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AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1970.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Ellis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year.

I would also thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. McGOWAN

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1971

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

General Statistics

Area of District	90,956 acres
Population: 1931 Census	22,076
1951 "	26,535
1961 "	30,796
Registrar General's Estimate for Mid 1970	38,860
Rateable Value (1.4.71)	£1,514,224
Number of Inhabited Houses	12,680

Extracts from Vital Statistics for Year 1970

LIVE BIRTHS:

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	255	260	515
Illegitimate	7	15	22
	262	275	537

LIVE BIRTHS RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 13.8

CORRECTED BIRTH RATE: (Comparability Factor 1.13) = 15.6

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS: (per cent of total live births) = 4% (England and Wales = 8%)

	Male	Female	Total
<u>STILL BIRTHS:</u>			
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	3	2	5

STILL BIRTH RATE: (Per 1,000 live and still births) = 9 (England and Wales = 13%)

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 542

INFANT DEATHS: (Deaths under 1 year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	5	7
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	2	6	8

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 live births) = 15

LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 legitimate live births) = 14

ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 illegitimate live births) = 45

NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live births) = 11

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 11

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) = 20

MATERNAL DEATHS = Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and still births) = Nil

DEATHS

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
223	205	428

UNCORRECTED DEATH RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 11.0

CORRECTED DEATH RATE: (comparability factor 0.96) = 10.6

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

The Registrar General gives the corrected number of live births in the District as 537 (262 boys and 275 girls), this being 5 births less than in 1969. Of these births 22 were illegitimate, i.e. 4% of the total. The corresponding percentage for England and Wales was 8%.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1970 was 13.8 and when the comparability factor (1.13) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 15.6 per 1,000 of the total population compared with 16.3 in 1969. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1970 was 16.0.

BIRTH RATES

<u>Year</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
England and Wales	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0
Axbridge Rural District	15.2	18.8	18.1	19.0	19.9	18.5	18.8	16.9	16.3	16.3

STILL BIRTHS

The registered number of still births in 1970 was 5 of which none were illegitimate, thus giving a still birth rate of 9 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS - ALL AGES

After correction for transferable deaths the net total assigned to the District by the Registrar General was 428 (223 males and 205 females). This is 40 less than in 1969 and gives an uncorrected death rate of 11.0. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the death rate was 10.6 per 1,000 of total population compared with 11.7 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from maternal causes in 1970.

INFANT MORTALITY

Eight children (2 boys and 6 girls) under the age of one year, died in 1970. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 15 per 1,000 live births, compared with 18 for England and Wales as a whole.

		SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1- 4	5- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65- 74	75+
Late effects of respiratory T.B.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other infective & Parasitic Diseases	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	8	1	1
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	5
Benign & Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Multiple Sclerosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	28	15
	F	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	11	20
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11
	F	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	11	19	19
	F	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	8	25	25
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	5	5
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	8	8
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1
Pneumonia	M	18	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	6	8	8
	F	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	4	4
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

CAUSES OF DEATH (contd.)	SEX	Total Under 4 weeks 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75+											
		all	4	& under	4	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	
		Ages	Weeks	1 year									
Asthma	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Respiratory System	F	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruct-	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
ion & Hernia	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Liver	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Digestive System	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
Nephritis and	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Nephrosis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases,	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Genito-Urinary System	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diseases of Skin,	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subcutaneous Tissue	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skeletal System	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Congenital	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anomalies	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes of	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perinatal Mortality	F	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & Ill Defined	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conditions	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle	M	7	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	-
Accidents	F	5	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Suicide & Self-	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Inflicted Injuries	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
All other External	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Causes	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
<u>TOTAL of all</u>	M	223	2	-	-	3	2	3	5	10	35	82	81
<u>causes</u>	F	205	4	2	2	1	5	2	4	9	26	49	101
<u>FINAL TOTAL :</u>		428	6	2	2	4	7	5	9	19	61	131	182

WATER SUPPLIES

No shortage of water supplies was reported from any part of the District in 1970.

Every Parish has a piped main water supply and 12,670 houses are supplied directly in this way by the Bristol Waterworks Company. However, although every parish has a main water supply, not every house can be supplied directly from the mains and there are still 90 houses in the District relying on other sources. Three are supplied from a main water standpipe, fifty-five depend on wells, twenty-two on springs and ten depend on collected rain water. During the year no piped supply was substituted for any of these sources.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of public supplies is carried out by the Bristol Waterworks Company, but some individual sampling is also done by the Council's Public Health Department. The results of such sampling are given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year, work was completed on Phases 2 & 3 of the Barwell - Langford Sewerage Scheme - Cost £145,000.

