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Abertillery Urban District Council.

COUNCILLORS.

Chairman - - - E. G. BARNETT.
Vice-Chairman - - - Mrs. H. GALE.

WARDS.

Cwmtillery.

Rev. F. S. R. BOWDEN.
W. E. J. PHILLIPS.
J. J. THOMAS.
E. G. BARNETT.
R. BAKER.
J. J. OWEN.

Abertillery.

S. R. HARRIS.
Mrs. H. GALE.
H. C. MORGAN.
E. T. PHINNEMORE.
W. J. ADAMS.

Six Bells.

T. F. BAYLISS, dec'd.
T. G. P. BYRNE.
B. EVANS.
E. SHEEHAN.

Aberbeeg.

J. R. CLARKE.
I. POPE, B.E.M., J.P.
Mrs. F. M. PROTHEROE.

Llanhilleth.

W. H. JONES.
I. JONES.
T. F. LEADER.

**Day of Meeting—Last Monday in each Month,
at 6 p.m.**

Clerk of the Council - - H. A. LEWIS.
Surveyor and Engineer - - H. C. MASON.
Accountant and Treasurer - - R. L. ENGLAND.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

W. J ADAMS, Chairman.
J. J. THOMAS, Vice-Chairman.

**Day of Meeting—First Monday
in each Month.**

Medical Officer of Health - J. WALTERS BOWEN,
M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Inspector - G. A. PARRY, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector - - G. D. GRIFFITHS, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector - - G. PERRY.

Rodent Officer - - - L. JONES.

Clerk - - - S. E. B. HOWELLS.

Clerk - - - S. RICHARDS.

Abertillery Urban District Council.

Area of District	6464	acres
Rateable Value, December 31, 1968	£409,506	
Net Product of 1d. Rate, 1968	£1553	
Population (Estimated 1968)	22,950	
Population (Estimated 1967)	23,390	
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1968	14.30	
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1967	14.50	
Live Births, 1968	329	
Live Births, 1967	349	
Number of Deaths, 1968	323	
Death Rate per 1,000 Population 1968	14.1	
Number of Deaths, 1967	292	
Death Rate per 1,000 Population, 1967.. .. .	12.2	

Abertillery Urban District Council.

REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1968.

*To the Chairman and Members of
Abertillery Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Abertillery Urban District is situated in the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire, 13 miles north-west of Newport, and 20 miles south-west of Monmouth.

Its greatest length, north to south is $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while it varies in breadth, east to west, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It has an area of $10\frac{1}{4}$ square miles, being one of the largest Urban Districts in the County. The population is 22,950, and the rateable value is £409,506.

The estimated product of a penny rate is £1553.

The Urban Area is divided into 5 wards:

Ward 1. Llanhilleth—This includes that part of Llanhilleth south-east of the Nant-Cuffin, with the portions of Crumlin and Hafodyrynys which are within the district. Members on Council, 3. Area, 894 acres. Estimated Electors, 2,499.

Ward 2. Aberbeeg—Comprises Aberbeeg and that portion of Llanhilleth N.W. of the Nant Cuffin. Members on Council, 3. Area, 927 acres. Estimated Electors, 2,240.

Ward 3. Six Bells—Comprises Warm Turn, Six Bells, and that portion of Abertillery south of Cwm Road and the Vivian Pit. Members on Council, 3. Area, 1,092 acres. Estimated Electors, 2,427.

Ward 4. Abertillery—Comprises the township of Abertillery, with the exception of the portions included in Wards 3 and 5. Members on Council, 5. Area, 1,151 acres. Estimated Electors, 3,574.

Ward 5. Cwmtillery—Consists of Cwmtillery with Penybont: Blaenau Gwent, and Brynteg. Members on Council, 6. Area, 2,400 acres. Estimated Electors, 4,810.

Births.

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Number of Births ..	329	349	366	459	460
Birth Rate per 1,000—					
Abertillery ..	14.30	14.50	15.50	14.68	18.8
England and Wales ..	16.9	17.2	17.65	18.0	18.4

The number of births registered locally during 1968 was 47 of which 28 were males and 19 females.

