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## AYLESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

43, BUCKINGHAM STREET,

AYLESBURY,

BUCKS.

August, 1961.



To the Chairman and Members of the  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF AYLESBURY.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and vital statistics of the Aylesbury Rural District Council for the year 1960. Included in the Report are copies of Mass Radiography Surveys conducted during the year by No. 1 Unit of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board at St. John's Hospital, Stone and Grendon Hall Prison.

The incidence of infectious disease generally throughout the District was remarkably low, a total of 61 cases being recorded, as this was a year when measles was not prevalent. Four cases of diphtheria were notified during the year, a potent reminder of danger and a warning to the public generally to maintain a high level of protective immunisation. The first case notified was an adult recently discharged from an institution, she had never been immunised. Three further cases of contacts (who had not been immunised) were discovered, and by prompt isolation and appropriate treatment the outbreak was quickly extinguished, and spread outside the institution prevented. All the cases recovered completely and I am most grateful for the grand assistance instantly given by the medical and nursing staff in the emergency. The dysentery cases notified were of a mild type, as was the case of food poisoning.

It was found necessary at the request of the Welfare Authority to remove one aged bedridden person to hospital under the National Assistance Act, 1951.

I thank the Members of the Council, the staff generally, and the Public Health Department staff in particular, for their guidance and loyal assistance throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN T. C. SIMS-ROBERTS,

M.B., CH.B., L.R.C.P.



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) Area of the District.....	89,313 ac
(b) Total Population (Estimated mid-1960).....	32,710
(c) Number of inhabited houses, (end of 1960, according to Rate Book).....	9,700
(d) Rateable Value.....	£377,569
(e) Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....	£1,520

## V I T A L      S T A T I S T I C S

	<u>1959</u>			<u>1960</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F.</u>
<u>Live Births</u> - Legitimate	533	276	257	558	286	272
Illegitimate	24	12	12	22	13	9
Live birth rate per 1,000 population		17.2			17.7	
Birth rate (corrected)		19.4			19.47	
Birth rate for England & Wales		16.5			17.1	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		4.3			3.79	
<u>Still Births:</u> Number	15	10	5	4	1	3
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		26.2			6.8	
Total live and still births	572	298	274	584	300	284

## D E A T H S

	<u>1959</u>			<u>1960</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
	333	172	161	324	168	156
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population				<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population.....				10.3	9.9	
Standardised Rate .....				9.8	10.0	
Rate for England and Wales.....				11.6	11.5	

	<u>1959</u>			<u>1960</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Infant Deaths:</u>	12	7	5	9	7	2
<u>Infant mortality rates:</u>						
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births		21.5			15.5	
- do - legitimate		22.5			16.1	
- do - illegitimate		-			-	
Infant mortality rate for England and Wales		22.0			21.7	
<u>Neo-Natal mortality rate:</u>						
(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) Number	9	6	3	8	6	2
Rate		16.2			13.8	



# Infant Deaths (Cont'd)

	1959			1960		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Early Neo-Natal mortality Rate:</u>						
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)						

Number	9	6	3	7	5	2
Rate		16.2			12.1	

## Perinatal mortality rate:

(Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)

Number	24	16	8	11	6	5
Rate		42.0			18.8	

## Maternal Mortality Rate:

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Deaths from Cancer ... 67

## ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

<u>Disease</u>						<u>Number of Deaths</u>		
						<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
" " lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	10	1	11
" " breast	...	...	...	...	...	-	11	11
" " uterus	...	...	...	...	...	-	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	23	12	35
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	10	19	29
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	40	29	69
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	11	10	21
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	13
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	-	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	11	15	26
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	14	10	24
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	16	21	37
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Homicide	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases:

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1959</u>		<u>1960</u>	
	<u>No. of Cases</u>		<u>No. of Cases</u>	
	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Smallpox ... ..	-	-	-	-
Measles ... ..	586	-	7	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	9	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever ... ..	18	-	13	-
Pneumonia ... ..	10	28	6	26
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	2	-	4	-
Erysipelas ... ..	2	-	1	-
Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	4	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	-	-	-	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ... ..	1	-	24	-
Para-Typhoid ... ..	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	-	-	-	-
Malaria ... ..	1	-	-	-
Typhoid ... ..	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ... ..	5	-	1	-
	<u>634</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>27</u>

T U B E R C U L O S I S

<u>Age</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
65	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

### Hospitals

Hospital accommodation for the District is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal Hospitals. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital.