In progress was work on the Brent Knoll and Cross Sewerage Scheme - estimated cost £15,000.

Future proposals are (a) Brent Area Scheme (1972)-estimated cost £150,000.

(b) Mark (1971) - estimated cost £26,000.

(c) Congresbury & Kewstoke (1974-75) - estimated cost £470,000

(d) Axbridge, Winscombe & Cheddar Scheme (1972-74) - estimated cost £180,000.

The following Parishes in the District have main drainage and sewage disposal schemes:-

Axbridge	Brean	Congresbury	Shipham (part)
Barwell	Brent Knoll	Hutton	Wedmore
Berrow	(small part)	Kewstoke (small part)	Winscombe
Blagdon	Butcombe	Locking	Wrington
Bleadon	Cheddar	Mark (small part)	
	Churchill		

HOUSING

The following figures show the progress of new houses built in the District during the past 10 years :-

New Houses built by -

	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Private Enterprise</u>
1961	8	290
1962	29	247
1963	25	296
1964	24	444
1965	62	434
1966	17	328
1967	38	333
1968	27	460
1969	30	272
1970	42	248
	302	3,352

HOUSING contd...

In 1970, 42 houses were built by the Local Authority, bringing the total number of houses owned by the District Council to 1,862, while 248 houses were built by private enterprise. At the end of the year there were 395 applicants for Council housing, compared with 412 in December, 1969.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the notifications of infectious diseases in the District during the year:-

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>
Measles	330
Dysentery	1
Scarlet Fever	57
Whooping Cough	5
Infective Jaundice	23
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	3
(b) Meninges & C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	-
Diphtheria	-
Tetanus	-
Acute Meningitis	1
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	-
(b) Post Infectious	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Typhoid Fever	-
Food Poisoning	-

Measles were prevalent throughout the District in 1970, there being 330 cases notified compared with 89 in 1969. This is an infection which can now be prevented by immunisation, but it is doubtful whether there are sufficient children being immunised at present to prevent a widespread epidemic arising.

Scarlet fever notifications were also high in 1970 (57 cases notified) compared with 1969 (17 notifications).

Infective hepatitis (infective jaundice) appeared in Congresbury in August, 1970, and between then and February, 1971, 22 cases were notified from Congresbury. The outbreak was distinguished by (a) the high rate of infection within the family; (b) the tendency for adjacent households in a street to be affected; and (c) although a number of children attending the local school were infected, there was apparently no tendency for the infection to spread within the school. After the end of February 1971, no further cases were notified.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council, as the Local Health Authority, is responsible for the provision of a number of personal Health Services, mainly connected with maternity and child welfare, the School Health Service and mental health.

Child Health Clinics are held in twelve Villages in the District.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

As I mentioned in last year's Report, a definite site for the new District General Hospital has been decided, and the planning and design stages are now going ahead.

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To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1970:-

HOUSING

The following tables indicate the progress made during the year in dealing with sub-standard houses:-

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1969	634 applications (702 dwellings)	616 applications (682 dwellings)	18 applications (20 dwellings)
Applications dealt with during 1970	49 applications (65 dwellings)	47 applications (63 dwellings)	2 applications (2 dwellings)
Position at 31st December, 1970	683 applications (767 dwellings)	663 applications (745 dwellings)	20 applications (22 dwellings)

Amount of improvement grants paid to 31.12.70 £255,885.

The number of applications for improvement grants is nearly double the 1969 figure. This is almost certainly due to the increase in the maximum grant payable.

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Applications Approved</u>	<u>Applications Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1969	228	220	8
Applications dealt with during 1970	8	8	-
Position at 31st December, 1970	236	228	8

Amount of standard grants paid to 31.12.70 £25,894.

Statutory Action under the provisions of the Housing Acts

During the year, statutory action under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, was instituted in respect of 15 dwellings. The result of such action is summarised as follows:-

Cases under consideration at 31.12.69 11

During 1970

Demolition Orders made	-
Closing Orders made	6
Undertakings accepted not to use premises for human habitation until made fit	8
Undertakings accepted to make premises fit	1
Cases under consideration at 31.12.70	11
Number of houses demolished	14
Number of houses closed for habitation	2
Number of houses made fit	12

OVERCROWDING

On the 31st December, 1970, there were no cases of statutory overcrowding on the Register.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

A.	Number of licensed caravan sites (more than one caravan)	(a) Residential	7
		(b) Holiday	63
	Total number of caravans permitted on these sites	(a) Residential	392
		(b) Holiday	3,227
B.	Number of licensed caravan sites (single caravans)	(a) Residential	16
		(b) Holiday	5
C.	Number of tented sites licensed during the year		9
	Number of tents permitted on these sites		447

FOOD PREMISES

Details of the number of routine inspections of food premises are given in the summary at the end of this report.

