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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

1962

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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September, 1963.

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 1962.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the population remains exactly the same at 13,660.

The birth rate 13.7 is lower than last year (13.8) and lower than that for England and Wales (18.0).

The death rate 12.7 is higher than last year (12.0) and higher than that for England and Wales (11.9). The death rate of infants under one year is 21.3 compared with 15.9 in 1961, and England and Wales 21.4 and the still birth rate is 41.0 compared with 18.1 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 397 septic tanks in the district and 27 septic tanks were constructed and 1 abolished during the year. 49 closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

64 houses were completed during the year making a total of 1085 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 168 and the number of applications received during the year was 53.

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

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There were 61 cases of infectious diseases during the year, 49 Measles, 2 Pneumonia and 10 Whooping Cough. There were 3 deaths from Pneumonia. Early in the year, as the result of a contact of a case of Smallpox from Birmingham visiting the area, a considerable amount of work was involved in visiting and following up contacts, and a state of near panic existed in the district.

A case of Salmonella infection which started in June was still excreting the organisms at the end of the year, although symptomless.

It is interesting to note that a case of Brucellosis was discovered in a female patient during the year and it is quite likely that there have been other cases.

I am pleased to record that the number of children being immunised against Diphtheria still remains high.

During the year 4 cases of Tuberculosis were added to the register, 3 new notifications all male pulmonary and one female non-pulmonary transferred from another district.

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,

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SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions

Area (in acres)	28,267
Resident Population (R.G's. estimate)	13,660
Number of inhabited houses	4,552
Rateable Value (1st April 1962)	£161,480
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 638
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

	Rural District	England & Wales
Live Births	187	
Live Birth rate	13.7	18.0
Still Births	8	
Still Births rate per 1000 (live & still)	41.0	18.1
Total Births	195	
Infant Deaths	4	
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 live Births	21.3	21.4
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 legitimate births	11.2	
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate births	22.2	
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live Births	16.0	15.1
Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first week) per 1000 related live Births	10.7	
Perinatal Mortality rate (first week combined with still birth rate) per 1000 total live and still births	51.3	

	Rural District	England & Wales
Percentage of illegitimate live Births	4.8	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	3.0
Maternal mortality rate (including abortion) per 1000 total Births	.0	0.35

Births

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births :	Legitimate	101	77	178
	Illegitimate	3	6	9
		104	83	187
Still Births :	Legitimate	2	5	7
	Illegitimate	1	0	1
		3	5	8
Total Births (Live and Still)		107	88	195
Deaths		92	65	157

	Rural District	England & Wales
Death rate per 1000 population	12.7	11.9

Causes of Death during 1962

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis respiratory	1	0	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	0	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	5	0	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	9	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	14	27
Coronary disease, angina	18	13	31
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
Other heart disease	10	11	21
Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
Pneumonia	3	0	3
Bronchitis	10	0	10
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	0	2
Congenital malformation	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	8	15
Motor vehicle accidents	6	0	6
All other accidents	1	0	1
	92	65	157

Chief causes of death were :

Disease of heart and circulation	85
Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	25
Disease of respiratory system	20

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	2	0	2
	3	1	4

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	2	1	3

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	2	0	2

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 (Staunton Harold Hall)

This Home is the largest Cheshire home in Britain and is largely supported by voluntary contributions.

During the year ten new patients were admitted, thirteen patients received hospital treatment; five patients transferred, two upon marriage to Astor Hall, Plymouth, two to the West Midland Cheshire Home, and one to Hill Crest Hospital; one patient left; thirty holiday patients were admitted for periods of two to four weeks; four patients died, two in the Home and two in hospital.

