without notice.
		Informal	Legal	
Defective Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits (Not for Conversion).	26	13	-	12
Conversion of Privies Into W.C's.	5	6	-	-
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C's.	19	11	-	3
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets	-	-	-	-
Defective Water Closets	15	11	-	9
Provision of Additional Water Closets	19	14	-	6
Provision of Portable Ashbins	94	92	-	23
Dirty Closets	6	4	-	3

DRAINAGE.				
No disconnection of Waste Pipe.	-	-	-	-
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets and Drains.	269	140	-	84
OTHER DEFECTS.				
Paving of Courts and Yards.	54	54	-	53
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts and Down-spouts	219	59	-	85
Sinks	39	22	-	20
Insufficient Ventilation	19	9	-	11
Windows	71	28	-	35
Dampness	141	56	-	65
Water in Collars	14	6	-	7
Water Supply	128	216	-	56
Overcrowding	8	14	-	3
Foul Condition of Houses	26	16	-	10
Offensive Accumulations	94	75	-	56
Animals improperly kept.	2	1	-	1
Pigsties	4	1	-	1
Smoke Nuisances	-	-	-	-
Urinals	12	6	-	10
Nuisances not specified above,	599	455	12	304
Totals	2076	1395	12	1048

	No. on Register	Inspections Made	Notices Served	Nuisances abated without Notice.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.	57	22	4	2
Bakshouses	4	7	7	6
Slaughterhouses	4	14	7	4
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-
Common Lodging-houses	-	-	-	-
Totals	65	43	18	12

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION LIST.

It is suggested that the following list of additional statistics will be of interest to the Council:-

	No.	R.V.
Dwelling Houses	1343	11973
Houses and Shops	72	1267
Shops	42	627
Banks, Offices etc.	7	246
Licensed Houses	16	908
Clubs	3	92
Cinemas	1	213
Public & Semi-Public Buildings	12	286
Schools etc.	7	407
Garages, Stables etc.	35	288
Miscellaneous Buildings	40	243
Quarries	7	798
Factories and Workshops (Industrial)	11	189
do. do. (Non-Industrial)	20	122
Sports Grounds	2	10

Land (other than Agricultural)	4	18
Railways and Canals	2	77
Crown Property	2	21
Public Utility Undertakings	8	3659
Agricultural Dwelling Houses	25	211
Hereditaments with Nil R.V.	11	-
	<u>1650</u>	<u>21655</u>

Total No. of occupied hereditaments - 1441.

- 3) No. of houses converted from Pail Closets etc. to Water Closets during the year 1946 - 3.

No. of Pail Closets etc. converted to Water Closets during the past 10 years.

Year -	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
No. -	7	13	11	15	5	54	5	2	Nil	3

- 4) Approximate Number of Houses at 31st December, 1946 with:-

- (a) Privy Middons - 69
- (b) Pail Closets - 125
- (c) Water Closets - 1229

HOUSING.

5) The difficulties in obtaining materials for Housing Repairs needs no stressing by me. Despite this fact it has been possible to get owners to carry out a certain amount of repairs and improvements and I hope that the time is not far distant when normal pre-war conditions will again prevail, so that these necessary repairs to houses may be carried out with the minimum of restrictions and delay.

At the present time, there are 261 applications for the tenancies of Council Houses and it is hoped that early in the New Year the Council will be in the happy position of being able to satisfy at least some of these on the waiting list.

I think the Council should bear in mind the fact that as its Housing Estates increase the need for skilful Housing-Management will be all the more necessary. To cut depreciation to the minimum the houses must be maintained in good condition and I submit that the Council Houses could be most efficiently maintained by the Council employing its own staff for this work and not relying upon private builders as at present.

1. The first part of the report is devoted to a general description of the work done during the year. It includes a summary of the progress made in the various branches of the work, and a statement of the results obtained.

2. The second part of the report is devoted to a detailed description of the work done in the various branches of the work. It includes a description of the methods used, and a statement of the results obtained.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

W.S.G. CHRISTIE, M.B. Ch.B.

PART TIME HALF SALARY CONTRIBUTED.

SANITARY INSPECTOR - FROM 1ST MARCH 1946.

J. TAYLOR, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

FULL TIME HALF SALARY CONTRIBUTED.

ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR TO THE COUNCIL.

HOUSING.

NO. OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR:- 1946.