The number of births registered outside the district but belonging to the district was 282 of which 136 were males and 146 females.

The Grand total being 329.

Males .. 164.

Females .. 165.

The Registrar General's return of births is 329. Of this number 164 were males and 165 females.

The number of legitimate births was 156 males and 156 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 17 (8 males, 9 females).

Causes of Death.

TABLE II.

<i>Causes of Death.</i> ALL CAUSES	M. 178	F. 145
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—
3. Cerebo Vascular Disease	22	13
4. Anaemia	1	4
5. Pneumonia	6	7
6. Meningococcal infections.. .. .	—	—
7. Disease of Muscular Skeleto System	—	1
8. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	6
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	15	—
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	7
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	9
15. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	—	2
16. Diabetes	—	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	1
18. Ischaemic Heart disease	46	26
19. Hypertension with heart disease	7	9
20. Other heart disease	9	16
21. Other circulatory disease.. .. .	4	4
22. Influenza	3	1
23. Asthma	1	—
24. Bronchitis and Emphysema	25	12
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	3
26. Ulcer of stomach	—	1
27. Disease of Digestive System	—	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	4	4
29. Disease of Cenito-Urinary System	1	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	2	1
31. Congenital malformations	3	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
34. Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
35. Suicides	1	2
36. Homicides and operations of war	—	—
37. All other Accidents	3	2
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age :	4	2
Legitimate	3	1
Illegitimate	1	1
TOTAL BIRTHS	164	165
Legitimate	156	156
Illegitimate	8	9
STILL BIRTHS	3	5
Legitimate	3	5
Illegitimate	—	—
TOTAL	3	5

Estimated population 1968 for birth and death rates, 22,950.

TABLE III.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Quarterly Births</i>
January ..	4	—	4	
February ..	—	2	2	
March ..	—	—	—	6
April	2	4	6	
May	6	3	9	
June	3	2	5	20
July	3	1	4	
August ..	1	2	3	
September ..	3	4	7	14
October ..	2	—	2	
November ..	2	—	2	
December ..	2	1	3	7
<i>Total</i> ..	28	19	47	47
Inward Transferable Births ..	136	146	282	
Grand Total for 1967 ..	164	165	329	

Showing the number of births registered in the Abertillery Urban Area during 1968, according to sex, month, and quarter of occurrence together with inward transferable births.

TABLE IV. Showing the infant deaths (*i.e.*, deaths in infants under 1 year of age) assigned to this district during 1968, by cause and in age groups.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under 1 month					Total deaths under 1 year
					1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months		
Congenital Malformation ..	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Disease of Genito-Urinary System ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Birth Injuries	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Difficult Labour ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	—	6

TABLE V.

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1968. Showing Age/Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1968 also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Disease	Under 1 year		1-		2-		3-		4-		5-		10-		15-		20-		35-		45-		65 years and upwards		All Ages		Total		
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	1	2	1	8	4	3	5	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	18	
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	4	1	
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	2		
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bacillary Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

There were 4 inquests during the year.

The circumstances of the deaths are analysed and are as follows :—

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Pit Accident	2	—	2
Suicide	1	1	2
Total ..	3	1	4

There were 21 P.M.'s without Inquest during the year and these are analysed as follows :—

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bronchitis	—	1	1
Ulcer	—	1	1
Uraemia.. .. .	—	1	1
Cysto Pyelitis	—	1	1
Diabetes	—	1	1
Pericarditis	—	3	3
Pulmonary Oedema	1	—	1
Pulmonary Embolism	1	—	1
Myocardial Infarction	2	1	3
Congestive Cardiac Failure	—	1	1
Coronary Atheroma	4	—	4
Atheroma of Aorta	1	—	1
Ruptured Heart	1	—	1
Total ..	10	10	20

Zymotic Diseases.

Table No. V shows the notifiable diseases which were notified in the area during 1968.

Scarlet Fever.

14 case of Scarlet Fever was notified during the year.

Measles.

36 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

TABLE VI.

Showing notification of T.B. classified by age groups for the year 1968.