The total number of patients in the home at the end of the year was 41, 26 males and 15 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	39
Sputa	36
Water	4
Ice Cream	11
Blood	5
Vaginal cervical swabs	1
Miscellaneous	5
	102

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 F

PREVALANCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1962

Disease	Final No. after Correction	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	10	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	49	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Totals	61	-	-

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

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever
Under 1 year	1	3	-
1 to 2	3	4	-
2 to 3	-	1	-
3 to 4	2	3	-
4 to 5	-	-	-
5 to 9	3	13	-
10 to 14	-	11	-
15 to 24	1	11	-
25 and over	-	3	-
Totals	10	49	-

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

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Diseases in each Parish during year 1962

Parish	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Total
Appleby Magna	1	30	-	31
Bardon	-	-	-	-
Chilcote	-	3	-	3
Coleorton	-	-	-	-
Heather	-	1	-	1
Measham	7	2	-	9
Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	2	2	1	5
Osgathorpe	-	-	-	-
Packington	-	-	-	-
Ravenstone	-	3	-	3
Snarestone	-	5	-	5
Staunton Harold	-	3	-	3
Stretton-en le-Field	-	-	-	-
Swannington	-	-	1	1
Swepstone	-	-	-	-
Worthington	-	-	-	-
Totals	10	49	2	61

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

Year 1962	Appleby Magna	Bardon	Chilcote	Coleorton	Heather	Measham	Normanton-le-Heath	Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	Osgathorpe	Packington	Ravenstone	Snarestone	Staunton Harold	Stretton-en-le-Field	Swannington	Swepstone	Worthington	Totals
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
April	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	12
May	13	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	16
June	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
July	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
August	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
November	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
December	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Totals	30	-	3	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	3	5	3	-	-	-	-	49

Smallpox Contacts

The son of one of the Smallpox cases in the Birmingham area visited a house near this district, attending Church service, morning and evening. Some 40 people attended both services. All these people and their families were vaccinated and as there were several people who lived in various areas both near and far, the appropriate Medical Officers of Health were notified. A large amount of visiting and enquiry was necessary, but it was made much easier by the co-operation of all Church members. The state of panic which existed brought numerous enquiries from people, particularly by telephone, which considerably interfered with one's work.

It was found necessary to call out the Smallpox Consultant in a case of sudden death, but on investigation it showed the cause of death entirely different, and there was no connection with any case of Smallpox.

Salmonella Infection

A man with a wife and eight children took ill in June with abdominal symptoms which necessitated his removal to hospital. It was found that he was suffering from a severe Salmonella typhimurium infection. He was some two months in hospital. It was found that haematoma on the skin which he developed were infected with Salmonella. There was no evidence of Food Poisoning and no other member of the family took ill but he was still excreting Salmonella at the end of the year, although in good health.

Paratyphoid Contacts

A young lady who had been in contact with cases of Paratyphoid during a visit to Israel and Jordan was kept under observation for some time but remained in good health.

Brucellosis

A young lady was sent to hospital where her illness was diagnosed as Brucellosis being quickly and successfully treated. Previously two neighbours had been ill and it is possible that they had Brucellosis and there is little doubt that they were infected by drinking unpasteurised milk from their own herd.

Dysentery

Towards the end of the year there was a good deal of illness of the mild Dysentery type. All the cases notified, however, proved negative on investigation.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st January - 31st December 1962

Age at 31st December 1962	Under 1 1962	1 1961	2 1960	3 1959	4 1958	5 1957	6 1956	7 1955	8 1954	9 1953	10 1952	11 1951	12 1950	13 1949	14 1948	Total
Primary Immunisation	66	110	15	3				2					2			198
Booster Injection		6	2	2	17			135					3			165

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Register of Notifications of cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1962

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	12	5	10	7	34
Number of cases notified for first time during the year	3	-	-	-	3
Number of cases restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification	-	-	-	1	1
Number of cases removed from Register during the year	5	4	2	4	15
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	10	3	6	4	23

Tuberculosis - Year 1962

Causes of Removal from Register

	MALES		FEMALES		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	
Cured	2	2	3	4	11
Left District	-	-	1	-	1
Died	3	-	-	-	3
Total	5	2	4	4	15

Most Tuberculosis cases and contacts were examined at the Chest Unit at Markfield Hospital.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Leicestershire.

September, 1963.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to present this Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1962.

As will be seen from an examination of this report, the year has been one of consolidation and extension of work commenced, or in course of preparation the previous year. There has been a slow but continuing clearance of unfit houses. Sewage schemes are beginning to take shape. At the year end there remained five villages with no sewage scheme. Schemes are being prepared for two of these villages - Normanton-le-Heath and Chilcote. The preparation of a scheme for Coleorton will, without doubt be held up indefinately because of severe mining subsidence and I do not imagine that it will ever be practicable to provide schemes for the two remaining villages - Bardon and Staunton Harold. Much remains to be done, however, by the reconstruction of old and overloaded sewage works; renewal of sewers damaged by mining subsidence and extension of sewers in villages such as Appleby Magna.

