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CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



THE ANNUAL REPORT

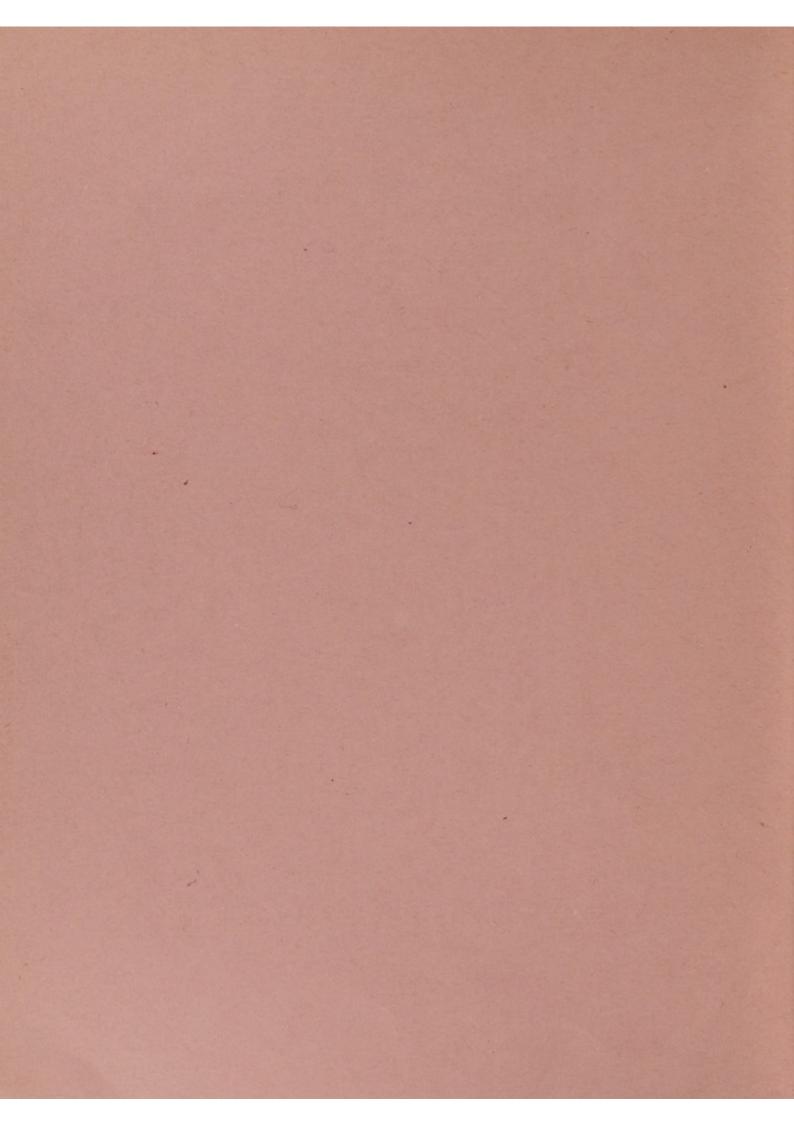
OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1965



CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1965.

Chairman of the Council - Councillor Miss M.A. Haywood, J.P.,

Vice-Chairman

- Councillor Col. C.E. Beckwith.

Chairman of the Public Health

& General Purposes Committee - Councillor Col. C.E. Beckwith.

Vice-Chairman

- Councillor G. Bush.

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MEMBERS THE COUNCIL. OF

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.

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Llanelly (Clydach Ward)

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APPENDENT REELS

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 1965.

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.Se., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 1965.

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. (Registrar General's estimate) 7.940. Population:-Number of Parishes:-8. According to the 1961 census. 46.140 acres. Acreage:-Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1965:-£161,195a Product of a Penny Rate:-Actual 1964/65 £589.15.11d. Actual 1965/66 £633.10.10d. 1964/65 13. 8d. Rate in the Pound:-1965/66 14. 8d.

Water Rate: - 1/11d. in the £ with a minimum of £1.10.0d. per annum.

Number of Domestic Dwellings (including farms):- 2,549.

Number of Council Houses (included in the above figure) 478.

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, Cwmdu, Llanbedr, Llanelly, Llangattock, Llangenny, Llangynidr and Partrishow, which are mainly agricultural where the workers are employed in farm work, forestry and quarrying.

The District also supplies labour to the Elvista Handtools Factory in Crickhowell, British Nylon Spinners Ltd., Pontypool, Richard Thomas and 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.