These three hospitals are administered by the Royal Bucks and Associated Hospitals Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to the Stoke Mandeville Hospital or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable at the above. Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to infectious disease hospitals within the Oxford region when there is no accommodation locally.

### Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

### Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. 11 ambulances and 5 sitting cars are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding district.

### Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Aylesbury, Brill, Long Crendon, Waddesdon, Quainton, Haddenham, Wendover, Whitchurch, Worminghall, Aston Clinton, Dinton, Halton, Stone, and Mobile Welfare Centres at Cuddington, Grendon Underwood and Westcott.

### Diphtheria, Whooping Cough immunisation and Poliomyelitis vaccination

The Bucks County Council, being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act, 1946, administer these services.

### Treatment of Venereal Disease

A venereal disease clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Royal Bucks and Associated Hospitals Management Committee.



PART I

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

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Number of</u>		
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written notices</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecute</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities....	8	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	49	22	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....	34	8	-	-
Total.....	91	33	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>		<u>No. of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</u>		
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-

PART VIII

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

There are 10 outworkers in the district all engaged in the making of wearing apparel. The premises in which the work is carried out have been inspected and found to be satisfactory in respect of conditions set out in the Act.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

No. 1 Unit, Oxford Regional Hospital Board.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, STONE

FIFTH SURVEY

16th - 18th August, 1960

SURVEY OF PATIENTS

		Male	Female	Total
No. of miniature films taken	...	318	403	721
No. recalled for large films	...	16	9	25
No. recalled for clinical examination	...	2	1	3
No. referred for further investigation	...	2	-	2
No. previously examined by M.M.R.	...	140	282	422
No. not previously examined by M.M.R.	...	178	121	299

Results of cases referred for further investigation:

Pulmonary tuberculosis requiring treatment 1 - 1

This case was newly discovered;  
did NOT have a positive sputum;  
had a previous satisfactory M.M.R. examination).

Pneumonitis ... 1 - 1

2 - 2

Result of case clinically examined by the Medical  
Director but not referred for further investigation:

Neurysm ... - 1 1

SURVEY OF STAFF

No. of miniature films taken	...	115	84	199
No. recalled for large films	...	4	2	6
No. recalled for clinical examination	...	-	-	-
No. referred to chest clinic	...	-	-	-
No. previously examined by M.M.R.	...	83	42	125
No. not previously examined by M.M.R.	...	32	42	74

SUMMARY OF NEWLY DISCOVERED SIGNIFICANT

CASES OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS FOUND

Group	No. Examined	Active P.T.	Rate per Thousand	Inactive P.T.	Rate per Thousand
Patients	721	1		-	
Staff	199	-		-	
TOTAL	920	1		1.09	



MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

No. 1 Unit, Oxford Regional Hospital Board.

GRENDON HALL PRISON

FIFTH SURVEY

26th August, 1960.

Summary of Work

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of miniature films taken	...	113	7	120
No. recalled for large films	...	2	-	2
No. recalled for clinical examination		1	-	1
No. referred to chest clinic	...	1	-	1
No. previously examined by M.M.R.	...	55	3	58
No. not previously examined by M.M.R.		58	4	62

Result of case referred to chest clinic:

Pulmonary tuberculosis requiring treatment      1      -      1

(This was a newly discovered case;  
had a positive sputum;  
had no previous M.M.R. examination)

SUMMARY OF NEWLY DISCOVERED SIGNIFICANT

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Group</u>	<u>No.Examined</u>	<u>Active</u> <u>P.T.</u>	<u>Rate per</u> <u>Thousand</u>	<u>Inactive</u> <u>P.T.</u>	<u>Rate per</u> <u>Thousand</u>
Prisoners	91	1		-	
Staff and dependants	29	-		-	
TOTAL	120	1		-	

# AYLESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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August, 1961.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF AYLESBURY.

I have the honour to report on the work of the Inspectors' branch of the Department for the year 1960.

