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CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



# THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH** 

AND

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR** 

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1964



#### CRICKHO ELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## 1964.

Chairman of the Council

Vice-Chairman

Chairman of the Public Health & General Purposes Committee

Vice-Chairman

- Councillor Miss M.A. Haywood, J.P.
- Councillor Col. C.E. Beckwith.
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- Councillor G. Bush.

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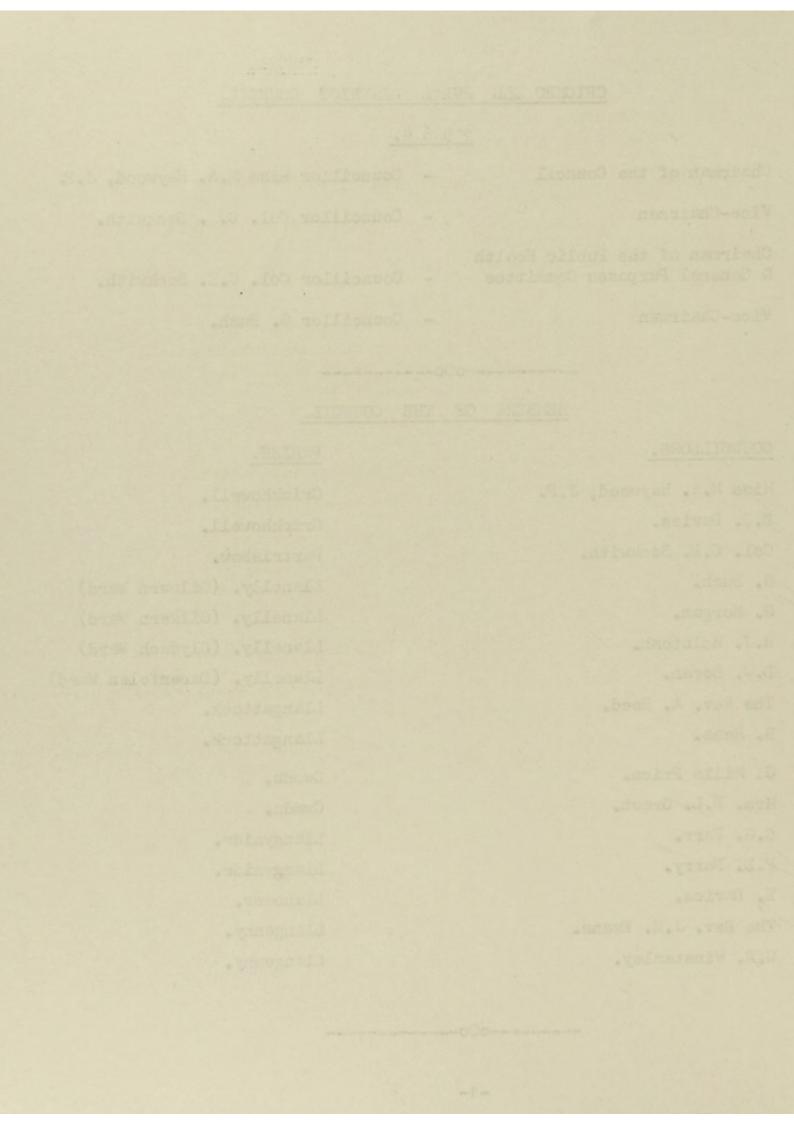
### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

#### COUNCILLORS.

Miss M.A. Haywood, J.P. D.S. Davies. Col. C.E. Beckwith. G. Bush. G. Morgan. H.J. McIntosh. D.W. Bevan. The Rev. A. Reed. B. Rees. J. Mills Price. Mrs. B.L. Greet. C.S. Farr. F.E. Parry. E. Davies. The Rev. J.M. Evans. W.R. Winstanley.

### PARISH.

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Llanelly. (Gilwern Ward)
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Llanelly. (Clydach Ward)
Llanelly. (Darenfelen Ward)
Llangattock.
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Cwmdu.
Cwmdu.
Llangynidr.
Llangynidr.
Llanbedr.
Llangenny.
Llangenny.



To: The Chairman and Members of the Crickhowell Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the district, the health of the people and the work of the Public Health Department, during the year 1964.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also, the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Health Department.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient Servant.

CREIGHTON E. EDWARDS. B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

#### OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 1964.

Medical Officer of Health

- C.E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector

- R.A. Jackson, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H. Cert. (Meat and Foods)

Housing Inspector

- M.A. Thomas.