1. By Private Enterprise - 1 Large House Converted into 4 Flats by Private Enterprise.
2. By Local Authority - Contracts placed and work commenced on 116 Houses.

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) 208
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 549
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 2
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 8
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to Health as to be unfit for human habitation 2
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 206

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. 171

3. PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 1
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 1
- (3) (a) Number of houses demolished in anticipation of formal procedure under the Housing Act, 1936. Nil
- (b) Number of dwelling-houses where undertakings were accepted 1

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

6) There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

7) TENTS, VANS & TEMPORARY STRUCTURES:-

This type of sporadic and undesirable development has caused a certain amount of trouble during the past year.

After the Service of legal notices two instances of unauthorised caravan dwellings were remedied and the offending structures were removed.

It is to be anticipated that with the acute housing shortage this type of dwelling is all the more likely to appear and the Council are to be congratulated in adopting a firm attitude towards it.

8) INFECTIOUS DISEASE & DISINFECTION.

Cases of infectious disease are almost always removed to the Heago Isolation Hospital unless there are extenuating circumstances. After removal the premises are disinfected and if necessary the clothing and bedding are put through a steam disinfecter. In cases of patients nursed at home, both current and terminal disinfection are carried out. Library books are collected in all cases and after disinfection with formalin vapour they are returned to the County Library, or other owner. The Council also issues disinfectant for washing of clothes, floors, etc., to infected premises.

During the year disinfection was carried out upon 16 premises. A complete disinfection of the Middleton School was also undertaken.

In all instances of Infectious Disease full investigations are carried out and endeavours made to locate the source of infection.

9) DISINFESTATION.

During the year a number of complaints were made of cockroaches, silver-fish, etc. Assistance and advice were given and suitable insect powders or liquid insecticides were issued. Blowers and pressure sprayers were used by the Council's own workmen, but not issued to the public.

SCABIES:- Cases of Scabies were dealt with successfully in co-operation with the Medical Officer of Health.

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IN TWO VOLUMES

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WATER SUPPLY DURING THE YEAR, 1946.

RAINFALL				1945	YIELDS OF SPRINGS IN GALLONS PER HOUR. 1946
MONTH.	1944 inches	1945 inches	1946 inches		
January	3.79	2.47	2.59	7.380	-)
February	2.04	3.47	5.15	12.800	-)
March	.03	.91	1.26	6.896	-)
April	2.35	2.11	0.93	4.436	-) Information
May	1.40	2.76	1.30	3.821	-) not available
June	2.33	2.04	5.00	3.206	-)
July	3.68	2.3	2.82	2.960	-)
August	2.80	2.54	5.45	2.591	-)
September	4.94	1.69	0.12	Not read	-)
October	3.98	4.62	0.73	2.222	4275
November	6.04	.51	7.04	3.698	9050
December	2.60	2.51	4.07	4.206	7840
TOTAL.	36.25	29.53	36.46	48.47	7055
				Average per Month for 11 Months	Average per Month over 3 monthly period.

During the year 26 Samples of drinking water have been taken throughout the district and submitted by me to the County Analyst and Bacteriologist. In four instances Samples were found to be unfit for drinking purposes and the necessary steps were taken to either render the supplies wholesome or to provide alternative supplies.

11)

REFUSE COLLECTION.

A weekly collection of household refuse is carried out by the Council.

Trade Refuse is also collected weekly and a charge is levied for all bins in excess of the first one.

Waste paper is collected and after baling sold for Salvage.

In addition to these duties the Council's Refuse Collection Vehicle has also to undertake the work of snow-ploughing in times of heavy falls.

12)

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was necessary under this heading during the year.

13)

RATS AND MICE.

The Council employ their own Rat-Catcher who during the year under review has carried out some gratifying work in Rat Destruction by (a) Baiting, (b) ferrets, (c) dogs, (d) traps and (e) gassing.

All the Council's sewers are surcharged and there are no infestations throughout the Sewerage System.

During the year a particularly heavy infestation of mice was successfully dealt with at a Ministry of Food Supply Depot within this Urban District.

The services of the Rat-Catcher are available to the Public - a charge being made for work carried out on private or business premises.

The Council's Refuse Tips have been treated with both poison and gas during the year and the results have been excellent.

14)

FOOD AND MEAT INSPECTION.

Inspections of Food Premises have been carried out during the year and in all cases where unsound food was found, voluntary surrenders took place. The various commodities were destroyed by the Council's own workmen.