## H O U S I N G

### Slum Clearance:

The slum clearance programme made further but limited progress, as in the previous year, such work being undertaken as opportunity offered along with routine district inspections. In any event, the more obvious cases having been dealt with, the remaining work is bound to come forward at a slower rate.

10 Demolition Orders and 5 Closing Orders were made during the year, whilst actual demolitions totalled 15. One demolition had to be carried out by the Council.

There were 27 properties reconditioned which formerly were subject to Demolition or Closing Orders.

A summary of the position at the end of the year was:-

No. of properties represented to Committee	...	265
No. of properties dealt with by way of Improvement Grant, Informal and Private action	... ..	99
No. of properties remaining on list	... ..	147

No. of Demolition Orders made	... ..	162
No. of Closing Orders made	... ..	67
No. of Undertakings to close accepted	... ..	5
No. of Undertakings to repair accepted	... ..	26

No. of Properties demolished	... ..	56
No. of Properties made fit as a result of Undertakings	... ..	21
No. of Properties subject to Demolition or Closing Orders which have subsequently been reconditioned	... ..	43



### Housing Repairs:

78 houses were repaired during the year, 25 as a result of formal action and 53 following informal action.

### Certificates of Disrepair:

No certificates were issued during the year.

### Improvement Grants:

Discretionary Grant applications received during the year totalled 61, of which 57 were approved and 4 refused. This is approximately the average for previous years.

Standard Grant applications, however, increased very considerably over 1959, the first year of operation. A total of 65 applications were received and of these 63 were approved and 2 withdrawn.

Many interviews are held with owners, architects, agents and builders, both before and after applications are received, and the assistance given by your officers is much appreciated. Altogether, this section of our work accounts for a greater proportion of the Department's time than the number of applications would appear to indicate.

Grants of 50% of the "approved expense" are made in the case of Discretionary Grants and all cases are viewed by the special Grants Sub-Committee before being considered by the Health Committee of the Council.

The following is a statistical summary of Discretionary Grant applications as at 31st December, 1960:-

No. of Grants on Council property	...	...	3
No. of private properties covered by applications received	...	...	<u>413</u>
No. approved	...	...	365
No. refused	...	...	34
No. withdrawn before approval	...	...	<u>14</u>
			<u>413</u>
No. withdrawn after approval	...	...	22
Total amount of Grants paid (excluding withdrawals)			
			<u>= £85,692. 16s. 1d.</u>



## NEW BUILDINGS

The number of plans submitted increased by some 22% to 756.

These are summarised below:-

### Building Byelaws - Town & Country Planning Act

#### Dwelling Houses

New	...	...	...	...	77	for 178 houses
Layout plans	...	...	...	...	3	for 96 houses
Outline applications	...	...	...	...	112	
Conversions	...	...	...	...	19	
Alterations and Additions	...	...	...	...	136	
Number of Private Enterprise Dwellinghouses completed	...	...	...	...	171	

#### Industrial

Alterations and Additions to Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	29	
Outline applications	...	...	...	...	1	

#### Miscellaneous

Agricultural Buildings	...	...	...	...	54	
Private Garages	...	...	...	...	254	
Caravans	...	...	...	...	41	for 107 caravans
Others	...	...	...	...	30	

#### Number of Dwellings completed

Private	...	...	...	...	171	
Local Authority	...	...	...	...	55	
					<hr/> 226	

In the course of the year nine Site Meetings were held after the Plans and Buildings Committee had been unable to accept planning and/or highway recommendations. These meetings with representatives of the County Planning and Highway Committees have proved most useful enabling detailed consideration to be given to controversial and difficult applications.

In August 1960 the new Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 came into effect. The Council, having given consideration to, and determined, the licensing conditions to be observed, circulated previous holders of planning permission for caravans.

At the end of the year, eight sites for individual caravans had been licensed and an appreciable number remained to be dealt with.

There were no special difficulties concerning Byelaw matters to record. It is normal practice to get these resolved before applications are presented to the Committee.



Slaughterhouses:

During the year the Council's Report on the slaughterhouses and slaughtering facilities was completed and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Report gave the recommended date for slaughterhouses to be brought up to the required standard as 1st January, 1962. Confirmation of the Report was awaited at the end of the year.