At long last, approval in principle has been received to the scheme for enlarging Burton Road Culvert, Measham, to prevent flooding of the adjoining property. A scheme for cleaning out Appleby Magna brookcourse (Approximately $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles) is in course of preparation.

Steady progress has been made in getting improvements carried out to the various food premises, and there appears now to be a genuine desire on the part of the occupiers of food premises to improve their premises voluntarily; to provide amenities such as hot water to sinks and to be clean in their food handling methods - due to a greater realisation that food hygiene is necessary and to the fact that as premises improve and become more attractive, so sales improve.

During the year Circular 42/62 was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government asking local authorities to speed up improvement of houses with the aid of Standard and Improvement Grants.

This Authority has always been forward looking in this respect and immediately agreed to the request. Every owner of property in the Rural District is to be made acquainted with the provisions of the Acts; the fact that loans will be made by the Council as necessary, and owners will be provided with sketch plans suggesting various ways of altering and improving four standard types of houses. At the end of the year, circulars had been sent to approximately half the owners of properties in the village of Donisthorpe.

One must confess, however, to being very puzzled by requests from the Ministry on the one hand to speed up grant aided work and the delays which are experienced when trying to get decisions from the Ministry on individual cases. One can understand the layman being even more puzzled by some of the decisions which have to be given to him. There is the case where the owner of two adjoining sub-standard two bedroomed terrace cottages wants to improve these and make them into one house - which is the sensible thing to do but we are told, no, grant cannot be given in this case, each house must be made into a single bedroomed house. I can appreciate that in some areas and in the proper location, single bedroomed houses can have a value to the district, but I think the local authority should be allowed to use its discretion in such cases. Where a man owns and occupies a terrace cottage and owns the adjoining cottage it is common sense to convert the two into one, and it seems most unfair that he cannot have grant aid.

It is obvious that cooking facilities must be available in a house. We are told that opportunities should be taken to replace inefficient and wasteful old fashioned grates by modern solid fuel appliances when improvements and conversions are carried out and yet in Circular 29/62 we are told we cannot give grant towards a solid fuel appliance installed for both cooking and heating water but we can allow a proportion of the cost - for that part of the stove used in connection with the provision of hot water only. This just does not make sense to me.

WATER SUPPLY

During the year the position on the Heather side of the district became very precarious and it became necessary to call the attention of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to this. As a result of a visit from an Engineering Inspector of the Ministry, arrangements were made for us to have a small emergency supply through the mains of an adjoining authority. The position on this side of the district has become precarious because the Council, quite rightly, some three years ago, having in mind the imminence of the North West Leicestershire Joint Water Board did not proceed with a geological survey for the sinking of an additional borehole, as they would undoubtedly have done, had they been allowed to carry on with their own water undertaking. It would have been short sighted policy to spend public money on a borehole which in all probability would not be required by a new Board. The Board, however, has taken longer to form than originally thought with the result that this Council are now suffering through no fault of their own.

Towards the year end, because of the desperate situation which was arising the Council did decide, as a matter of urgency to put down a standby bore at the side of No. 2 Bore in Mill Lane, Heather, this to use an existing pump, starter etc., At the year end it did not appear that this bore would be successful. The position is bound to get worse and the sooner the North West Leicestershire Joint Water Board is formed, the better.

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
4470	Est. 13,393	22	Est. 77	60	Est. 190

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains : 16 from private reservoirs : 1

Number of parishes without a piped supply :

One (Bardon)

In 13 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	1	Nil	Nil

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

With the exception of one or two minor items the Measham Sewage Works extension has been completed. Sewers were laid to carry out the Atherstone Road scheme, but this was held up at the year end owing to the failure of the Electrical Sub-Contractor to carry out wiring in the pumping station when requested. Work proceeded satisfactorily on the Griffydam/Newbold and Swepstone/Newton Burgoland schemes.

Further investigations were carried out in connection with the Ravenstone Sewage Works reconstruction scheme, and the possibility of pumping Sewage from the village of Normanton-le-Heath to these works.