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#### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population:- (Registrar General's estimate)	7,880.
Number of Parishes:-	8.
According to 1961 census.	46,140 acres.
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1964:-	£147,696.
Product of a Penny Rate:- Actual 1963/64 Actual 1964/65	£569.3.10d. £589.15.11d.
Rate in the Pound:- 1963/64 1964/65	12.8d. 13.8d.
Water Rate:- 1/9d. in the £ with a minimum of £1.10.0d.	per annum.

Number of domestic dwellings (including farms):- 2,405.

Number of Council Houses (included in above figure):- 450.

Crickhowell is a large District in South Breconshire, mainly mountainous in character, with an acreage of 46,140 acres.

The District is divided into eight Parishes, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Cwmdu, Llangenny, Llangynidr, Llanbedr and Partrishow, which are mainly agricultural, and Llanelly which is mainly industrial. In the agricultural area the workers are employed mainly in farm work, forestry and quarrying. In the industrial area, the workers are employed mainly in adjacent coalmines in North Monmouthshire, and Elvicta Handtools Factory in Crickhowell. The District also supplies labour to the British Nylon Spinners Ltd., Pontypool, Richard Thomas & Baldwins Ltd., Steelworks, Ebbw Vale, and the Glascoed Ordnance Factory, Usk.

The re-housing of families from unfit dwellings continues together with applicants from the ordinary lists in cases of hardship, illness and overcrowding.

Tenants are selected with the assistance of a Points Scheme adopted by the Council so as to allocate houses to families in the greatest need, conditions of existing accommodation, overcrowding and health circumstances, all rating for "points award".

When Council houses are allocated to applicants their old houses are inspected with a view to their future use being considered. These houses, if they are unfit for human habitation and cannot be repaired at reasonable expense, are then covered by a Demolition Order or Closing Order.

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HOUSING	- DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS.	1964 figures.	1963 figures.
	during the year 1964.	3	4
46,	Unfit houses closed or demolished under the Housing Act, 1957, in the year 1964 (including the dwellings vacated in Crickhowell that were covered by the		
	1937 Clearance Orders).	9	15
*5853	Number of applicants for Council Houses on 1st January, 1964.	133	130
	Number of applicants remaining on the Council's list 31st December, 1964.	131	133
A <sub>t</sub> S	Total number of post-war Council Houses 1st January, 1964.	450	438
	Number of Council Houses completed during the year 1964.	12	30
	Number of Council Houses under construction on 31st December, 1964.	32	12
	Number of Private Houses completed during the year 1964.	69	48

School Medical Service, Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, and the provision of school meals are carried out by the County Council.

The health of the district during the year has been good. The incidence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis has been low during the year.

There have been no outbreaks of food poisoning during the year. Inspections have been carried out from time to time of various food handling shops, bake-houses, licensed premises and shops selling ice-cream in accordance with the Regulations. Minor defects have been pointed out and corrected. It has not been necessary to take any legal proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act, or under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

## National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

No action has been necessary under this Section during the year 1964.

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	R.D.C.			C. Council.
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BIRTHS.	Male.	Female.	Total.	-1056 10
The second se				Lagitinte.
No. of legitimate Live Births.	67	66	133	813
No. of illegitimate Live Births.	6	6	12	48
Total Live Births.	73	72	145	861
Birth Rate per 1000 Population 1964.	1-		18.4	15.85
Registrar General's				Totol.
Comparability Factor.			1.10	N/A
No. of Still Births Legitimate.	2	2	4	17
No. of Still Births Illegitimate.	-	-		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent	distant in		CT. LAISIO	A TRITAL CEDA
		a makan	8.2	5.57
of Total Live Births.	75	74	149	878
Total Live and Still Births.	10	(4	149	010
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live			26.8	10 76
and Still Births.			20.0	19.36
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DEATHS.		ed ostar	COTTON NO	a and t moon
Total Deaths for District.	46	43	89	742
Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the		WILLIAM .	CAL NO.	M COM Y LIR ME
population.			11.3	13.65
Registrar General's	200	ador 7 w		
Comparability Factor.			1.00	N/A
Corrected Death Rate.	1		11.3	N/A
corrected Death hate.			11.0	in in a
	+			Catralian .
MATERNAL MORTALITY.		and and the second	Loss cas	Al out wind
TRIERIAL MORTALITI.	97.	BLISty M	A and a second	Ter 1000 144
Deaths from Maternal Causes.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	MIT.	MIT.	TATT.	NTT.
Maternal Mortality Rate per	NET	NH- 7	NED	NH D
1000 Live and Still Births.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
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Cancer Death Rate.