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			TOTAL
	Under 25	Ages		Under 25	Ages		
		25 - 50	Over 50		25 - 50	Over 50	
Males	—	1	2	—	—	—	3
Females	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Total . .	—	1	4	—	—	—	5

TABLE VII.

Year	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis.				Total Yearly Cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary T.B.	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1960	9	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	—
1961	8	2	—	—	10	3	1	—	—	4
1962	4	—	2	—	6	2	1	—	—	3
1963	6	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—
1964	1	1	—	2	4	3	—	—	—	3
1965	3	1	1	1	6	—	—	—	—	—
1966	2	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	1
1967	3	2	—	—	5	1	—	—	1	2
1968	3	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE VIII. Showing the admissions and discharges to institutions for the treatment of Tuberculosis during 1968.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Admissions</i>		<i>Discharges</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth ..	1	—	3	1
Sully	—	—	—	—
Cefn Mably... ..	—	—	—	—
Glan Ely	—	—	—	—
Gelli-Gaer	—	—	—	—
St. Woolos	—	—	—	—
	1	—	3	1

All cases of suspected Tuberculosis are seen at the Chest Clinic run by the Regional Hospital Board.

Meteorological Records.

SUMMARY OF DAILY RECORDS TAKEN AT NEW CEMETERY AND THE PARK, 1968.

<i>Month</i>	<i>The Park</i>			
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Rain Days</i>	<i>Temperature ° C</i>	
			<i>Highest</i>	<i>Lowest</i>
January ..	4.37	20	11.6	-8.8
February ..	3.75	12	8.3	-6.6
March ..	4.51	13	18.8	-3.8
April ..	3.51	15	18.8	-10.0
May ..	3.38	18	21.1	-11.6
June ..	3.57	12	25.5	-5.0
July ..	4.17	11	25.0	-4.4
August ..	2.05	12	27.7	-3.3
September ..	8.63	20	26.1	-3.3
October ..	8.89	22	17.2	3.3
November ..	4.12	16	16.6	-5.0
December ..	6.81	17	10.0	-6.6

Total inches for year, 55.76 Rain days, 188.

Highest Temperature for Year, 27.7° C.

Lowest Temperature for Year, -11.6° C.

Sewage Disposal

The Western Valleys (Mon.) Sewerage Board deals with the sewage of eight urban districts, viz. :—

Abertillery, Abercarn, Risca, Tredegar, Ebbw Vale,
Mynyddislwyn, Nantyglo & Blaina and Bedwellty.

together with part of St. Mellons R.D.C. and part of the Newport Borough. The scheme has worked well since its completion.

The carrying capacity of the trunk sewer has been affected from time to time by mining subsidence and diversions and relays have been necessary. The flows from local authority subsidiary sewers have increased due to rising living standards, and the consequent additional use of domestic water.

To meet these rising standards the Board has commenced a scheme for duplication or reconstruction of the original trunk sewer to bring its capacity up to a 6 x d.w.f. of 340 gallons per head per day of the population served.

A new Sea Outfall 60" diameter has been laid 1500 yards from the sea wall at St. Brides into the Bristol Channel and a 60" diameter conduit connecting this Sea Outfall pipe to a new 5 million gallon storage tank has been laid. Comminutors have been installed on this line to effect maceration of the sewage before storage and discharge. The operation of the penstocks to control the flow of effluent to the Bristol Channel at the times laid down in the Board's Acts are automatically controlled by a lunar clock. The scheme was commissioned in June, 1968 and is operating satisfactorily.

Three Contracts are now in progress which will increase the carrying capacity of the trunk sewer to the new standards between Bassaleg and Waunfawr Park, Crosskeys. Work on this scheme is proceeding well and it is hoped to commission these new lengths of trunk sewer in March, 1970. Further schemes for trunk sewer improvements are in the preparation stage and it is hoped to maintain continuity of trunk sewer improvements to bring it up to modern standards.

Completion of all improvement works should be accomplished by 1975.

THE ABERTILLERY & DISTRICT WATER BOARD.

