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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the
CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Crickhowell Rural District during the year 1971.

In this Report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/72 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

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 Public Health Department.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.K.JONES

L.M.S.S.A., M.F.C.M., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.,

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District	...	...	46,140 acres
Population (estimated) Mid 1971	...	...	8,190
Population per acre	...	...	0.18
Rateable Value as at 1st April 1971	...	...	£182,969
Number of Live Births	...	...	112
Birth Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	13.7
Number of Stillbirths	...	...	0
Stillbirths Rate per 1000 Total Births	...	...	0
Number of Deaths	...	...	90
Death Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude	...	...	11.0
Number of Infant Deaths under (under 1 year)	...	...	2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	...	...	18.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	9.0
Number of Infectious Diseases notified	...	...	30
Infectious Diseases - Attack Rate per 1000 Inhabitants	...	...	3.7
Tuberculosis : -			
Cases notified	...	...	2
Attack rate per 1000 Inhabitants	...	...	0.24
Deaths	...	...	0
Death Rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	...	0

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

The district also supplies labour to the Elvicta Handtools Factory in Crickhowell, 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 awards".

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 or Closing Order.

HOUSING - DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Unfit Dwellings added to the "unfit" list during the year	6	1
Unfit Houses, closed or demolished under the Housing Act, 1957,	4	4
No. of Applicants remaining on Council's List at 31st December,	175	180
No. of Applicants for Council Houses on 1st January,	184	175
Total number of Post-War Council Houses on 1st January	528	536
Number of Council Houses completed during the year	8	24
Number of Council Houses under construction during the year	24	0
Number of Private Houses completed during the year	32	34

The health of the district during the year has been good.

There were 7 cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year, inspections have been carried out from time to time of various food handling shops, bakehouses, 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, the Food Hygiene Regulation, 1955, or under the Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population

Census 1931*	...	7,157
1951	...	7,684
1961	...	7,483
Mid-Year estimate 1971	...	8,190

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated population for each of the last ten years are shown below : -

1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
7620	7680	7880	7940	8130	8140	8260	8290	8290	8190

<u>Acres</u>	...	...	...	46,140 acres
Rateable Value as at 1st April 1971	...	...	...	£182,969
Product of a Penny Rate:	Actual 1970/71	...	...	£709.99
	1971/72	...	...	£1731.11
Rate in the Pound	...	1970/71	...	70P
	...	1971/72	...	83.5p
Water Rate 10p in the pound with a minimum of £1.50 p.a.	...	...	...	...
Total number of Domestic Dwellings	...	...	...	2,830
Number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwelling figures...	...	...	...	550

BIRTHS

BIRTHS		CRICKHOWELL R.D.C			B.C.C.	NATIONAL AVERAGE
		Male	Female	Total		
Live Births :	Legitimate	59	50	109	692	
	Illegitimate	2	1	3	32	
Total Live Births		61	51	112	724	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births				3.0	4.0	8.0
Registrar General's Comparability Factor				1.10	1.11	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Population (crude)				13.7	13.7	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Population (corr)				<u>15.1</u>	<u>15.2</u>	<u>16.0</u>
Stillbirths :	Legitimate	0	0	0	8	
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
Total Stillbirths		0	0	0	8	
Stillbirth Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths				<u>0</u>	<u>11.0</u>	<u>12.0</u>
Total Live and Stillbirths				112	732	

The corrected Live Birth rate of 15.1 was below the National Average of 16.0 per 1000 population and well above the Local Death rate of 11.2 per 1000 population.

Corrected Live Birth rates for the past five years are shown below : -

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
CRICKHOWELL RDC	16.1	19.6	14.3	18.3	15.1
National Average	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0

DEATHS

DEATHS	CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.			B.C.C.	NATIONAL AVERAGE
	Male	Female	Total		
Total Deaths (all causes)	49	41	90	741	
Death Rate per 1000 Population(crude)			11.0	14.0	
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			1.02	0.89	
Death Rate per 1000 Population(corr)			<u>11.2</u>	<u>12.5</u>	<u>11.6</u>
<u>CANCER DEATHS</u>					
Cancer Deaths (all forms)	2	4	6	107	
Cancer Deaths rate per 1000 Population			<u>0.73</u>	<u>2.02</u>	
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>					
Maternal Deaths(including abortion)			Nil	Nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			Nil	Nil	

The corrected Local Death Rate of 11.2 was below the National average of 11.6 per 1000 population and well below the Local Birth Rate of 15.1 per 1000 population.

The corrected Death rates for the past five years are shown below : -

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.	9.8	14.0	11.9	12.3	11.2
National Average	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6

DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

There were 6 Cancer Deaths giving a rate ^{per 100,000} population of 73 compared with the County Rate of 202.