CANCER DELITES.

## VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued).

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INFANT MORTALITY.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age:- Legitimate. Illegitimate.	3	3	6	30
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births:-	100 -	nottalage	cha. cha. 1000 I	Total Live Bir
Total. Legitimate. Illegitimate.		in the the	41.3 45.1	34.84 36.90
NEO NATAL MORTALITY.	1- 25		ALL OVS	I efamitigoffil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:-			Strthe, Still	of Total Live and
Legitimate. Illegitimate. Total.	3 - 3	2 - 2	5 - 5	20 - 20
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births:-			34.4	22,06
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Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age:- Legitimate. Illegitimate.	2	2	4 -	17
Total.	2	2	4	17
Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births:-			27.5	19.74
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE,		429Q 0	ing par	Naternal Morto
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus No. of Still Births:-	-		a turs	1000 Live and 1
No. of Deaths under 1 week of age.	2	2	4	17
No. of Still Births. Perinatal Mortality Rate:-	2	2	4	17 38.71
CANCER DEATHS. No. of Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms and Lymphatic	6	4	10	104
Neoplasms. Cancer Death Rate.	0	4	1.27	1.91

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## CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	M. James, M.B	Males.	Females.
1.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		
	Tuberculosis (Other Form).	de Saberd	ALC: NO. R. P.
	Syphilitic Disease.	11116	
	Diptheria.		T BREAKING DT. TERR
	Whooping Cough.	LILLIERALIS	ALCO VITA
	Meningococcal Infections.	-	and the second s
	Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
-	Measles.	-	-
	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
		-	-
	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	2	
	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	LUNE NO DELEGRE
	Malignant Neoplasm, breast.	-	-
	Malignant Neoplasm, uterus.	-	1
	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	3	2
	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	-	-
	Diabetes.	-	-
-	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	4	7
	Coronary disease, angina.	13	6
	Hypertension with heart disease.	-	1
	Other heart diseases	8	11
	Other circulatory disease.	2	1
1000	Influenza.		- 1000- 0 -19.04.240
	Pneumonia.	-	4
	Bronchitis.	4	-
	Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-
	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	1
	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	-
	Nephritis and Nephrosis.		-
	Hyperplasia of prostrate.	-	-
	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-
	Congenital malformations.	1	1
-	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	4	5
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	1	SOLATION BOSPI
34.	All other accidents.	2	1
	Suicide.	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	-	-
	ALL CAUSES =	46	43
		838	===

### SECTION B.

PUBLIC ANALYST:

## PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE:

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE:

WELFARE:

ISOLATION HOSPITAL:

Dr. G.V. James, M.B.E., 69, Dock Street, Newport, Mon. (Newport 63035)

Dr. H.D. Gray, The Public Health Laboratories, Clytha Square, Newport, Mon. (Newport 65431)

The Breconshire County Council Ambulance stationed at Cwmdu.

The Clinic is situated at the rear of the old Town Hall, Crickhowell, and is attended by the County Medical Officer of Health and his assistant Medical Officers, and by Nurse J. Silk, the Health Visitor. (Crickhowell 208)

The District Welfare Officer, Mr. Verley Rees, has an office in Bailey Street, Brynmawr, and also attends at offices in Crickhowell and Gilwern. The Breconshire County Council have facilities for Part III Accommodation under the National Assistance Act at Cockcroft House, Hay, and Crawshay House, Brynmawr. (Brynmawr 254)

Infectious diseases requiring hospitalisation are admitted to Alt-yr-Yn Isolation Hospital, Newport, Mon.

## SECTION C.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFICATIONS.

The following cases, other than Tuberculosis, were notified during the year 1964:-

Diseases.	Number of Cases.
Measles.	199
Whooping Cough.	14
Scarlet Fever.	tev alleses 7 placing
Shigella Stanley.	1
Gastro-Enteritis.	1 1

TUBERCULOSIS.

A schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below.

New Cases.			Ē	Removals from Register.				
	Resp	iratory.	Non-R	espiratory.	Rest	piratory.	Non-F	Respiratory.
	Μ.	F.	Μ.	F,	M.	F.	<u>M.</u>	F.
	1	1	0	0	2	4	0	0

Number of cases remaining on Register 31st December, 1964.

	Respiratory.					spiratory.	
1	М.	F.	Total.	М.	F.	Total.	
	16	12	28	2	2	4	

SCHOOLS.

No schools were closed during the year 1964, in consequence of infectious diseases.

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## SECTION D.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

### WATER.

The South-East Breconshire Water Board are responsible for the public water supplies in this Council's area.

