

**[Report 1961] / Medical Officer of Health, Ashby-de-la-Zouch R.D.C.**

**Contributors**

Ashby-de-la-Zouch (England). Rural District Council.

**Publication/Creation**

1961

**Persistent URL**

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/e5puyf4a>

**License and attribution**

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution license.

This licence permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection  
183 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BE UK  
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722  
E [library@wellcomecollection.org](mailto:library@wellcomecollection.org)  
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

*Library*

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



1961



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor A. J. Forrester J.P.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor A. Hart

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PLANS COMMITTEE

Chairman : Councillor A. Hart  
Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. F. Lee

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Chairman : Councillor J. Buckley  
Vice-Chairman : Councillor T. Croson

WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Chairman : Councillor H. R. Birkenhead  
Vice-Chairman : Councillor R. H. Wheeldon

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

J. E. R. Wilkinson

ACCOUNTANT AND DEPUTY CLERK

C. M. Taylor A.I.M.T.A.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

A. McM. W. Segerdal M.D., D.P.H.

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

C. S. Curtis M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H., DIP. P.H.H. (Hons)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

H. Batterson A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

WATER ENGINEER AND ENGINEERING ASSISTANT

C. Mugglestone A.R.I.C.S., M.R.S.H.



Rural District Council Offices,  
South Street,  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,  
Leicestershire.

August, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Rural District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1961.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the population has decreased from 14,050 to 13,660.

The birth rate (13.8) is lower than last year (14.2) and lower than that for England and Wales (17.4).

The death rate (12.0) is lower than last year (12.9) and the same as that for England and Wales (12.0). The death rate of infants under one year is 15.9 compared with 29.8 in 1960, and England and Wales 21.4 and the still birth rate is 15.7, compared with 18.7 for England and Wales.

The chief causes of death, as has been the case for some years past, were from diseases associated with elderly people.


It will be noted that all the parishes, with the exception of Bardon have a piped supply of water.

There are 371 cesspools in the district and 24 cesspools were constructed and 5 abolished during the year. 41 closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year. During the year extensions were carried out to Measham sewage disposal works.

52 houses were completed during the year making a total of 1,021 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 226 and the number of applications received during the year was 103.

Implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 proceeded satisfactorily and no formal action has been necessary.



Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2016 with funding from  
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b28810612>

There were 348 cases of infectious diseases during the year, 317 Measles, 15 Pneumonia, 5 Erysipelas, 4 Food Poisoning, 3 Scarlet Fever, 3 Whooping Cough and 1 Puerperal Pyrexia. Measles were prevalent over the whole district from March to August. There were 7 deaths from Pneumonia. The 4 cases of Food Poisoning consisted of two outbreaks, one a family one of three persons which was probably Staphylococcal and very mild and one single case probably Salmonella infection and not Food Poisoning which was a fairly severe case. None of the cases were in hospital. The three cases of Scarlet Fever were mild.

I am pleased to record that the number of children being immunised against Diphtheria still remains high and has increased considerably compared with last year.

Four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. This necessitated quite a lot of investigation and examination of contacts including the examination of all the pupils and staff of a small school. In addition to the examination of cases and contacts at Markfield Chest Unit, many were seen by Dr. Paul at the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

To the Staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council and to Doctor Mair, Director of the Public Health Laboratory, I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

Finally I wish to thank Mr. C. S. Curtis, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and Mr. H. Batteson, Additional Public Health Inspector, for their invaluable help during the year and you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. McM. W. Segerdal.  
M.D., D.P.H.

Private Residence

Belvoir Cottage,  
Coalville,  
Leicestershire.

Telephone Number

Coalville 144





SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions

Area (in acres)	28,267
Resident Population (R.G's. estimate)	13,660
Number of inhabited houses	4,562
Rateable Value (1st April 1961)	£158,457
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 631
Comparability factor - Births	1.00
Deaths	1.11

The chief industries in the area are agriculture; coal mining; brickmaking; stoneware and pipemaking and stone quarrying. There are also small textile works and light engineering works.