The Engineer to the Board, PERCY BEARD, Esq., M.INST.C.E., M.INST.W.E., has supplied the following particulars.

The total rainfall for 1968, at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir, Breconshire, was 52.85 inches as compared with 60.52 inches in 1967, and 62.64 inches in 1966.

During 1968, the highest monthly rainfall recorded was 6.35 inches in October. Rain fell on 173 days at the Reservoir during 1968.

The mains and service pipes in the Board's district are continually tested and inspected for leakages and many repairs are carried out to fractured pipes.

The Board's Llanover Works where underground water from a disused Colliery is treated before being passed to supply continues to operate well and during the year 291,166,000 gallons of water have been passed into supply.

The Board's Works for distributing water from Llandegfedd Reservoir are operating satisfactorily and during the year 411,418,000 gallons of water have been passed into supply in the lower area of the Board. The Board's reservation from this source is 3 million gallons per day.

The work of laying the new 21 inch diameter main from Risca to Crosskeys has been completed and it is hoped that the main will be commissioned by the end of June.

The water supply position in the Board's area is now very satisfactory.

Pit-Head Baths.

Pit-Head baths are established in connection with the Rose Heyworth, Cwmtillery, Llanhilleth and Arael Griffin Collieries.

Trends in Industrial Employment.

There are 491 males and 544 females working in light industries in the area, a total of 1035. From my inquiries there would appear to be an increase in the personnel working in the light industries during the year.

Various collieries have been closed but most of the employees, other than those of retirement age, have been deployed to other collieries.

Although no statistics are available because of the casual nature of the work and the fact that most of the work is not notifiable to the Local Authority under the Factories Act, 1961, there would seem to be an increase in the number of outworkers.

There are promising signs of a further increase in the number of light industries to be established in the area.



In conclusion, I wish to thank the Public Health Inspectors and other Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. WALTERS BOWEN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Abertillery
Urban District Council.

Senior Public Health Inspector's
R E P O R T

For the Year
1968

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Alexandra Road,
Abertillery, Mon.

The following is my report on work carried out by the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1968.

Defective and insufficient water supply	2
Miscellaneous nuisances	95
Defective ceilings	46
Defective walls (internal)	61
Defective floors	30
Defective waste pipes	15

Many and varied were the nuisances discovered. In some cases the owners and occupiers were interviewed and the nuisances abated at once, and in other cases legal notices were served.

Foods.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1950.

Number on Register in 1968	14
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The number of inspections made last year was 31 and Vehicles 12
From 1st January, 1960, the issue of licences to sell graded milks was taken over by the Monmouthshire County Council.

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered during the year	2
Number of premises registered	94
Number of registered persons producing	—
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	82

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following particulars show the amount of attention given to securing a wholesome supply of food.

Visits to Premises :—

Fish, fruit and vegetable shops	.. .. .	94
Meat shops	.. .. .	158
Fried fish and chip shops	.. .. .	39
Bakehouses	.. .. .	24
Premises registered for the preparation of food	..	149
Other premises where food is prepared, sold or stored	..	183
Cafes and Hotels	.. .. .	40
Market	.. .. .	4

STORES AND VEHICLES.

Attention is being given to the cleanliness of vehicles, wrappers, etc., used for bringing meat into the district and for conveying meat to the shops, and the conditions are satisfactory within existing Law.

The men who handle such meat are compelled to wear clean overalls.

There is no public abattoir.

FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS.

There are 9 registered shops in the area which are kept in a satisfactory condition.

39 inspections of these premises were carried out.

OTHER FOODS.

Meat, fish and fruit shops are regularly visited, and the food exposed for sale or stored is examined.

Pork butchers' premises, where sausage meat and small goods are prepared, receive great and constant attention.

Bakehouses are regularly inspected, and the sanitary conditions are noted and dealt with as required.

Two cases of food poisoning were confirmed in the district during 1968.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the Monmouthshire County Council.