The Council's area has a piped water supply to all centres of population served mainly from local springs harnessed to small local reservoirs. The supplies to Llangenny, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell (part), Gilwern (part) and Blackrock are chlorinated. These are now sampled regularly by the Water Board, but, as in the past, bacteriological results vary considerably due to the catchment areas frequently being unfenced agricultural ground. However, the Water Board are actively pursuing their comprehensive scheme to harness their three main sources to a large grid distribution system that will supply an adequate and pure water to all areas, and so dispense with the present local springs which can be doubtful and poor in yield.

## BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES.

#### PUBLIC SUPPLIES.

			and the second second second
		Slight	Heavy
Supply.	Satisfactory.	Contamination.	Contamination.
Clydach (Blackrock) Clydach (Quarry, Main Road) * Crickhowell (Ffynnonau) * Crickhowell (Wern) Gilwern (Brunant) Gilwern (Hydram) Gilwern (Maesgwartha) * Glangrwyney Llanbedr Llangattock (Cwmonney) Llangattock (Tyle) * Newport Tretower	1 1 2 2 - 2 - 1 - 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
* Denotes a chlorinated supply.			
PRIVATE SUPPLIES.	3	11	13

The reports on samples of water from the public supplies are forwarded to the South-East Breconshire Water Board for their information and action.

## ESTIMATED POPULATION SUPPLIED BY A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.

Estimated total.	7,880 (Reg. Gen. estimate for 1964.	This 300 Cam
Estimated population supplied into the houses.	6,797	This 300 Cam
Estimated population supplied by standpipes.	30	Anne Il
Estimated total population supplied.	6,827	This 300 Camp
Estimated population without a public piped water supply.	1,053	of los

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Parish.	Estimated Total Population.	Piped Supply.	Standpipe.	Total.
Crickhowell.	1,498	1,441	Nil.	1,441
Cwmdu.	722	381	26	407
Llanbedr.	227	54	Nil.	54
Llangynidr.	497	411	Nil.	411
Llangattock.	809	674	Nil.	674
Llangenny.	650	582	Nil.	582 Includes 300 for
e Auchorsty	lagyatdr, and the star	ingesed and	erialden,	Cwrt-y-goll Camp.
Llanelly.	3,409	3,254	4	3,258
Partrishow.	68	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTALS.	7,880	6,797	30	6,827

#### RODENT CONTROL.

A full time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council and he has carried out the following treatments during the year:-

The Report of treatments carried out has been forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the Prevention of Damage by Pest Act, 1949.

In spite of farm surveys, and the offer of treatment under Contract, the response has been poor and only twelve farms were continually treated under Contract.

Contracts have also been signed for Cwrt-y-gollen Military Camp, Tymawr School, Tymawr School Farm and Elvicta Handtools Factory.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The existing sewerage schemes continue to operate satisfactorily and there have been no major breakdowns or any extensive repair. Routine sampling by the Usk River Authority reveals unsatisfactory samples from certain of the treatment works and the River Authority are in consultation with your Officials in an effort to find a solution to this problem.

The maintenance carried out at the treatment works is not in question, the poor effluent being due to mechanical failure of the dosing syphon, often due to the action of children, or the fact that the Works are overloaded. This latter cause is evident at Aberbaiden, Danycoed and Llangynidr, and the River Authority appreciate that your proposed sewerage schemes will solve the troubles at these locations.

Crickhowell effluents are only borderline and samples have been taken throughout the Works to ascertain at which point or points the stage of treatment is not adequate. These Works have little spare accommodation and any large development in the Crickhowell area may well necessitate an extension of the treatment plant. Proposed schemes have been frustratingly delayed during the year, but it is hoped to see action in Bwlch, Llangynidr and Clydach this coming year.

Clydach scheme should be the first to commence with an enlargement of the Aberbaiden Sewage Works as the first stage.

Bwlch and Llangynidr areas are under discussion with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government as they wish to be sure that a joint works is not preferable to the Council's existing proposal of separate works.

#### SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

Regular maintenance and sludge removal, by pumping with the Wickham Towed Diesel Pump, has been carried out at the treatment plants situated at the following Housing Estates:-

> Penallt, Penllwyn, Danycoed (3 tanks), St. Michael's Close, Groesffordd, Glasfryn Terrace and also the Village of Llanbedr.

The treatment plants at Glangrwyney and Llangenny are pumped out and the sludge taken away by Contractors' Tanker at three monthly intervals. This was arranged to prevent smell nuisance to occupiers of houses in the locality.