No statutory proceedings were instituted during the year.

Particulars of the various types of food premises in the District are given below:-

<u>Food Premises in Area</u> (excluding registered dairy premises)	<u>No. of</u> <u>premises</u>	<u>Fitted to</u> <u>comply with</u> <u>Reg. 18</u> (Wash-hand Basins)	<u>To which</u> <u>Reg. 21</u> <u>applies</u> (Sinks)	<u>Fitted to</u> <u>comply with</u> <u>Reg. 21</u>
A. Food Manufacturing Premises				
Edible Fat Refineries	1	1	1	1
Cheese Straw Factory	1	1	1	1
Cheese Factories	3	3	3	3
Bakers	7	7	7	7
Pickle Factory	1	1	1	1
B. Wholesalers				
Greengrocers	3	3	-	-
Dairy Produce	3	3	3	3
Confectioners	1	1	-	-
Grocers	2	2	-	-
Cheese Depot	1	1	-	-
C. Retail Shops				
Grocers	124	124	-	-
Confectioners	55	55	-	-
Butchers	23	23	23	23
Fishmongers & Greengrocers (combined)	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	26	26	-	-
Dairies	2	2	2	2
D. Catering Premises (including School Meals and Licensed Premises)				
	201	200	201	201
E. Premises registered under the provisions of Sec. 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (excluding premises used for the Manufacture, Storage and Sale of Ice Cream)				
Sausage making	12	12	12	12
Fish Frying	7	7	7	7

MILK and DAIRIES

Registered Dairies	6
Number of Milk Distributors	107

ICE CREAM

The Ice Cream manufactured in the District is manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952 in a preparation room which has been specially adapted for the purpose.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream (complete cold mix)	1
Number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream	189

16 samples of Ice Cream sold from bulk were taken for laboratory examination. Results were as follows:-

Grade 1	...	8	Grade 3	...	1
" 2	...	6	" 4	...	1

WATER SUPPLIES

The following is a summary of the results of the bacteriological examination of the monthly water samples taken from the public supplies. All these supplies are chlorinated:-

		<u>Probable No. of Coliform</u> <u>Bacilli MacConkey 2 days</u> <u>37°C</u>	
		<u>0 per 100 ml.</u>	<u>1 per</u> <u>100 ml.</u>
Cheddar and Axbridge	12 samples		
South Mendip (Cross)	12 samples		
South Mendip (Dunyeatt)	12 samples		
North Mendip (Rowberrow)	10 samples		2 samples
Burrington	12 samples		
Blagdon	12 samples		
Kewstoke	12 samples		
North Mendip (Chelvey)	12 samples		
Total:	94 samples		2 samples

A sample of water from each of the above supplies was submitted for chemical analysis during the year. All these samples were reported upon by the Analyst as being free from plumbo-solvency or other harmful contamination.

22 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from private premises not receiving a supply from the public mains. 3 of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory.

UN SOUND FOOD SUPPLIED OR CONDEMNED

(Excluding meat at Slaughterhouses)

Meat at retail premises	-	10 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	-	Nil
Canned Meats and Fish	-	2 cwt. 61 lbs.
Canned Fruit and Vegetables	-	26 cwt. 38 lbs.
Fats and Cheese	-	10 cwts. 3 lbs.
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	-	Nil
Wet Fish	-	18 lbs.
Other Foods	-	11 cwt. 62 lbs.

MEAT INSPECTION

The two private slaughterhouses and the slaughterhouse at the Meat Research Institute at Langford continued in operation throughout the year.

There are no poultry processing establishments in the District.

The following table gives particulars of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	128	-	3	340	246	-
Number inspected	128	-	3	340	246	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	37	-	-	6	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	28.9	-	-	1.8	.8	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part of part of organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-</u>						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	348	-	-	11	7	-
TOTAL (in lbs.)	348	-	-	11	7	-

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

One cesspool emptying vehicle is in full time operation, with an additional vehicle as a standby.

Total number of septic tanks
and settlement tanks emptied
during the year : 1,223

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Increasing use is being made of the bulky refuse collection service.

Disposal of ordinary house refuse is to the controlled tip at Axbridge. Bulky refuse is tipped in the Barwell Quarry.