No particular industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on health during the year.

Vital Statistics

	<u>Rural</u> <u>District</u>	<u>England</u> <u>&amp; Wales</u>
Live Births	188	
Live Birth rate	13.8	17.4
Still Births	3	
Still Birth rate per 1000 (live & still)	15.7	18.7
Total Births	191	
Infant Deaths	3	
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 live Births	15.9	21.4
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 legitimate Births	15.9	
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate Births	.0	
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live Births	15.5	
Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first week) per 1000 related live Births	15.9	
Perinatal Mortality rate (first week combined with still birth rate) per 1000 total live and still births	31.4	



	<u>Rural District</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Percentage of illegitimate live Births	3.9	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	3.11
Maternal mortality rate (including abortion) per 1000 total Births	.0	0.33

Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births : Legitimate	94	87	181
Illegitimate	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>97</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>188</u>
Still Births : Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Births (Live and Still)	<u>99</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>191</u>
Deaths	<u>90</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>148</u>

	<u>Rural District</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Death rate per 1000 population	12.0	12.0



Causes of Death during 1961

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	0	2
Syphilitic disease	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	10	4	14
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	10	15
Coronary disease, angina	23	6	29
Hypertension with heart disease	2	0	2
Other heart disease	18	6	24
Other circulatory disease	4	2	6
Influenza	3	1	4
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitis	6	2	8
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Congenital malformation	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	10	15
All other accidents	0	1	1
Suicide	1	0	1
	<u>90</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>148</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Disease of heart and circulation	76
Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	27
Disease of respiratory system	16



Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	0	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

Legitimate	3	0	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

Legitimate	3	0	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>





## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

#### Hospitals

All hospitals, except some private maternity and nursing homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for the aged and destitute are under the County Council. When the inmates take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

#### Cheshire Home for the Sick

The home is the largest of the Cheshire Homes and is entirely voluntary and not under the Regional Hospital Board.

During the year 5 patients were admitted to the home, 1 female, and 4 males. 4 males from the home died in various hospitals; 2 females transferred to other homes and 1 female exchanged from Hillcrest Hospital, Leicester.

At the year end there were a total of 40 patients in the home 24 males and 16 females.

#### Treatment Centres and Clinics

There are none actually in the district. Infant welfare clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and every second and fourth Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville an Ante-Natal clinic is available. The Chest clinic is held at Markfield Sanatorium under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community College Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Wednesday mornings of each week except during school holidays.

#### Ambulance Facilities

The County Council is responsible for all facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and at Bath Yard, Moira.



## Nursing in the Home

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the Leicester County Council.

## Health Visiting

This work is provided by the Leicester County Council and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse and Tuberculosis Visitor is combined in a single appointment.

The Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.

## Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The following examinations were made during the year :

Nose and throat swabs	1
Faeces and urine	28
Sputa	31
Water	8
Ice Cream	8
Miscellaneous	5
	<u>81</u>

Generally there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.



SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

Mains supplies have been satisfactory in quality.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply		Mains water from External standpipes		Well water supply	
No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population
4467	13,338	Est. 22	Est. 77	73	Est. 245

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains : 16 from private reservoirs : Nil

Number of parishes without a piped supply

One (Bardon)

In 16 cases a piped supply of water has been substituted for well water.