The rates by specific site are shown below : -

SITE	Rate per 100,000 Population	National Average 1969
Lungs, Bronchus	12	61
Stomach	12	26
Intestine	0	33
Breast	12	42
Uterus	12	15
Prostate	0	17
Leukaemia	0	6
All other Malignant Neoplasms.	24	-

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from Maternal causes, including abortions.

INFANT DEATHS

DEATHS	CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.		B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age:				
Legitimate	0	2	2	13
Illegitimate	0	0	0	2
Total:	0	2	2	15
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (total) :			<u>18.0</u>	<u>21.0</u> <u>18.0</u>
Legitimate			18.0	19.0 17.0
Illegitimate			0	63.0 24.0
<u>Neonatal Mortality</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age : -				
Legitimate	0	1	1	7
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0
Total :	0	1	1	7
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births :			<u>9.0</u>	<u>10.0</u> <u>12.0</u>
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of Age :				
Legitimate	0	1	1	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0
Total :	0	1	1	5
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births:			<u>9.0</u>	<u>7.0</u> <u>10.0</u>
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of Age plus number of Stillbirths				
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Stillbirths			<u>9.0</u>	<u>18.0</u> <u>22.0</u>

There were 2 Infant Deaths in 1971 giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 18.0 which equalled the National average of 18.0 per 1000 total Live Births.

There were no Stillbirths in 1971. The Perinatal Mortality rate was 9.0 as compared with the National Average of 22.0 per 1000 total Live Births.

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS

- 1) Severe Prematurity.
Respiratory distress syndrome.
Unavoidable death.
- 2) Infant Broncho-pneumonia
P.M. without inquest.

The Infant Mortality Rates and Perinatal Mortality Rates for the past five years are shown below, and compared with the National Average:

Infant Mortality

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.	8.5	6.8	37.0	51.0	18.0
National Average	18.3	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0

Perinatal Mortality

CRICKHOWELL R.D.C.	41.0	26.7	45.0	43.0	9.0
National Average	25.4	25.0	23.0	23.0	22.0

The Perinatal Mortality rate viz., Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths, was only 42% of the National rate.

This reflects the very high standard of ante-natal and obstetric care provided by the local medical practitioners.

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other infective and parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	1	2
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	17	11	28
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	3	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	8	16
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	1	3
Pneumonia	2	5	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	-	4
Asthma	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	2	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary System	1	-	1
Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.,	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	2	8
All Other Accidents	1	-	1
Total (all causes)	49	41	90

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The main causes of death are shown below and the death rates compared with the National average for 1969.

CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES

	CRICKHOWELL RDC	NATIONAL AVERAGE 1969
Ischaemic Heart Disease	342	286
Cerebro-vascular Diseases	192	163
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	132	148
Accidents	108	48
Malignant Neoplasms	72	238

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS

Ages at death	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total
0 - 1 year	0	2	2	2.2
1 - 4 "	0	0	0	0
5 - 14 "	1	1	2	2.2
15- 24	1	0	1	1.1
25- 34	1	0	1	1.1
35- 44	5	3	8	8.9
45- 54	4	2	6	6.6
55- 64	8	6	14	15.6
65- 74	7	9	16	17.9
75 years and over	22	18	40	44.4
Totals :	49	41	90	100.0

62% of the above deaths occurred at age 65 years and over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS

The following notifications, other than Tuberculosis were reported during 1971 : -

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Measles	14
Infective Hepatitis	7
Food Poisoning	7

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at 1st January 1971 ...	19
New Notifications during 1971	4
Removals during 1971	5
Cases on Register at 31st December 1971..	18

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, S. 172

No action was taken under this section which deals with the removal to Hospital by the Local Authority of infectious persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory Tract.

PUBLIC HEALTH(PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS)REGULATIONS.

No action was taken under these Regulations in respect of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, employed in the Milk Trade.

B.C.G.VACCINATION AND TUBERCULIN SERIAL TESTING OF CHILDREN

This is carried out by the Medical Staff of the County Health Department.

FOOD POISONING

There were 7 cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year,
4 cases were Bacteriologically Negative
2 cases were due to Salmonella St.Paul.
1 case due to Salmonella agona.

DYSENTERY

There were no cases of Dysentery notified during the year.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID

There were no cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid notified during the year.

VENEREAL DISEASES

There were no cases notified during the year.

The Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of these cases. There are no treatment centres in the area and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, and Moira Terrace, Cardiff.

The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, S.47

No action was taken by the Council under S.47 of the above Act which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons who: -

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged, or physically incapacitated, or living in insanitary conditions and,
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons proper care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Mr. R.L. Jackson remained as the Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year facilities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Newport.

All Water samples were sent to the Public Laboratories at Newport, and Milk samples were dealt with at Carmarthen and Newport.

