

HEALTHY HATHERN.

**CLAIMS DISTINCTION OF BEING
SECOND HEALTHIEST VILLAGE IN
LEICESTERSHIRE.**

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The publication of statistics in the "Daily Post" of the ages of the oldest inhabitants of Countesthorpe and Old Wigston entitled those places to their claim to be the two healthiest villages in Leicestershire—up to yesterday. But now we have received a third claim—that of healthy Hathern—whose figures show that while it has beaten Countesthorpe in the longevity of its oldest residents, it has not approached Wigston.

Our Hathern correspondent writes:—

"In view of the prominence which has recently been given to the health of Hathern and the sanitary arrangements of the village, it is somewhat remarkable to find that it has strong reasons to contest the claim made by Countesthorpe to be considered the healthiest village in Leicestershire.

"Hathern is, of course, considerably smaller than Countesthorpe, and yet it is able to produce a record of longevity equal to that given in our columns recently.

"Countesthorpe produced twelve members of each sex with an aggregate age for the 24 of 1,972 years, being an average of 82 years, two months.

"Against this Hathern can show 24 residents (15 men and 9 women) with an aggregate age 1,982 years, an average of 82 years and six months.

"Although the sexes are not quite equally divided in this record, **Hathern** may well claim to have the superior record, in view of the much smaller population from which these figures are taken. It may further be stated that while Countesthorpe produced six people of 85 and over, the Hathern list includes nine, varying from 85 to 88, the latter age exceeding any given in the Countesthorpe list. Perhaps the most remarkable features on the Hathern list is that in one house there are a brother and two sisters aged respectively 85, 87 and 78; while next door there is a married couple whose ages are 85 and 81. Another point worth mentioning is that one of the octogenarians has this year been doing the gardening for one of his fellows in the eighties. Another on the list who will be 87 in three months' time is actually engaged in one of the old handframes, making the finest class of silk work."

The Wigston figures which were published in the "Daily Post" yesterday were as follow:—

12 men, aggregate age	1,020
12 women, aggregate age	996

Total (24) 2,016

Average age, men

85 years.

Average age, women.....

83 years.

Thus it will be seen that up to the present the healthiest places in Leicestershire are:—

1. Wigston.
2. Hathern.
3. Countesthorpe.

Are there any other claimants that can beat the above records?

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