1965 figures.	1964 figures
Unfit dwellings added to the 'unfit' List during the year 1965.	3
Unfit houses closed or demolished under the Housing Act, 1957, in the year 1965 (including the dwellings vacated in	
Crickhowell that were covered by the 1937 Clearance Orders) 7	9
Number of applicants for Council Houses on 1st January, 1965.	133
Number of applic ats remaining on the Council's list 31st December, 1965.	131
Total number of post-war Council Houses 1st January, 1965. 465	450
Number of Council Houses completed during the year 1965.	12
Number of Council Houses under construction during the year 1965.	32
Number of Private Houses completed during the year 1965. 54	69

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 arried 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 point out and corrected. It has not been necessary to take any legal proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act, the Food Hygiere Regulations 1955, or under the Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

No action has been necessary under this Section during the year 1965.

SECTION A.

ATISTICS.

R.D.C. Conneil.		ickhowell	*****	Breconshire C. Council.
BIRTHS.	Male.	Female.	Total	o astraol
No. of legitimate Live Births. No. of illegitimate Live Births. Total Live Births. Birth Rate per 1000 Population 1965.	70 6	55 3	125 9 134 16.88	812 53 865 15•88
Registrar General's Comparability Factor. No. of Still Births Legitimate. No. of Still Births Illegitimate Illegitimate Live Births per cen		1 -	1,10	1.12 17 3
of Total Live Births. Total Live and Still Births.	77	59	136	6.12 885
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births.	-	-	14.71	22.59
DEATHS.				Total
Total Deaths for District. Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the	44	42	86	696
population. Registrar General's	-	YTLIAIS	10.83	12.78
Comparability Factor. Corrected Death Rate.	-	mder 1	1.01	0.90 N/A
MATERNAL MORTALITY.			403	Total,
Deaths from Maternal Causes. Maternal Mortality Rate per	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1000 Live and Still Births.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

of age plan No. of Still Mirther-

Cancer Death Rate.

VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued).

,	A HOLD	Andi		Breconshire		
	Crickhowell					
howell Brecoming	R.D.	Female.	Total.	C. Council.		
INFANT MORTALITY.	O'd'si	T CINCALO.	10001.			
Deaths of Infants under		4				
years of age:-	1		1	17		
Legitimate	1	whi Town!	1	16		
Illegitimate.	-	-	.adrah	oval Lotol		
Infant Mortality Rate p	er	Populatio		Birth Bate		
1,000 Live Births.	-	-	7.5	19.65		
				deglatror G		
Total.	a fee oundil	COURSE A	8.0	19.70		
Legitimate.	De La	a Politica III	-	18.86		
Illegitimate.	- 3190	tion salar	Mre B	drattige []		
NEO NATAL MORTALITY	1465			thi later to		
Deaths of Infants under	4	Births.		SANT TOACL		
weeks of age:-	Separation of 129	NOT COOL		S LEISE bon		
Legitimate.	1	_	1	11		
Illegitimate.				-		
Total.			1	11		
Neo Natal Mortality Rat	e per		25/7	Meteral Departs		
1,000 Live Births:-	101	30 (-10)	7.5	12.71		
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EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALI	TY.	A Service	a' Laxon	Registrar Su		
Deaths of Infants under	1	-	TOTOET V	CLEGORGEOUS OF		
week of age:-		1	STANK DEL	200001200		
Legitimate.	1	-	1	10		
Illegitimate.	-	- Turnou	TAUT TO A	-		
Total.	. 1	-	1	10		
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Rate per 1,000 Live Bir	ths:	202 031	7.5	11.56		
PERINATAL MORTALITY RAT	E					
		-		al calling		
Deaths of Infants under				the bare baba.		
of age plus No. of Stil		1	The long			
age.	1	-	1	10		
No. of Still Births.	1	1	2	20		
Perinatal Nortality Rat		-	22.1	30.50		
CANCER DEATHS.		-	-			
No. of Deaths from Mali			1 3 3 1	STATE COLOR		
Neoplasms and Lymphatic		1		401		
Neoplasms.	5	9	14	104		
cancer Deam Mate.	-	-	1.13	1.90		
Cancer Death Rate.			1.13	1.90		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Femeles,	
1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	27/18	Powelation	
2. Tuberculosis (Other Form),	-	-	
3. Syphilitic Disease.	10 -	6,820	
4. Diptheria.		334 3	
5. Whooping Cough.	9	00010 -	
6. Meningococcal Infections.	SHE DA	San Per Cardina	
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	25	852.3	
8. Measles.	-	No. 3 -	
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	3	0/0,0	
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	001 -	- 6,525	
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus. 12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast.	2	A COUNTY	
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus.		1	
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasm	is. 3	6	
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	-	1	
16. Diabetes.	2		
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	4	7	
18. Coronary disease, angina.	14	500.5	
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	2	3 8	
20. Other heart disease.	4		
21. Other circulatory disease. 22. Influenza.		2	
23. Preumonia.	PSP -	266.11-	
24. Bronchitis.	1	0000	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	3	2	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	1	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	119	7,540	
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	2	000.21	
29. Hyperplasia of prostrate.	1		
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	- 128	086*2	
31. Congenital malformations.	SSP-	000,8-	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	. 3	3	
33. Motor vehicle accidents. 34. All other accidents.	1	NG TO EXILE	
35. Suicide.	961-	0.6.21	
36. Homicide and operations of war.	PSN 1	2,590	
of and of wat.		0000	
ATT CAUGES	1.1.	USO Line	
ALL CAUSES	44	42	
	242	2.886	