Any investigations required in the control of Infectious Diseases were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Newport.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council are responsible for the following services in the Area: -

1. Provision of Health Centres.
2. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
3. Midwifery Services
4. Health Visiting and Health Education
5. Home Nursing,
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance and Sitting Car Service.
8. Prevention and Illness, Care and After-Care.
9. Domestic Health Service.

The following Clinics are held in the Area: -

Child Welfare Clinics.
Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio-myelitis and Measles.
Relaxation Clinics for Expectant Mothers.
Dental Clinics for Expectant Mothers and Children.
Supply of Welfare Foods.
Orthopaedic Clinics.
Chiropody Clinics.
Cervical Cytology Clinics.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Psychiatric Social Worker

Miss Gwen Morgan remained as the Psychiatric Social Worker for the Area.

Mental Welfare Officer

Mr. T.V.Rees remained as the Mental Welfare Officer for the Area.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The County Council is responsible for the following services in the Area : -

1. Provision of Homes for the Aged
2. Provision of Temporary Accommodation.
3. Registration and Provision of Services for Handicapped Persons.
4. Contributions to Old Persons Organisations.
5. Temporary protection of Property
6. Meals on Wheels Services.
7. Provision of Grants towards Special Housing for the Elderly.
8. Welfare of the Blind and Partially-Sighted.
9. Welfare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

HOSPITALS

Hospital facilities are available at the Abergavenny and Newport Hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Cases are admitted to the Alt-yr-In Hospital, Newport.

SMALLPOX HOSPITALS

Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to the St.Marys Hospital, Penarth, and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for St.Marys Hospital to be ready staffed to receive the patient.

The patient will be removed by County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES

The South-East Breconshire Water Board are responsible for the Public Water Supplies in the 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, Glangwyney, Crickhowell (part), Gilwern (part), Blackrock, Bwlch, Tretower and Llangynidr 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 adequate and pure water to all areas, and to dispense with the present local springs which can be doubtful in quality and poor in yield.

BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES.

Public Supplies

<u>Supply</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Contamination</u>	
		<u>Slight</u>	<u>Heavy</u>
* Bwlch	1	-	-
* Crickhowell(Ffynnonau)	1	-	-
* Crickhowell(Wern)	1	-	-
* Tretower	1	-	-
Llangattock (Tyle)	-	2	1
Llangattock(Hillside)	-	1	2
Llangattock (Cwmoney)	-	1	2
Llanbedr	-	-	2
* Llangynidr (Newport)	1	-	-
		5	7

* Denotes a chlorinated supply.

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

Private Supplies

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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	...	327
Business Premises	...	10
Schools	...	4
Sewering Systems	...	Regular Treatment
Refuse Tips	...	Regular Treatment
Brooks in Villages	...	Regular Treatment
Farms in the Area surveyed and treated.		

The report of Treatment 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 12 farms were continually under contract.

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

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Practically all the main centres of population are now provided with a Sewerage System. They are Crickhowell, Llangattock, Gilwern, Clydach, Llanbedr, Bwlch, Llangynidr and Tretower.

The exceptions are Cwmdu, Glangrwyney, Llangenny, Ffawddog, and Llanelly Hill, and the Consulting Engineers have been instructed to submit schemes with estimated costs to the Council for further consideration.

All the systems have operated satisfactorily without any major mishaps or nuisance arising.

Crickhowell and Llangattock Sewage Works

These works are overloaded and cannot accept any further development within their drainage area.

A £100,000 scheme to enlarge these works, to accept sewage from the estimated new development for the next twelve years, will commence early in 1972.

Aberbaiden Sewage Works

These works, accepting sewage from Gilwern, Clydach and Govilon, the latter area within the district of the Abergavenny R.D.C., are being investigated to ascertain the extent of the enlargement required to accommodate future development in Govilon and the sewerage of Llanelly Hill.

Sewage Treatment Plants and Pumps

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

Penllt,
St. Michaels Close,
and the village of Llanbedr.

The Treatment Plants at Glangrwyney, Llangenny and Penllwyn Housing Estate are pumped out and the sludge taken away by Contractor's tankers at three monthly intervals. This was arranged to prevent smell nuisance to occupiers of houses in the locality when sludge is allowed to stand in drying beds adjoining the Works.

The 18 automatic electrically operated Sewage Pumps in the area have been given regular maintenance, and periodic inspection by the Insurance Company gave satisfactory results.

PUBLIC CLEANSING - REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection from the kerbside, has continued throughout the entire area, with the exception of the extremely isolated premises in remote areas. Apart from minor exceptions the collection is once per week, with Food Shops and Hotels being collected twice per week wherever this can be conveniently arranged.