Relaying of Ashby Road, Measham, sewers - damaged by mining subsidence - was commenced and at the year end agreement had been reached with the National Coal Board for the further extension of this scheme to deal with damaged sewers and drains in the area of the Council Houses, Ashby Road, Measham.

Advance information was received from the National Coal Board of damage during the next eighteen months to the outfall sewers to the Donisthorpe Sewage Works and as these works require enlargement, it seems necessary to investigate both the question of pumping to the existing works and also the question of whether the works themselves should be resited.

Negotiations have taken place with the National Coal Board in connection with the installation of a pumping station at Swannington to pump sewage to the Coalville Urban District Council works rather than re-construct the Swannington Works now badly damaged due to mining subsidence.

The time has come when many manhole covers and frames require raising to conform to new road levels and covers and frames up to 30 years old are beginning to require renewal.

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand.	125
Blocked sewers cleared.	17
Inspection of sewage works and pumping stations.	101
Number of septic tanks constructed during the year.	27
Number of cesspools abolished during the year.	1
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in district at 31/12/62.	397

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS

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

New drainage systems laid to the sewer	29
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	4
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	1
New drainage to septic tank	1
Septic tank provided	1
Pail closets abolished	21
Visits of inspection	85

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

Closet Accommodation

Total number in district on 31st December, 1962.

Privies : 6 Pail Closets : 760 Water Closets : 3786

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	63
Complaints received	86
Premises inspected	90
Groundless complaints	4
Revisits to work in hand	135
Miscellaneous visits	6
Premises at which nuisances abated	79
Informal notices served	82
Statutory notices served	-
Pan closets repaired	6
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared (does not include sewers)	45
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	5
Chimneys repaired	4
Damp walls remedied	9
Ditches cleaned out	3
Windows repaired or renewed	11
Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided	2
Plastering repaired	8
Obstructed footpaths cleared	2

Complaints (continued)

Roof repaired	8
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	3
Floors repaired	2
Smoke nuisances abated	1
Offensive accummulations removed	2
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	7
Dangerous walls made safe	2
Pumps repaired	1
Culverts repaired	1
Cellar flooding abated	6
Standpipes provided	1
Water pipes repaired	2
Damp proof courses inserted	1

Inspections made

Animal keeping	3	
Bakehouses	3	
Dairies	3	
Drainage works	231	
Dwelling houses	885	
Food poisoning inquiries	8	
Infectious diseases	9	
Smoke control	12	
Food premises	92	
Refuse collection and disposal	131	
Rodent control	12	- (Plus 1262 carried out by Rodent Operator)
Shops	6	
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	257	
Tents, vans, sheds etc.,	32	
Verminous and dirty premises	-	
Water supplies	32	
Factories and workplaces	109	
Other inspections	494	
	2319	

Notices

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January, 1962	-	24
Issued during the year	-	82
Complied with during the year	-	79
Outstanding 31st December, 1962	-	27
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January, 1962	-	3
Issued during the year	-	2
Complied with during the year	-	5
Outstanding 31st December, 1962	-	--

CARAVAN SITES

At the 31st December, 1962, 26 sites had been licensed for individual vans and one site for 3 vans. In the main the conditions attached to site licenses seem to have discouraged owners going ahead with the sites and in actual fact only a few sites are actually in use.

The Council decided themselves to develop a site at Appleby Magna for 16 vans, the site to be laid out with roads, footpaths, street lighting, drainage, a central ablution block with water closets etc.

The cost will be in the region of £4,000 and the scheme has been submitted to the Ministry for approval.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A Rodent Operator employed by the Council works on these duties every other week. Free treatments are carried out at domestic premises and a charge made at business and agricultural premises.

A total of 570 premises were inspected by him during the year, 183 premises treated and 1262 visits made.