Number of Refuse Vehicles
in operation 8 (+ 1 stand-by)
1 for bulky refuse

Estimated amount of refuse
collected during the
year 13,124 tons

Total amount of salvaged
material disposed of
during the year :-

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.	£.	P.
(a) Rags	7	7	-	205	- 80
(b) Non-ferrous metals	3	2	3	379	- 87½

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

No complaints of noise nuisance were received during the year.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a copy of the report submitted to the Minister of Labour for the year ending 31st December, 1970:-

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during Year	Total No. of registered premises at end of Year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspections during Year
Offices	7	77	74
Retail Shops	5	131	125
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	10	7
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	3	56	56
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS:	15	274	262

B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

347

C. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	548
Retail Shops	318
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	65
Catering establishments open to the public	280
Canteens	9
Fuel Storage Depots	-

TOTAL:

1,220

Males 528
Females 692

D. Exemptions (relating to all classes of premises)

Space, Temperature, Sanitary Conveniences, Washing Facilities

No. of exemptions current at 31.12.70	Nil
No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	Nil
No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	Nil
No. of cases where employees opposed application	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court made	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court allowed	Nil

E. Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year	Nil
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F. Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act

4

Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act

Nil

SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL RETURN
On Form O.S.R.14 - Year ending 31.12.70

Inspection arrangements

Inspection arrangements continue to be on the lines indicated in the 1969 Report.

General requirements

There are no matters calling for special mention.

The Offices, Shops & Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations, 1968

These Regulations came into force on 28th May, 1969. Six lifts and hoists have been recorded in premises in the District. Two of these were found to be satisfactory. Two were modified to comply with the requirements of the Regulations. Alterations to the remaining two hoists were in hand at the end of the year.

DEFECTS REMEDIED AS THE RESULT OF INFORMAL ACTION

Abstracts provided	13
Overcrowding abated	-
Heating improved	-
Ventilation improved	1
Thermometers provided	17
Lighting improved	1
Floor and steps repaired	1
Seating improved	-
Machine guarding improved	3
Staircase - handrails provided	-
First Aid Kits provided	16
Washing facilities provided or improved	4
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	2
Eating facilities improved	-
Lifts and hoists improved	2

ACCIDENTS

The accidents notified during the year were again all of a minor character, mostly involving strains and bruises due to careless handling of goods.

Number of accidents reported 8

Number of accidents requiring
investigation and investigated -

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>NON</u> <u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
A. Total number of premises (including nearby properties) inspected following notifications	1,175	220
Number infested by (1) Rats	435	112
(2) Mice	82	15
B. Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reason other than notification	128	71
Number infested by (1) Rats	19	29
(2) Mice	-	6
C. Number of sewerage systems test baited		19
Number of sewerage systems needing treatment and treated for rat infestation		3
D. Number of Council owned properties (excluding Council Houses) treated for rat infestation		12
Number of treatments of Council owned properties for rat infestation		19
E. Number of premises treated by Council's rodent operator:		
(a) For rat infestation	429	8
(b) For rat and mouse infestation	36	2
(c) For mouse infestation	45	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions of health

	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of:</u>		<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
			<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	
(i)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	Nil	Nil
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	90	91	Nil	Nil
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' Premises)	12	6	Nil	Nil
	TOTALS:	105	100	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred:		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	1	1	-	1	-

PART VIII of the Act (Outwork Sections 133 and 134)

<u>Section 133</u>			<u>Section 134</u>		
<u>No. of out- workers in August list required by Sec.133(1)(c)</u>	<u>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</u>	<u>No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists</u>	<u>No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Prose- cutions</u>
Wig making	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dressing Dolls	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Glove Making	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
False Eyelashes	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
All other	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS:	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY OR UNDER THE
SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections made (including re-inspections)	4,589
Total number of houses and premises inspected	2,149
Number of inspections made of, and visits paid to:-	
Dwelling houses	1,808
Food premises and Catering establishments (Food & Drugs Act)	832
Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings	677
Factories	100
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	347
Ice-Cream Premises	21
Dairies	31
Drainage Systems	207
Swill Boiling Plants	14
Agricultural Holdings	7
Premises as the result of complaints of nuisance	538
Premises in connection with water supplies	21
Tests of Swimming Bath Water	90
Investigations into cases of Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	50
Drain tests of Drainage Systems believed to be defective	35
Smoke observations	Nil
Samples of faeces submitted for laboratory examination	14
Premises disinfested or disinfected	21

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and the Medical Officer of Health, the other Chief Officers of the Council and the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. ELLIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