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned, 1967

<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
1 tin	Pate with mushrooms	
683 tins	Fruit	
1 tin	Cocoa	
1 "	Dried Milk	
141 tins	Tomatoes	
176 "	Soup	
3 "	Beer Curry	
160 "	Beans	
22 "	Spaghetti	
10 "	Baby Food	
13 "	Fruit Juice	
70 "	Fish	
17 "	Sausage and Beans	
49 "	Peas	
14 "	Cream	
26 "	Pudding	
1 tin	Apple	
1 "	Beef Italiane	
80 tins	Creamed Rice	
30 "	Evaporated Milk	
14 "	Carrots	
5 "	Pie Filling	
1 tin	Chicken Fillets	
13 tins	Casserole Steak	
2 "	Condensed Milk	
6 "	Potatoes	
17 "	Irish Stew	
1 tin	Beef Steak Pudding	
1 "	Button Mushrooms	
2 tins	Beef and Veg. Casserole	
1 tin	Custard	
1 "	Bacon and Beans	
1 "	Ravioli	
4 tins	Chicken & Mushrooms	
1 tin	Beef and Mushrooms	
1 "	Faggots and Peas	
13 tins	Broad Beans	
1 tin	Hot Dogs	
1 "	Toast Savouries	
4 tins	Butter Beans	
5 "	Meat	
1 tin	Bolognaise	
1 "	Bournevita	
1 "	Macaroni Cheese	
1 jar	Alkaseltza	
10 jars	Pickled Walnuts	
1 jar	Oxo	
4 jars	Nescafe	
1 jar	Pickled Onions	

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned—contd.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
1 „	Salad Cream	
1 „	Horseradish Sauce	
3 jars	Pickles	
2 „	Lemon Cheese	
10 „	Beetroot	
1 jar	Cabbage	
1 pkt.	Jelly	
7 tins	Steak	
3 „	Beef Slices	
	Beef (Bone Taint)	128 lbs.
3 „	Spam	
3 „	Hamburger	
48 „	Corner Beef	55 lbs.
1 tin	Pork	
1 „	Jellied Veal	4 lbs.
12 tins	Chopped Ham	6 lbs. 5 ozs.
12 „	Luncheon Meat	6 lbs. 4 ozs.
11 „	Minced Steak	
21 „	Cooked Ham	49 lbs. 10 ozs.
20 „	Chopped Pork	14 lbs. 2 ozs.
6 „	Tongue	37 lbs. 4 ozs.
2	Chickens	

Frozen Foods—

45 Blocks	Ice Cream	
188	Ice Lollies	
6 pkts.	Sliced Beans	
9 „	Chips	
2 „	Salmon Cakes	
1	Leg of Lamb	
1 pkt.	Minced Beef	
1 „	Beef in gravy	
8 pkts.	Beef Steak	
16 „	Pasties	
	Chicken Portions	8 lbs.

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—		
Total		68
1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:—		
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts		209
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..		267
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925-1957		39
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose ..		53
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation		19
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation		197
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice —		
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers		57
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.</i>		
(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs		—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—		
(a) By owners		—
(b) By local authority in default of owners		—

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(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	140
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners	77
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	16
(c)	By local authority by agreement	23
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 16 (1-4), 17 (1), 19, 21, 23 and 35 (1) (2) Housing Act, 1957,	
(1)	Number of representations made to the Local Authority in respect of unfit dwelling-houses ..	19
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	11
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made	3
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	3
(5)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked	—
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 & 27 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(1)	Number of representations made to the local authority in respect of parts of dwelling-houses or underground rooms	5
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of parts of which Closing Orders were made	5

Housing, 1968.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY
ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 31/12/68

	<i>Temp. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Perm. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Traditional</i>	TOTAL
*No of houses owned by Local Authority on 31/12/68 (including Flats)	97	300	650	1047
No. of houses in course of erection on 31/12/68 ...	—	—	67	—
No. of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31/12/68 ...	—	—	—	—
†By Local Authority	—	—	62	62
†By Private Enterprise	—	—	6	6
TOTAL	—	—	68	68

*Showing the number of Houses owned by Abertillery Urban District Council at 31/12/68.

†Showing the number of Houses erected by the Abertillery Urban District Council and by Private Enterprise during 1968.