HOUSING

New Houses

Houses completed during the year	TYPE		Average cost per house excluding site works and land	Average rent exclusive of rates
	Prefab Permanent	Permanent		
By Local Authority	-	-	-	-
Private Enterprise	-	64	-	-

Houses in course of construction at year end

By Local Authority	-	22	-	-
Private Enterprise	-	35	-	-

Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	...	705
Total number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	...	380
Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	...	168
Total number of applications received for Council Houses during the year	...	53
Total number of Council Houses in the district prior to 1939	...	322
Total number of occupied Council Houses in the district	...	1,042
Total number of occupied houses in the district	...	4,552

12 transfers were effected during the year, 1 exchange took place between a Council house tenant and the tenant of a privately owned house.

Approval has been received for the erection of the old peoples block together with a bungalow and two pairs of houses at Cross Street, Measham. It is six years since this development was first envisaged and it is difficult to appreciate that at long last the work is to start. 22 houses are in course of erection at Appleby Magna - the second stage in the development of Parkfield Crescent.

Schemes are in course of preparation for houses and an old peoples block to redevelop the site of old houses, Balls Yard, Heather which the Council purchased; for development of a site at Normanton Road, Packington and for houses and an old peoples block at Chapel Street, Oakthorpe. The actual layouts and house construction plans are at present being prepared for the Council by a firm of private architects.

Efforts were made to obtain a site for a block of old peoples houses in Snarestone with little success and land here is needed for a garage site.

Negotiations were commenced in connection with the purchase of The White House, Osgathorpe in order to make better use of land adjoining, already owned by the Council.

A scheme has been prepared for a garage site for 10 garages at Ramscliff Avenue, Donisthorpe.

Surfacing of the forecourt to the garage site and access was completed at The Pinfold, Measham and the garage site at St. Matthews Avenue, Worthington was extended to take a further six garages.

A scheme was prepared and tenders obtained for a site for 7 garages, New Street, Measham, but this was shelved because of the high cost of the land.

New buildings, additions, extensions, improvements etc.,

New houses by local authority	-
New houses by private enterprise	64
New houses drained to sewer	60
New houses drained to septic tanks	4
New houses with water from public main	64
Kitchens	5
Colliery Buildings	7
New houses with water closets	64
Garages completed	52
Workshops	5
Office accommodation	1
Farm buildings	6
Bathrooms and hot water systems	41
Bedrooms	2
Canteens	1
Shop extensions	2
Schoolroom to dwelling	1
Petrol Station extension	1
House to shop	2
Industrial buildings	9
Two houses into one	4
New school	1
Visits of inspection	376
Visits to Council properties	70
Miscellaneous	7

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 224 applications were made in respect of permission to develop.

BUILDING BYELAWS

During the year 220 plans were submitted for consideration under the Building Byelaws.

ALMS HOUSES

Work at Coleorton Alms Houses was completed. The existing dwellings were converted to five flats together with provision of a wash house etc., The three downstairs flats have a communal bathroom and W.C. and the two upstairs have a communal bathroom and W.C. Hot water was provided in each flat which was modernised.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE

46 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. 49 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	18
Number of works completed	16
Grants refused	1
Total amount paid by way of grant	£4,953
Bathrooms	16
Hot water systems	16
Sinks provided	12
Water closets provided	16
Pails abolished	14
Drainage	16
Paving	6
New windows	87
Staircases	3
New floors	29
Fireplaces	20
New food stores	8
Septic tanks provided	11
Damp proof courses provided	12
Coal stores provided	2
Roofs raised	4
New sewer connections	3
Water laid on	4
Electric light provided	4
Visits and revisits	103

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	50
Applications refused	1
Works completed	32
Total paid by way of grant	£3028
New bathrooms	25
Hot water systems	28
Water closets	27
Wash hand basins	27
Food stores	6
Pails abolished	14
Septic tanks provided	10
New connections to sewer	1
Visits and revisits	154

General

Since the inception of the grant schemes a total of 182 improvement grants have been approved and a total of 136 standard grants. It will be seen therefore that to the end of 1962, formal grants have been offered to 7% of the total houses in the district and informal offers have been made in respect of 487 properties (10.7% of the total houses in the district).

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	-
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	-
Applications for cancellation of Certificates	7
Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	4
Decisions of Local Authority to cancel despite objection	1
Certificates cancelled	4
Revisits of inspection	15

SLUM CLEARANCE

There has been an increase in the number of houses dealt with but progress is still held up due to re-housing problems.