Water Supply from Wells

Number of Samples taken for Analysis			
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
Nil	3	Nil	4



### Sewage Disposal

Number of septic tanks constructed during the year	:	24
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	:	5
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in district at 31/12/61	:	371

### Closet Accommodation

Total number in district on 31st December 1961

Privies	:	30	Pail Closets	:	757	W.Cs.	:	3777
---------	---	----	--------------	---	-----	-------	---	------

Number of closets converted to water carriage system during the year

Privies	:	Nil	Pails	:	41
---------	---	-----	-------	---	----

### Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Total number of complaints received : 89

Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with : 82

### Inspections made

Bakehouses	3
Dairies	5
Drainage Works	268
Dwelling houses	690
Food Poisoning inquiries	11
Food premises	118
Refuse collection and disposal	66
Rodent control	(Carried out by Rodent Operator)
Schools	5
Shops	12
Slaughter-houses and meat inspection	282
Tents, vans, sheds etc.,	51
Verminous and dirty premises	-
Water supplies	37
Factories and workplaces	74
Other inspections	592
	<u>2,214</u>





## Notices

### Preliminary

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1961	-	23
Issued during the year	-	103
Complied with during the year	-	102
Outstanding 31st December, 1961	-	24

### Statutory

Outstanding on 1st January, 1961	-	-
Issued during the year	-	5
Complied with during the year	-	2
Outstanding 31st December, 1961	-	3

Caravan Sites	:	No. of licences issued : 20
Eradication of Bed bugs	:	No action necessary.
Pet Animal Act, 1951	:	No premises in area.
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	:	Routine parish by parish inspection, private dwellings treated free, business premises on a time plus material basis carried out by one man employed half time.
Schools	:	No action taken.
Swimming baths and Pools open to the public	:	None in area.



SECTION D

HOUSING

New Houses

Houses completed during the year	T Y P E		Average cost per house excluding site works and land	Average rent exclusive of rates
	Prefab Permanent	Permanent		
By Local Authority	-	23	2 bed bungalows £1,317 3 bed bungalows £1,517	18/4d. p.w.  23/6d. p.w.
Private Enterprise	-	29		

Houses in course of construction at year end

By Local Authority	-	-		
Private Enterprise	-	45		

Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	...	705
Total number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	...	316
Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	...	226
Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	...	103
Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939	...	322
Total number of houses acquired by Local Authority and renovated	...	15
Total number of occupied Council houses in the district	...	1,042
Total number of occupied houses in the district	...	4,562



SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for manufacture and retail	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for manufacture only	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for retail only	...	61
Number of samples taken	...	8
Results of samples	: Grade 1 : 7      Grade 2 : 1	

Ice cream is purchased from National manufacturers in all cases.

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors  
(Section 8 Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949)

Number on Register	:	Dairies	2
		Distributors	15
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	5
		Distributors	19

Biological Milk Samples

Number of routine bulk samples taken	...	40
Results satisfactory	...	39
Evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli	...	Nil
Evidence of Brucella Abortus	...	Nil

Bacteriological Milk Samples

40 samples of designated "Tuberculin Tested" milk were taken and all proved to be satisfactory.



Meat and other Foods

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area	...	2
Number of animals slaughtered therein	...	1,442
Number of animals examined therein	...	1,442
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter		5%
Number of Knackers yards in area	...	1
Number of visits to Knackers yards	...	6

Meat Stalls

Number of inspections	...	Nil
-----------------------	-----	-----

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.

Number of inspections	...	40
-----------------------	-----	----

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections	...	78
-----------------------	-----	----

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

Number of premises inspected	...	36
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	118
Number of informal notices served	...	10
Number of informal notices complied with	...	6
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31/12/61		5





MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	373	38	-	784	247
Number inspected	373	38	-	784	247
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	32	2	-	1	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	8.6	7.9	-	0.12	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.17	-	-	-	0.4
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1961

Disease	Final No. after Correction	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	317	-	-
Pneumonia	15	-	7
Erysipelas	5	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	-	-
Totals	348	-	7

Analysis under Age Groups According to  
Registrar General's Return 118

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever
Under 1 year	1	15	-
1 to 2	-	29	-
2 to 3	-	27	-
3 to 4	1	39	-
4 to 5	1	35	-
5 to 9	-	158	2
10 to 14	-	9	1
15 to 24	-	5	-
25 and over	-	-	-
Totals	3	317	3