Daily maintenance has been given to the two larger public sewage works at Crickhowell and Gilwern, and to the eleven electrically operated sewage pumps in the area.

The pumps have been given regular inspection by the Insurance Company Inspectors and their reports have been satisfactory.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING - REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The general scavenging of the area has operated satisfactorily with the lorry travelling some 7,500 miles and carrying away 12,000 cubic yards of refuse to the tips at Crickhowell and Gilwern.

In May the Council put into operation a Shelvoke & Drewry 20 cubic yard capacity vehicle and this has been a great success. Apart from reduction in dust at loading times, the compression of the refuse enables longer journeys before returning to the refuse tip for emptying, and the weekly mileage has dropped from 190 miles to 120 miles.

The whole of the district is now collected on a once per week system, with cafes, hotels, fish shops etc., being collected twice per week if the premises are conveniently situated for this collection. The average daily collection being about 500 premises. The regular treatment of the tip faces with an insecticide powder, applied by a "blower", continues to give an excellent result in the reduction of any fly or wasp nuisance.

Continuous control of rat infestation is carried out at both Tips.

The 1964 Anti-Litter Campaign was again supported by the Council by the display and issue of anti-litter posters to shops, hotels and schools, and the stationing of more litter baskets and bins in the area.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS.

#### FOOD CONDEMNED AND VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED.

The following goods, were on inspection, found to be unfit and were voluntarily surrendered:-

22	tins	Tomatoes.
11	tins	Pears.
10	tins	Corned Beef.
8	tins	Oranges.
9	tins	Meat.
8	tins	Pilchards.
		Stewed Steak.
		Spaghetti.
		Tomato Juice.
		Soup.
		Peaches.
		Oranges.
		Orange Juice.
		Grapefruit Segments.
1	tin	Fruit Salad.
2	jars	Pickled Cabbage.
		Beetroot.
1	jar	Fish Paste.
		Rice Pudding.
12	pkts	Semolina.
	and the second sec	Sozs. Cooked Ham.
2	carto	ons Dessert Figs.

#### ICE CREAM.

Thirty nine premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream under the Food and Drugs Act.

The following new registration was granted during the year:-

Mr. W.H. Shellard, Bryn-Nant Stores, Crickhowell.

### THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The above Act called for registration of all those premises where persons are employed, and the necessary registration forms were distributed, collected and copies forwarded to the Fire Authority.

The end of the year registration were as follows:-

Offices.	7
Retail Shops,	20
Wholesale Shops.	disoverent - ranta,
Catering Establishments.	6
Fuel Storage Depots.	byoisent groats vero app
TOTAL.	33

Inspections are now being carried out to ascertain that all the provisions of the Act are covered.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND KNACKER'S YARD.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses or public abattoirs, within the area of this Authority.

Slaughtering occurs within neighbouring districts where facilities are adequate, and this Council did contribute a proportion of the cost of a fully qualified Meat Inspector at Brynmawr Slaughterhouse. The latter premises have now been modernised and a charge made for meat inspection.

The Knacker's Yard of Mr. J. Davies, Tredegar, situated at Gilwern, has been regularly inspected and found to be efficiently and hygienically operated with full records maintained.

### SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS.

The following is a summary of the inspections carried out during the year 1964:-

Detailed house inspections	55.
Public Health Acts	53.
Food	
Factories	
Complaints investigated	69.
Scavenging investigations	32.
Drainage investigations	14.
Water supply investigations	45.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Housing conditions continue to improve with the installation of modern amenities to old houses with the aid of improvement grants.

In the twelve months covered by this report twenty improvement grants were approved, being fourteen Discretionary Grants and six Standard Grants.

Standard Grants were introduced in 1959, and following is a comparison of grants approved over the past twelve years:-

ro covered.	Discretionary Grants.	Standard Grants.	Total.
1953	1	-	1
1954	12	in the char a	12
1955	21		21
1956	13	- finel	13
1957	15	spector of th	15
1958	14	to bo - bereban	14
1959	19	2	21
1960	13	1 00 000	14
1961	15	5	20
1962	14	13	27
1963	16	7	23
1964	14	6	20

## PLANNING AND BYELAW APPLICATIONS.

For the twelve months ending 31st December, 1964, the following applications were made:-

196 Applications for Planning Approval. 222 Applications for Byelaw Approval.

## NOTICES SERVED,

Informal,		Statuto	ry.
Served.	Complied with.	Served.	Complied with,
16	12	2	2

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948,

Details of the routine inspection at the sixteen factorics in the area are contained on separate Ministry forms.

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