Number of visits of inspection : 92

Houses Demolished

In Clearance Areas	Houses Demolished	Displaced During Year	
		Persons	Families
Houses unfit for human habitation.	-	-	-
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	20	20	8
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-
Houses in respect of which demolition order made.	-	-	-
Unfit Houses Closed			
Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	4	-	-
Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action by Local Authority	63	-
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
Under Section 24 of the Housing Act, 1957	4	-

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	...	62
Number of samples taken	...	11

Results of samples : Grade 1 : 9 Grade 2 : 2

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	2
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	2
		Distributors	2

Biological Milk Samples

Number of routine bulk samples taken	:	40
Results satisfactory	:	40
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	2235
Number of animals examined therein	2235
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	8%
Number of Knackers yards in area	1
Number of visits to Knackers yards	4
Number of visits to Slaughter houses	262
Number of visits to Butchers shops	40

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

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

Number of premises inspected	31
Number of inspections made for the purpose	52
Number of informal notices served	11
Number of informal notices complied with	13
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31/12/62	3
Number of premises modernised	3
Number with hot water supply laid on	4
Number of new school kitchens built and re-equipped	1
Number of kitchens improved	1
Number of premises cleansed and redecorated	2
Number of additional W.C.'s	1
Number of W.C.'s replaced or repaired	3
Number of shops closed (voluntary)	2

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	522	-	-	1088	625
Number inspected	522	-	-	1088	625
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	38	-	-	10	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	7.3	-	-	1.6	-
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.6
Cystircercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The new slaughter house at Measham and the modernised premises at Swannington have proved satisfactory. Killing has increased some 45% over the previous year, due chiefly to the fact that improved conditions at Measham have lead to more slaughtering being carried out there.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

Part I of the Act

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

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Written Notices
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	36	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	73	-
	47	109	

	No. of cases in which defects were found		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Unsuitable and defective sanitary conveniences (S. 7)	3	3	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Sections 111 (1) (c)
Wearing apparel making etc.	9

NAMING OF STREETS

Street name plates have been fixed in the villages of Appleby Magna, Coleorton, Newbold and Worthington. A survey has been completed of the villages of Chilcote, Newton Burgoland and Swepstone and name plates have been purchased ready for fixing. The villages of Newbold and Worthington have been numbered. A survey has been carried out for the numbering of Appleby Magna and the Griffydam area of Worthington parish.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

During the year it has been necessary to make 131 visits in connection with public cleansing. Efforts have been made to find a suitable tip in the Measham area. Various depressions and holes in farmers fields were being used at the year end and negotiations were taking place with The British Waterways for the Council to take over the length of disused canal between the bottom of Chapel Street, Measham and a point 350 yards to the east of Chapel Street, Oakthorpe. In addition planning permission has been obtained for the use of a field off Burton Road, Measham and a small disused length of old canal at Osgathorpe.

Following demonstrations by two firms of rear loading refuse collection vehicles the Council decided to replace one of the existing side loaders with a freighter type rear loader with compressing equipment.

During the year, following some reorganisation it became possible to reduce one of the three collection teams to a $6\frac{1}{2}$ day collection service and it is anticipated that further reductions will be made when the new freighter becomes available.

PETROLEUM

Visits are made in respect of all new installations; excavations for tanks inspected, and the tanks, pipe lines etc, inspected and tested before a licence to use is issued.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Routine inspections are made. Much minor damage is caused throughout the year, especially during the darker evenings. Although the Police do their best it is very difficult to catch the culprits.

STREET LIGHTING

Following representations from one Parish Council the Rural District Council decided to invite all parishes to relinquish their street lighting powers, the duty to be carried out in the future by the Rural District Council. A meeting was held and attended by representatives of the various parishes and with three exceptions all the Parish Councils or Parish Meetings had expressed themselves in favour of this by the year end.

When the Rural District Council becomes the Street Lighting Authority it is the intention to improve all existing lights in the various parishes, and gradually increase these in number and promote a scheme for efficient lighting of the trunk road where it passes through the built up areas.

I would once again express to you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council my thanks for your help and for your consideration, my appreciation to Dr. Segerdal, the Clerk of the Council and the Accountant for their help and advice and I wish to express to the members of my own staff my thanks for the willing and conscientious way in which they have carried out their duties.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. S. Curtis.