Age Group	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia
Under 5 years	1	-	-	-
5 to 14	2	-	1	-
15 to 44	2	2	-	1
45 to 64	3	2	2	-
65 and over	7	1	1	-
Totals	15	5	4	1

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Diseases in each Parish during year 1961

Parish	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Food Poisoning	Total
Appleby Magna	-	5	1	-	2	-	-	8
Bardon	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chilcote	-	18	3	-	-	1	-	22
Coleorton	-	11	4	-	1	-	-	16
Heather	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Measham	1	133	1	-	1	-	3	139
Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	-	46	-	-	1	-	1	48
Osgathorpe	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Packington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ravenstone	2	8	2	1	-	-	-	13
Snarestone	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Staunton Harold	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	9
Stretton-en-le-Field	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Swannington	-	14	3	-	-	-	-	17
Swepstone	-	46	1	-	-	-	-	47
Worthington	-	10	-	2	-	-	-	12
Totals	3	317	15	3	5	1	4	348



The following table shows the incidence of Measles  
in each Parish monthly

Year 1961	Appleby Magna	Bardon	Chilcote	Coleorton	Heather	Measham	Normanton-le-Heath	Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	Osgathorpe	Packington	Ravenstone	Snarestone	Staunton Harold	Stretton-en-le-Field	Swannington	Sweepstone	Worthington	Total
January	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
March	-	1	10	-	-	2	-	19	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	38
April	1	-	8	3	-	-	-	17	3	-	-	-	5	1	2	3	-	43
May	3	-	-	1	2	5	-	1	1	-	2	-	3	-	6	39	4	67
June	-	-	-	1	-	13	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	3	5	30
July	-	-	-	2	-	85	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	92
August	-	-	-	2	3	28	-	6	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	41
September	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	5	1	18	11	5	133	-	46	4	-	8	4	9	3	14	46	10	317





## Food Poisoning

There were two outbreaks of food poisoning, one an isolated case and the other a family one.

The isolated case was in a boy of 13 years of age and was probably Salmonella infection and not food poisoning. There was no indication as to how the infection occurred and no other member of the family was affected. He soon cleared up.

The other outbreak occurred in three members of a family of five. Only these three members who had eaten processed meat about an hour or so before were affected. The symptoms were very mild and only lasted about 36 hours; one of the three members of the family affected did not stay away from work. It was nearly a week before the notification was received and all investigations of faeces were negative. It was found that the butcher who had supplied the processed meat had a septic finger and a swab taken later from his finger revealed Bacilli Proteus. This was probably a staphylococcal infection.



IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of children who were immunised during the period  
1st January - 31st December 1961

Age at 31st December 1961	Under 1 1961	1 1960	2 1959	3 1958	4 1957	5 1956	6 1955	7 1954	8 1953	9 1952	10 1951	11 1950	12 1949	13 1948	14 1947	Total
Primary Immunis- ation	67	103	11	12	9			19					22			243
Booster Inject- ion	-	-	-	-	10			124					10			144



Statement of Particulars appearing in the  
Register of Notifications of cases of  
Tuberculosis for the year 1961

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	15	10	5	7	37
Number of cases notified for first time during the year	2	2	-	-	4
Number of cases restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases removed from Register during the year	5	2	-	-	7
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	12	10	5	7	34

Tuberculosis - Year 1961

Causes of Removal from Register

	M A L E S		F E M A L E S		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	
Cured	2	-	1	-	3
Left District	-	-	1	-	1
Died	3	-	-	-	3
Total	5	-	2	-	7

One of the notified cases was a young girl. The small school she attended was visited by Doctor Blake, the Chest Physician, who skin tested all 35 children. All the members of the staff were X rayed. All results were negative.