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES 1935 to 1965.

			Infant Mortality Rate	
Year	Population.	Births.	per 1,000 Live Births.	1 year of age.
1935	6,870	94	42.5	Z. Syphil
1937	- 6,566	83	in County of	7
1938	6,514		anoiteetal lecocod	5
1939	6,528	73	109.5	8
1940	6,676	114	58.3	6
1944	6,525	100	50	en ile Malige
1945	6,500	128	54.31	7
1947	6,765	100	E2 725	TO ITAL Other
1947	0,705	172	52.325	15. Louicne
1948	6,876	142	21:12	17. Vancui
1949	7,607	121	49,586	Coronia
1950	7,836	137	43.7	6
1951	7,469	130	38.46	5
1952	7,792	121	33.05	4.65
1953	7,859	150	73.33	11
1954	7,350	126	15.87	2
1955	7,540	119	33.61	Edes 4 .75
1956	8,070	118	25.42	3
1957	7,980	129	7.75	1
1958	-8,000	122	16.39	2
1959	7,470	128	7.81	1
1960	7,990	116	25.86	3
1961	7,590	121	32.05	stolmo 4 de
1962	7,620	133	82.7	11
1963	7,680	145	34.4	5
1964	7,886	145	41.3	6
1				

SECTION B.

PUBLIC ANALYST:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
SERVICE:

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

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

The Breconshire County Council Ambulance stationed at Cwmdu.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE:

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)

WELFARE:

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

ISOLATION HOSPITAL:

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 1965:-

Diseases.

Number of Cases.

Measles.

24

Scarlet Fever.

6

Tuberculosis.

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

	New Cases.				Removals		from Register.	
Resp	iratory.	Non-R	Respiratory.	Res	piratory,	Non-	Respirator	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Mo	F.	
2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	

Number of cases remaining on Register 31st December, 1965.

Respiratory.

Non-Respiratory.

-	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
	18	13	31	2	2	4

SCHOOLS.

No schools were closed during the year 1965, in consequence of infectious diseases.

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 have now commenced 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.

. Leter .og inhands .wings	LOINTINETOR	Slight	Heavy
Supply.	Satisfactory.	Contamination.	Contaminati
Bwlch.	1	-	Tuesday.
* Crickhowell (Ffynnonau)	2	1	* Division
* Crickhowell (Wern)	2	1	adent 7
Gilwern (Brunant)	- 658	1	Sacition?
Gilwern (Hydram)	1	-	
Gilwern (Maesgwartha)	- 166 mm	1	TASHINE.
Llanbedr	-	1	1
* Newport	2	2000	- Section 1
Tretower	1		
	650		Limpon
* Denotes a chlorinated supply.			
PRIVATE SUPPLIES.	3	11	13
PRIVATE SUPPLIES.	,		1)
THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON OF T			

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 total.	7,940 (Reg. Gen. estimate for 1965.
Estimated population supplied into the house.	6,857
Estimated population supplied by standpipes.	30
Estimated total population supplied.	6,887
Estimated population without a public piped water supply.	1,053

This figure includes 300 for Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp.