**House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
and Housing Act, 1964.**

**Grants for Conversion or Improvement
of Housing Accommodation.**

Conversions.

No. of Applications received	...	...	1
No. of Applications approved	...	...	1
Amount paid ...	...	...	£1,600

Improvements.

No. of Applications received	...	...	24
No. of Applications approved	...	...	10
Amount of Grants paid ...	...	...	£4,690

Standard Grants For Improvement of Dwellings.

No. of Applications received	...	...	39
No. of Applications approved	...	...	16
Amount of Grants paid ...	...	...	£2,669

Mon. County Council Act, 1956.

Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers.

During the year 9 inspections were carried out.

**Public Health Act, 1961, Section 17
and Mon. County Council Act, 1956, Section 79.**

Summary powers to remedy stopped drainage.

No. of Notices served—4

Executed in default —4

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Factories without Mechanical Power :—

Boot repairers	1
Carpentry and Joinery	3
Radio and Electrical repairs.. .. .	2
	—
Total	6

Factories with Mechanical Power :—

Bake-houses	4
Brewers	1
Motor repairers	12
Mortar Mills	1
Carpentry and Joinery	6
Undertakers	2
Sausage and Cooked Meats.. .. .	14
Glove Making	1
Industrial Gloves	1
Iron Foundries	2
Printing Works	3
Manufacturing Chemists	1
Lampshade Making and Pen Making	1
Engineering Workshop	1
Watch repairers	1
Omnibus maintenance and repair	2
Works of Engineering and Building Construction	1
Clothing Manufacturer	1
	—
Total	54

Factory Act, 1937.

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

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		<i>Occupier Prosecuted</i>
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority ..	6	15	—	—
(2) Factories not inc. in (1) to which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	53	42	1	—
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	1	1	—	—
TOTAL	60	58	1	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of Defects</i>			<i>Number of Prosecutions</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Insp.</i>	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—
Want of ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient unsuitable or defective not separate for sexes	— 2 —	— 2 —	— — —	— — —
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3	3	—	—

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.
ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE, 1968.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Properties other than Sewers—		
1	Number of properties in district ...	27
2	(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification ...	712
	(b) Number infested by (i) rats ...	212
	(ii) mice ...	21
3	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification ...	167
	(b) Number infested by (i) rats ...	23
	(ii) mice ...	11
Sewers—		
4	Were any sewers infested by rats during the year ...	Yes

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

TABLE A. REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

TOTALS

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	—	36	6
Retail Shops	—	122	80
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	8	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	8	8
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—

TABLE B. NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES.

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TABLE C. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of Workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices ...	249
Retail Shops ...	576
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	47
Catering establishments open to the public	42
Canteens ...	—
Fuel storage depots ...	—
Total	914
Total Males	330
Total Females	584

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS.

M/c Line No.	Class of workplace (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of appli- cations refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
						No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part I—Space (Sec. 5(2))							
1	Offices						
2	Retail shops						
3	Wholesale shops, warehouses						
4	Catering establishments open to public, canteens						
5	Fuel storage depots						
Part II—Temperature (Sec. 6)							
11	Offices						
12	Retail shops						
13	Wholesale shops, warehouses						
14	Catering establishments open to public, canteens						
15	Fuel storage depots						

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS—Continued.

M/c Line No.	Class of premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of appli- cations refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
						No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part III—Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)							
21	Offices	1	1	1	1	1	1
22	Retail shops	1	1	1	1	1	1
23	Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	1	1	1	1	1
24	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	1	1	1	1	1	1
25	Fuel storage depots	1	1	1	1	1	1
Part IV—Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)							
31	Offices	1	1	1	1	1	1
32	Retail Shops	1	1	1	1	1	1
33	Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	1	1	1	1	1
34	Catering establishments open to public canteens	1	1	1	1	1	1
35	Fuel storage depots	1	1	1	1	1	1

TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS.

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L
No. of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22 ...		—	
No. of interim orders granted ...		—	

TABLE F. INSPECTORS.

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act ...	1
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act ...	—

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. PARRY,
Senior Inspector.