Two 20 cubic yard Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Vehicles are in use daily, together with a small 3 cubic yard vehicle, and an old 20 cubic yard vehicle is held in reserve for emergency use.

In 1971 the Refuse Vehicles travelled 25,000 miles and transported 2,750 tons of refuse (22,000 cubic yards) to the refuse tips up to August 1971, and since that date, to the Refuse Pulveriser constructed and operated as a joint scheme with the Abergavenny Borough Council and the Abergavenny Rural District Council.

Regular treatment of our two refuse tips, which are still used by the public and by ourselves for odd items, are continually treated with Insecticide Powder and give an excellent result in the reduction of any fly or wasp nuisance.

Continuous control of any rat infestation is also carried out at both tips.

The 1971 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 Council's area.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Food condemned and voluntarily surrendered:-

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

15 Pkts.	Fish Fingers	7 Cornish Ice-creams
13 Pkts.	Plaice Fillets	2 Pkts. Prawns
8 Pkts.	Frozen Pastry.	2 Pkts. Scampi
8 Pkts.	Kipper Fillets.	10 lbs Gammon
4 Pkts.	Cod Portions	
5 Pkts.	Sliced Beef in Gravy	
4 Pkts.	Cod in Butter Sauce	
2 Pkts.	Hake Fillets.	
2 Pkts.	Cod Fillets	
3 Pkts.	Haddock Fillets.	
2 Pkts.	Beef Burgers.	
1 Pkt.	Haddock Portions	
1 Pkt.	Plaice Portions	
1 Pkt.	Chopped Spinach	
12	- Tutti Frutti	
9	- Vanilla Ices	
10	- Strawberry Ices.	
8	- Arctic Rolls	
3 Jars.	Potted Shrimps.	
6	- Hazlenut Surprises	

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

Fifty one premises are now registered for the sale of ice-cream under the Food and Drugs Act.

No new registrations were granted during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Types of Premises: -

Shops	....	....	40
Hotels	....	...	28
Cafes	...	...	2
Schools, Canteens and Clubs	...	...	10
			<u>80</u>

FOOD HYGIENE(GENERAL REGULATIONS) 1960 -1970

	<u>No. of Premises</u>	<u>Complying with Reg.16.</u>	<u>Premises to which Reg. 19 applies.</u>	<u>Premises Complying with Reg. 19</u>
Shops	40	40	40	40
Hotels	28	28	0	0
Cafes	2	2	2	2
School Canteens and Clubs	10	10	0	0

MILK

The County Council is responsible for registering dealers and taking Milk Samples.

Milk Samples - Brucella Abortus

No. of samples of raw milk examined	-	36
No. of Ring positive samples	-	1
No. of animal inoculations	-	1
No. positive	-	0

All samples are negative for Bovine Tuberculosis and Salmonella.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The above Act calls for registration and inspection of all these premises where persons are employed, and the necessary registration forms are distributed collected and copies forwarded to the fire Authority.

The end of year registrations were as follows :-

Offices	...	...	8
Retail Shops	...	...	19
Wholesale Shops	...	...	0
Catering Establishments	...	...	6
Fuel Storage Depots	...	...	0
			<u>33</u>

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS YARDS

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

Slaughtering occurs within the neighbouring districts where facilities are adequate for both slaughtering and 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 1971 : -

Detailed House Inspections	:	...	1,092
Public Health Acts	...	...	527
Food	...	...	4
Factories	...	...	19
Complaints Investigated	...	...	62
Refuse Investigations	...	...	84
Drainage Investigations	...	...	153
Water Supply Investigations	...	...	35

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 fifty seven Improvement Grants were approved, being 51 Discretionary Grants and 6 Standard Grants.

Standard Grants were introduced in 1959 and the following is a comparison of grants approved over the past nineteen years.

		<u>Discretionary</u> <u>Grants</u>	<u>Standard</u> <u>Grants</u>	<u>Total</u>
1953	...	1	0	1
1954	...	12	0	12
1955	...	21	0	21
1956	...	13	0	13
1957	...	15	0	15
1958	...	14	0	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
1966	...	19	12	31
1967	...	19	11	30
1968	...	14	7	21
1969	...	19	8	27
1970	...	48	6	54
1971	...	51	6	57

PLANNING AND BYELAW APPLICATIONS

For the twelve months ending 31st December 1971, the following applications were made : -

211 Applications for Planning Approval
254 Applications for Building Regulations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

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

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 4, 2, 3, 4, 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	0	0	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	19	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	0	0	0	0
Total :	16	19	0	0

2. Cases in which defects were found. (If defects are found at the premises on two, three or more occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were -				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	referred To HM Inspector By HM Inspector (4) (5)		
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable/Defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not Separate for Sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Totals :	0	0	0	0	0

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.