Full inspection of all slaughtering was maintained at the four remaining slaughterhouses operating in the district.

The schedule of inspections and condemnations for the year is as follows:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	189	14	8	1121	506
Number inspected	189	14	8	1121	506

All diseases except  
Tuberculosis and  
Cysticerci

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	38	4	1	56	39
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	20.1	28.5	25.0	4.9	7.7

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	16
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	3.1

There was no case of Cysticercosis

Number of visits to slaughterhouses	...	423
Total number of carcases inspected	...	1,838
Total weight of meat condemned	...	768 lbs.
Number of licensed slaughtermen	...	11

<u>Other condemnations:</u>	39 whole chickens - weight 168 lbs.
	30 lbs of Lobsters
	42 lbs of Herrings
	41 lbs of Luncheon Meat
	- 12 -



### Milk Licences:

The following licences for the sale of Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised and Sterilised milk were issued during the year:-

Dealer's Licences	...	...	Tuberculin Tested	15
			Pasteurised	19
			Sterilized	5
Supplementary Licences	...	...	Tuberculin Tested	7
			Pasteurised	6
			Sterilized	6

### Ice Cream Regulations:

There were 3 new registrations during the year.

### Food Premises:

No formal action was necessary concerning food premises during the year. The provision of improved facilities noted on routine inspections was achieved in each case without any difficulty.

### WATER SUPPLY

With the Bucks Water Board's supply being extended to the village of Lower Winchendon, all parishes in the District now have mains water available.

There are small areas still remaining which are beyond reach of the Board's mains and also occasional properties within villages needing mains extension before a supply can be obtained. Whenever the circumstances warrant, the Council has been prepared to consider granting financial assistance in such cases.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

#### Refuse Collection:

The Refuse Collection service has been maintained at the level of last year, that is, about 70% receiving a weekly service, 20% a 11 - 12 day service and some 10% a regular fortnightly service. Judging by the very few complaints received, this arrangement meets with general approval, indeed, quite a few people voiced their appreciation of the work done. I am disappointed, however, in not being able to record an advance to a greater weekly coverage of the district. This is due to the natural growth of the area which every year represents almost an extra half-week's work for one man. In a rural area such as this it is probably impracticable to achieve a complete weekly collection, but I hope to put forward proposals for attaining a good 90% coverage as soon as the effects of transferring labour from cesspool emptying can be determined.



### Refuse Collection (Continued)

During the year an estimated total of 8,027 tons of refuse was collected and disposed of. This refuse was collected by 3 Dennis "Paxits", 1 "Paxit" Major and 1 Side-loader which together covered a total of 46,092 miles in the year. Almost the whole of this collection was disposed of at the Council's Hartwell Tip by one man operating a Chaseside Mechanical Shovel.

Although no special arrangements existed for collecting salvage other than that which could be separated from the normal collection of refuse, 127.6 tons of waste paper was baled and sold for £895. 2s. 3d. The benefit of this is not entirely in the cash receipts but in the removal of this quantity of paper and cardboard from the tip, where it adds to the cost and complications of refuse disposal.

The hire of dustbins for 5/- per year continues but at a moderate rate. At the end of the year a total of 2,850 had been issued. A very small number of replacements have been sent out due to the original bins being damaged by burning. In such cases the hirer is required to pay an additional sum depending on the total rental paid to date of replacement.

### Cesspool Emptying:

Five Dennis Cesspool Emptiers continue to deal with this work, though as a result of further sewers becoming available, one machine was being operated on only 3 days per week. As the number of cesspools diminishes, the men engaged on this service are being diverted to refuse collection.

The old problem of sites for tipping remains, indeed it becomes more acute in spite of the gradual reduction in the number of cesspools. The records show that the vehicles travelled 59,891 miles in emptying 6,576 loads during the year, an average of 9 miles per load. This is a high figure and expensive in terms of both time and money.

The completion of sewerage schemes now in course of construction will have further marked effect on this service and the date when the sewers will become available was eagerly awaited at the end of the year.

A limited amount of private work is undertaken with the Cesspool Emptiers when there is time to do so. Altogether £206. 6s. 6d. was charged for such work during the year.