The local slaughter houses are not in use and all meat is supplied from the Central Abattoir at Derby.

One cow which went mad had to be slaughtered in the Urban District during the year. The necessary meat inspections were made and arrangements agreed with the Ministry of Food for the sale of the meat for human consumption, and for the indemnifying of the owner against loss.

The transport and handling of meat throughout the District left much to be desired, but I am pleased to be able to report that after taking up the whole question with the Wholesale Meat Supply Association a distinct improvement was noted. The Ministry of Food was also approached and asked to provide clear white overalls for persons distributing the meat. It would still be far better, however, and more hygienic if properly constructed vans could be used for the delivery of the carcasses, wherein they could be hung and not merely dumped upon the floor of the truck as at present.

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COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES -
MILK SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS ORDER.

The number of Cowkeepers, Dairymen and Purveyors of Milk in the district is as follows:-

Retail Purveyors of Milk	-	57
Wholesale Traders and Producers	-	57

At five of these farms Accredited Milk is produced.

The necessity for a clean, safe milk supply cannot be stressed too highly and it is to be hoped that with a return to normal conditions more and more producers will become Accredited.

During the year 22 inspections of farms have been carried out and the conditions recorded upon a card index system. Whenever possible I have encouraged the farmers to apply for building licences and to carry out improvements and repairs to dairies, cowsheds and other farm buildings.

16)

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority. I have prevailed upon the County Analyst to be good enough to supply me with the results of samples taken in this district under the Food and Drugs Act during the year 1946 and the following is the information received:-

"7 samples of Milk were taken in the area of the Wirksworth Urban District during the year 1946 and all Seven Samples were satisfactory".

17)

FISH-FRYING PREMISES.

Inspections of these premises revealed satisfactory conditions. Complaints concerning wrapping papers were investigated and together with the assistance of the Chief Sanitary Inspector of Derby the source of the paper was traced and a full inspection of the premises carried out. The results of the investigations were reassuring and no further action has been necessary.

18)

ICE CREAM:-

All premises either manufacturing or selling Ice Cream were inspected together with the Medical Officer of Health. Although conditions were not all that could be desired yet on the whole it was felt that the trouble was not entirely the fault of the persons or the premises, but was due to the inadequacy of the existing law.

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An official standard of not only purity, but also of quality is eagerly awaited and it is hoped that the Ministries of Health and Food will lose no time in fixing these standards as soon as ever conditions permit. Official correspondence upon these points has taken place between the Wirksworth Urban District Council, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Food.

19)

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The following is a summary of the Factories and Workshops on the Register in your District.

SUMMARY:-

FACTORIES:-

Bakchouses	- 4
Bleach & Dye Works	- 1
Bottling Stores	-
Wine and Spirits	- 1
Chalk Grinding	- 1
Firewood	- 1
Gas Works	- 1
Hosiery	- 2
Joinery Works	- 5
Printing	- 2
Sheet Metal Working	- 1
Stone Quarries &	-
Tarmacadam Works	- 3
Tape Mill	- 4
Underwear	- 1

WORKSHOPS:-

Boot Repairing	- 3
Building	- 1
Cycle Repairing	- 2
Garage	- 2
Hairdressing	- 2
Milliners	- 1
Plumbing	- 3
Stonework (ornamental)	- 1
Sadler	- 1
Tailoring	- 1
Wagon Repairs	- 1
Whitesmith	- 1

During the year 1946 two new factories have come to Wirksworth. One a hosiery factory and the other a factory manufacturing underwear. Industries are to be encouraged in Wirksworth and all necessary help and advice is willingly forthcoming from the Council's Officials.

Two notices in pursuance of Section 9 of the Factories Act, 1937 were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories in respect of two factories. Both were regarding insufficient sanitary accommodation. Inspections were carried out, notices served and the defects remedied in both instances to the complete satisfaction of H.M. Inspector.

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Inspections of Bakehouses revealed various defects, which after notifications to the respective owners, received attention. One cannot impress too much upon the owners of food establishments the importance of cleanliness in all stages of food preparation, if the health of the nation is to be safeguarded and maintained.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity of thanking the Council for their interest and encouragement and for the assistance and co-operation given by the Clerk to the Council, the Rating and Valuation Officer and the Medical Officer. I also wish to thank the Foreman for the manner in which he has carried out his duties.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. TAYLOR.