A number of cases and several contacts were examined by Doctor Paul at The Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

Part I of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	29	34	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	<u>27</u>	<u>40</u>	-
	<u>56</u>	<u>74</u>	

No. of cases in  
which defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>
Unsuitable and defective sanitary conveniences (S. 7)	4	4	-

Part VIII of the Act

<u>Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)</u>	<u>Number of Outworkers in August list required by Sections 111 (1) (c)</u>
Wearing apparel making etc.	12





ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Rural District Council Offices,  
South Street,  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,  
Leicestershire.

August, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Rural District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my  
Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

Three new Acts which were of importance to the department  
became law during the year - these were the Housing Act, 1961, the  
Public Health Act, 1961 and the Land Drainage Act, 1961.

The Public Health Act and the Housing Act were really  
amending Acts to principal Acts, but nevertheless were of great  
importance. The Public Health amendments were intended to speed  
up the process of dealing with various nuisances and other matters,  
whilst the Housing Act dealt with anomalies which had become  
apparent during the life of the principal Act. The Land Drainage  
Act permits us to spend money on such things as the cleaning of  
brookcourses and to obtain grants to prevent flooding. A scheme  
has been prepared for enlarging the culvert which causes flooding  
in Burton Road, Measham and the Act will apply to this work;  
unfortunately although the scheme was ready to go out for tender  
towards the end of the year, it appears that some considerable time  
is likely to elapse before the grant is actually approved.

As usual in these days, much time has been devoted to damage  
caused by mining subsidence; during the year emergency works being  
carried out to sewers at Oakthorpe and Measham. In addition a  
scheme has been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers for  
relaying sewers along the whole of Ashby Road, Measham. Sewers  
in two villages continue to be emptied regularly by the cesspool  
emptying machine to keep them flowing.



## COMPLAINTS

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied	42
Complaints received	89
Premises inspected	112
Groundless complaints	9
Revisits to work in hand	143
Miscellaneous visits	26
Premises at which nuisances abated	60
Informal notices served	103
Statutory notices served	5
Pan closets repaired	3
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared (does not include sewers)	52
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	2
Chimneys repaired	1
Damp walls remedied	9
Ditches cleaned out	1
Yard paving renewed	9
Food stores provided	1
Sinks renewed or repaired	2
Doors repaired	5
Windows repaired or renewed	27
Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided	4
Plastering repaired	8
Obstructed footpaths cleared	6
Roofs repaired	3
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	4
Floors repaired	3
Smoke nuisances abated	4
Walls repaired	9
Flooding abated	4
Dirty houses cleansed	1
Offensive accumulations removed	5
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	8
Dangerous well top made safe	1
Dangerous walls made safe	2
Dangerous walls demolished	2
Obstructive hedge removed	2
Coppers repaired or removed	3
Pumps repaired	1
Unplastered houses plastered	1



Legal proceedings were instituted in one case, against an owner for failing to comply with a Statutory Notice requiring repairs to a cottage in her ownership. The case was heard by the local Magistrates and an Order obtained for the necessary works of repair to be carried out.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent control has continued to be carried out by your Rodent Operator who works every other week on these duties. Free treatments have continued at domestic premises and a charge made at business and agricultural holdings. There appeared to be an increase in the rat population in the Autumn and the Operator was in great demand.

A total of 781 premises were inspected during the year and 184 premises treated, necessitating a total of 1,487 visits.

#### FOOD INSPECTION

78 visits were made to licensed premises, cafes, canteens etc., As a result two new canteens were completed and construction of one canteen was in progress at the year end. The dining room of one public house was fully modernised and the kitchens at one cafe and one public house were being modernised at the end of the year.

One public house was closed during the year as was one room used in connection with food storage. Provision of hot water, washing facilities, new floors and redecoration was carried out at six premises and notices are outstanding at five premises.