The effect of working time lost from all causes (holidays, illness, etc.) is often not appreciated. During 1960, a total of 1001 man-days were lost, this being equivalent to 4 men absent all the time. The total labour force for both the Cleansing and Sewage Disposal Services is 45 men.



The Dinton scheme was completed and the new Shabbington Disposal Works put into operation during the year.

The Oakley and Chilton contracts were in an advanced stage but weather conditions and labour difficulties had delayed completion.

Further schemes were commenced at:-

Long Crendon  
Upper Winchendon, and  
Grendon Underwood.

Also at the end of the year tenders had been accepted for new Disposal Works at Wendover and Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works for Hardwick and Weedon.

Towards the end of the year, I drew the Council's attention to the extremely serious state of affairs at the Broughton Lane Pumping Station where overflowing soon occurs for long periods after rainfall.

At Worminghall, following complaints of offensive smells from the Sewage Works Site, an experiment was carried out with spray equipment supplied by Airwick Ltd. Although this was tried rather late in the year, reports indicated a definite improvement and it was decided to purchase the equipment for permanent installation.

A report was made on the flooding of the sewer in Quainton Road, Waddesdon, and the danger to traffic due to manhole covers in the road being blown off. It was decided to ask the Consulting Engineers to investigate the matter and prepare a scheme.

At Quainton reports on samples by the Thames Conservancy from the new Works indicated the need for humus tanks to be provided. This also was referred to the Consulting Engineers.

#### PEST DESTRUCTION

This work is carried out by one operator covering the whole district. In addition to rats and mice, a variety of pests are dealt with, indeed no request for help is refused if it is felt that useful aid can be given. Infestations of ants and flies and many varieties of beetles have been dealt with and there are always a number of wasps' nests reported in the summer which no-one else wants to tackle. Our help has even been sought to deal with bats.

The following is a summary of properties inspected and treated for infestations of rats and mice:-

<u>No. of properties in which infestation was discovered</u>			<u>Serious</u>
	<u>Infested by Rats</u>		<u>Infestation</u>
			<u>of Mice</u>
Local Authority properties ... ..	33		-
Dwellinghouses (including Council Houses)	109		12
Business Premises ... ..	20		3
Agricultural Properties ... ..	72		-
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## Pest Destruction (Continued)

				<u>No. of Properties Inspected</u>	
				<u>As a result of notification</u>	<u>Otherwise</u>
				<u>No. of Properties Treated</u>	
Local Authority Properties	...	...	-	87	33
Dwellinghouses (including Council houses)	...	...	97	500	121
Business premises	...		23	65	23
Agricultural Properties			7	256	72
<u>Total number of inspections = 1,100</u>					

### Farm Contracts:

10 of the contracts taken out in 1959 were not renewed, reducing the number in operation to 17.

## PETROLEUM STORAGE

91 licences were issued in respect of petroleum stores. All new installations and alterations to existing stores were tested before the licences were issued.

Early intimation of the introduction of the new Licensing Conditions and Constructional Requirements was sent to all licensees, emphasising the need for action to ensure that installations were up to standard before 1st January, 1961.

## VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

The following summary gives a record of the visits and inspections made during 1960 and affords some indication of the varied duties of the Department:-

New Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	2,341
Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	96
Dangerous Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	10
Ditches	...	...	...	...	...	52
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	667
Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	...	348
Agricultural Workers	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	33
Food Premises and Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	165
Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	265
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	790
Rent Act	...	...	...	...	...	12
Infestation and Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	85
Levelling	...	...	...	...	...	50
Milk Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	13

Visits and Inspections (Continued)

Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	338
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	113
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	100
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	124
Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	195
Refuse Collection and Scavenging	...	...	...	...	133
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	1,129
Sanitary Surveys	...	...	...	...	3
Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	213
Sewerage	...	...	...	...	713
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	440
Smoke	...	...	...	...	-
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	66
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	21
Ice-Cream Regulations	...	...	...	...	2

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In conclusion I would again express my appreciation of the help given to me by the Chairman and Members of the Council, by your Clerk, Mr. A.E. Toy, and by the excellent team of officers comprising the Health Department of the Council.

Your obedient Servant,

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