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	Reanizatory.	Bro-Resolvetory			imated Popu Supplied.	
	Parish.	Estimated Total Population.	-	Piped Supply.	Standpipe.	Total.
	Crickhowell.	1,508		1,451	Nil.	1,451
	Cwmdu.	722		381	26	407
	Llanbedr.	227		54	Nil.	54
-	J.langynidr.	497		411	Nil.	411
	Llangattock.	829		694	Nil.	694
	Llangenny.	650		582	Nil.	582
	18 13	3	-	Tddna parra	HITTE BUPTLE	Includes 300 for Cwrt-y-Coller Camp.
	Llanelly.	3,439		3,284	4	3,288
	Partrishow.	68	as tal	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	TOTALS.	7,940	===	6,857	30	6,887

RODENT CONTROL.

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

Private Dwellings	365
Business Premises	34
Schools	3
Sewerage Systems	Treatment.
Refuse Tips "	11
Brooks in Villages "	11
Farms in the area surveyed and treated.	

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

In spite of farm surveys, and the offer of treatment under Contract, the response has been poor and only ten farms were continually 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 three public sewerage systems and the nine housing estate systems have operated satisfactorily and there have been no major breakdowns or extensive repairs.

Routine sampling of sewage works effluents by the Usk River Authority has only revealed unsatisfactory results at those Works which are overloaded and all these will become obsolete when the proposed schemes are completed.

As reported last year the Crickhowell Sewage Works effluent indicates that these Works are operating at full capacity, and consideration must now been given to an extension to accommodate future housing development.

The Clydach Sewerage System, which includes the doubling of the Aberbaiden Sewage Works, has progressed very well, and the Summer of 1966 should see this system in operation.

The Bwlch and Llangynidr Scheme has now progressed to the point of agreement of the proposed system with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the County Planning Officer and this Council. The scheme finally agreed upon was for a combined sewerage works on the Bwlch side of the River Usk, some considerable distance from the river, with the Llangynidr sewage passing under the river and being pumped to the Works by a pump house sited on the south bank of the river.

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Your Consulting Engineers are drawing up details of the Tretower Village Sewerage System.

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 Closes 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, 7,000 miles and carrying away 12,500 yards of refuse to the tips at Crickhowell and Gilwern.

The Shelvoke and Drewry, fore and aft tipper, 20 cubic yard refuse collection vehicle is now in the second year of operation. It has proved to be a great success in cutting down dust during loading, greater carrying capacity and reduction in mileage. Minor faults have occurred but these have been rectified immediately by the Manufacturers under guarantee.

The whole of the scavenging area 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 1965 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 VCIUNTARILY SURRENDERED.

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

27 tins Baked Beans.

15 tins Soup.

9 tins Tomatoes.

7 tins Pears.

5 tins Milk.

3 tins Pineapples.

3 tins Peas.

2 tins Apricots.

2 tins Green Beans.

2 tins Carrots.

2 tins Cream.

2 tins Rice Pudding.

1 tin Salmon.

1 tin Blueberry Pie Filling.

1 tin Meat.

1 tin Golden Syrup.

1 tin Cranges.

1 tin Peaches.

1 jar Mincemeat.

1 jar Pickled Bestroot.

1 jar Pickled Onions.

1 jar Alka-Seltzer Tablets.

21 lbs 11 ozs Cooked Ham.

ICE CREAM.

Forty 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:-

Mrs. E. Benjamin, Kennel Wood Stores, Gilwern.

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 registrations were as follows:-

Offices.	7
Retail Shops.	23
Wholesale Shops.	-
Catering Establishments.	5
Fuel Storage Depots.	Arra de mare man
TOTAL.	35

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 the 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 1965:-

Detailed house inspections	
Food	. 19.
Factories	. 18.
Complaints investigated	. 61.
Scavenging investigations	. 13.
Drainage investigations	
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 thirty improvement grants were approved, being eight Discretionary Grants and twenty two Standard Grants.

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

	Discretionary	Standard	m. to 7
1 4057	Grants.	Grants.	Total.
1953	MOLW Tollgood	herries	1
1954	12	-	12
1955	21	-	21
1956	13	-	13
1957	15	-1000000	15
1958	14	-	14
1959	19	2	21
1960	13	1	14
1961	15	5	20
1962	14	13	27
1963	16	7	23
1964	14	6	20
1965	8	22	30

PLANNING AND BYELAW APILICATIONS.

For the twelve months ending 31st December, 1965, the following applications were made:
1963
1964
154 Applications for Planning Approval.
136
196 Applications for Byelaw Approval.
165

NOTICES SERVED.

_	Informal.		Statutory.	
	Served.	Complied with.	Served.	Complied with.
	9	6	1	1

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Details of the routine inspections at the sixteen factories in the area are contained on separate Ministry forms.