#### Slaughterhouses

The only slaughterhouse which was to be renovated in the district was finally brought up to a satisfactory standard towards the middle of the year and this together with the newly constructed slaughterhouse at Measham are now the only ones in the district. The Measham premises are now active on at least three days per week and in addition to vastly improved hygienic and more humane slaughtering, the conditions under which the slaughtermen work are much improved.



## Ice Cream

Number of premises registered	:	61
Number of samples taken	:	8
Grade 1	:	7
Grade 11	:	1

Ice Cream continues in all cases to be purchased from large national manufacturers.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

66 visits were made in connection with public cleansing. The question of a suitable site for disposal of refuse on the Measham side of the district is beginning to give rise to concern. The Coronet tip at Measham is now almost full and great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining an alternative site, despite the fact that there are a number of clay pits in the area. These are either still in use to a varying extent, or the owners do not wish to have them used for refuse disposal purposes.

## FACTORIES ACT

Number of inspections of factories	:	74
------------------------------------	---	----

## NAMING OF STREETS

Street name plates have been fixed in the village of Packington. In addition a survey has been completed of the Coleorton/Worthington area and name plates ordered so that they can be fixed. A survey for the numbering of houses in the villages of Worthington and Newbold has also been carried out.

## TENTS, VANS, SHEDS

A survey carried out of all vans in the area has shown that none complied fully with the new regulations, but by the end of the year almost the whole of the necessary work has been carried out. These consisted in the main of improving drainage, hard standings and water supply.

At the end of December there were 22 sites which had licences, the sites consisting chiefly of single vans; of these 10 were vacant, 7 complied fully with the regulations, 2 complied partly and at 3 the necessary work had not been carried out.





In one case the owner had been advised that she must clear the site and the other two had not had sufficient time to carry out the work. A site for 2 vans was refused.

#### NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS

(other than work connected with Improvement Grants/Standard Grants)

New drainage systems laid to the sewer	13
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	10
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	1
New drainage to septic tank	1
Septic tank provided	1
Pail closets abolished	10
Visits of inspection	29

A grant of not more than £10. 0. 0. is given to encourage the conversion of pails, pans etc., to water closets.

#### SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work of enlarging the Measham Sewage Works was almost completed at the year end but it had been found that the media in the two existing filters was perished and a scheme was put in hand for replacing this.

Authority was received for proceeding with the Atherstone Road, Measham, Newbold/Griffydam, and Swepstone/Newton Burgoland schemes and by December tenders for the carrying out of the necessary work had been accepted.

Measurements have been taken to determine the extent to which the Ravenstone works must be enlarged in order to improve these and bring them up to modern standards, but I think there is little doubt that the existing works will have to be demolished and new ones constructed completely.

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand	104
Blocked sewers cleared	29
Inspection of sewage works and pumping stations	133

#### WATER SUPPLY

Further meetings were held and agreements reached in connection with the formation of a Joint Board for North West Leicestershire. Small Committees were set up to consider the technical and financial aspects and the preparation of a draft Order was commenced.



Number of samples taken for analysis from wells	:	7
Number of samples satisfactory	:	3
Number of samples unsatisfactory	:	4
Number of visits	:	37

### HOUSING

#### New buildings, additions, extensions, improvements etc.,

New houses by local authority	23
New houses by private enterprise (includes 12 bungalows)	29
New houses drained to sewer	44
New houses drained to septic tanks	8
New houses with water from public main	52
Kitchens	2
Colliery buildings	13
New houses with water closets	52
Garages completed	61
Workshops	5
Office accommodation	2
Farm buildings	19
Bathrooms and hot water systems	56
Bedrooms	3
Pails converted to water closets	16
Miscellaneous	15
Canteens	1
Public houses	6
Shop extensions	5
Slaughterhouses extended	2
Visits of inspection	317
Visits to Council properties	58

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947

Administration in connection with development under the Act is carried out by the Council in conjunction with the Western Area Sub-Committee of the Leicestershire County Council.

During the year 260 applications were made in respect of permission to develop.



## BUILDING BYELAWS

During the year 194 plans were submitted for consideration under the Building Byelaws.

### LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE

30 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase, and in the majority of cases loans were approved. 33 visits of inspection were made.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

These grants are discretionary, Councils being themselves able to decide as a matter of policy whether to make grants or not.

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Just over two thirds of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

Number of applications approved	17
Number of works completed	10
Grants refused	1
Total amount paid by way of grant	£3,493
Bathrooms	10
Hot water systems	10
Bedrooms provided	1
Kitchens provided	1
Wash hand basins provided	10
Sinks provided	8
Water closets provided	9
Pails abolished	5
Drainage	10
Paving	7
New windows	48
Staircases	4
New floors	21
Fireplaces	14
New food stores	9
Septic tanks provided	6
Damp proof courses provided	5
Coal stores provided	2
Rooms plastered	4
Roofs raised	2
Visits and revisits	173



## Almshouses

During the year the majority of the work was completed at the Almshouses in connection with the improvement schemes at Coleorton and Appleby Magna and the work at Ravenstone was completed.

At Ravenstone this work included complete reconstruction internally and the provision of water lavatories, bathrooms, hot water systems, food stores, damp proof courses, additional ventilation, new floors and general repairs. 20 self contained flats were provided.

A scheme for the renovation of one house, which is of historic interest and which had been subject to a Closing Order was submitted to and approved by the Council. A grant is being made towards this by this Council and by the Ministry of Works.

### STANDARD GRANTS

Standard Grants are not discretionary, all local authorities must make grants where the property has a life of not less than 15 years. The amounts which must be given are set out in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, as amended by the Housing Act, 1961 and grant can only be given in order to provide certain amenities, i.e., (a) a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom, (b) a wash hand basin, (c) a hot water system, (d) a water closet in the dwelling, and (e) satisfactory facilities for the storage of food.

Approximately three-quarters of the applications have been from owner/occupiers.

Applications approved	23
Works completed	28
Total paid by way of grant	£2,893
New bathrooms	22
Hot water systems	24
Water closets	16
Wash hand basins	24
Food stores	12
Pails abolished	8
Septic tanks provided	8
Visits and revisits	104





RENT ACT, 1957

Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	1
Refusals to issue Certificates	-
Certificates issued in respect of some defects only	1
Certificates issued in respect of all defects	-
Undertakings given by Landlords to carry out repairs	-
Undertakings not accepted by Local Authority	-
Certificates of Disrepair issued	1
Applications for cancellation of Certificates	18
Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	13
Decisions of Local Authority to cancel despite objection	2
Certificates cancelled	7
Revisits of inspection	57

Defects remedied

Wall plaster repaired	2
Boilers repaired	1
Decorations renewed	3
Ceiling plaster repaired	2
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	6
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed	4
Doors and frames repaired	9
Windows repaired	23
Roofs repaired	5
Floors repaired	5
Chimney stacks repaired	1
Fireplaces and/or cookers repaired	2
Walls repaired	5
Water closets repaired	3
Skirting board repaired	2
Coal stores repaired	4
Drainage	1

SLUM CLEARANCE

Progress has of necessity slowed down. A number of scheduled properties remain to be dealt with but the question of re-housing is holding up progress.

Number of visits of inspection : 60



## Closing Orders

Dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders made Nil

## Demolition Orders

Dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders made	5
Number of dwellings demolished as a result of Orders	5
Dwellings demolished following unfit conditions	1
Number of persons rehoused	31
Dwellings where undertakings to renovate were accepted	3
Demolition Orders revoked	2
Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders made	1

May I again express my thanks to you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council for the consideration you have shown during the year, my appreciation to Doctor Segerdal, the Clerk of the Council and the Accountant.

I would also thank the members of my department for their ever ready assistance and conscientiousness.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. S. Curtis.

Prepared and printed in the  
department of the  
Surveyor and Public Health Inspector



