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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you on the authority of the conditions and the state of the public health in my Rural District for the year 1966.

In the preparation of this report I have endeavored to deal fully with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included comments on all subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/67 (Revised) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area..... 2,643 acres.

Population. The number of inhabited houses was 1,042 giving an average number of 3.3 persons per house.

Population.

Hay Rural District Council

Census 1971.....	3,023
Census 1971.....	3,023
Census 1971.....	3,023
Estimated Midwinter	3,460

Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the Year 1966

1971. 1966. 1965. 1964. 1963. 1962. 1961. 1960. 1959.

3,460 3,460 3,460 3,460 3,460 3,460 3,460 3,460 3,460

Age Rates. Male. Female. Total. Death Rate per 1,000 live.

Officials.

Medical Officer of Health.....T.C.R. George, M.R.C.S.,
Guild hall, Brecon. L.R.C.P.,
T.N. Brecon 2884. D.P.H.,

Public Health Inspector.....W.D. Morgans, C.R.S.H.,

The corrected death rate was 11.7.
The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.7.
The district rate was therefore lower than the national average but higher than the district death rate.

Deaths. Male. Female. Total. Death Rate per 1,000 live.

11.7 11.7 11.7 11.7


The corrected death rate was 11.7.
The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.7.
The district rate was therefore higher than the national average but lower than the district death rate.

Still Births. There were no still births registered during the year.
The national still birth rate was 11.4 per 1,000 live and still births.

Infant Deaths. There were no deaths registered during the year in children of under one year of age, giving a rate of 0.0.
National Infantile Mortality Rate.....0.0

Seasonal Deaths. No deaths during the year could be attributed to any season which was very satisfactory.

Seasonal Mortality Rate.....0.0



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Report of the Medical Officer of Health1966

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Hay Rural District for the year 1966.

In the preparation of 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 all subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/67 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....39,153 acres.

Inhabited houses. The number of inhabited houses was 1,042 giving an average number of 3.3 persons per house.

Population.

Census 1931.....4,028
 Census 1951.....3,869
 Census 1961.....3,728
 Estimated Midsummer 1966.....3,460

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

1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964. 1965. 1966.

..... 3,640 3,640 3,630 3,660 3,660 3,670 3,490 3,480 3,460

Live Births. Males. Females. Total. Crude Rate per 1,000 pop.

Legitimate 18 22 40

Illegitimate 1 0 1

..... 19. 22. 41. 11.8.

The corrected birthrate was 14.9.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.7.

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average but higher than the district death rate.

Deaths. Males. Females. Total. Crude Rate per 1,000 Pop.

..... 45. 41. 86. 24.8.

The corrected deathrate was 12.6.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.7.

The district rate was therefore higher than the national average but lower than the birthrate.

Still Births. There were no still births registered during the year.

The national still birth rate was 15.4 per 1,000 live and still births.

Infant deaths. There were no deaths registered during the year in children of under one year of age, giving a rate of 0.0.

National Infantile Mortality Rate.....19.0.

Maternal Deaths. No deaths during the year could be attributed to childbirth which was very satisfactory.

Maternal Mortality Rate.....0.0.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

1906

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Ray Rural District for the year 1906.

In the preparation of this report I have endeavored to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included comments on all subjects specifically requested in Circular 167 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section I. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....37,157 acres.

Inhabited houses. The number of inhabited houses was 1,042 giving an average number of 2.3 persons per house.

Population.

Estimated Midwinter 1906.....3,480
Census 1901.....3,128
Census 1891.....3,069
Census 1871.....4,038

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

Year	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897
Population	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480	3,480
Male	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Female	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
Male per 1,000 pop.	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.7
Female per 1,000 pop.	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3	48.3

The corrected birth rate was 14.9. The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.7. The district rate was therefore lower than the national average but higher than the district death rate.

Year	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897
Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9

The corrected death rate was 12.6. The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.7. The district rate was therefore higher than the national average but lower than the birth rate.

Still Births. There were no still births registered during the year. The national still birth rate was 12.4 per 1,000 live and still births.

Infant Deaths. There were no deaths registered during the year in children under one year of age, giving a rate of 0.0. National Infant Mortality Rate.....12.0.

Natural Deaths. No deaths during the year could be attributed to diphtheria which was very satisfactory.

Normal Mortality Rate.....0.0.

Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Disease.....	0.
Respiratory tuberculosis.....	0.
Other forms of tuberculosis.....	0.
Cancer.....	7.

<u>Causes of Deaths.</u>	Males.....45.	Females.....41.
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant neoplasms, stomach.....	2.	1.
Malignant neoplasm, lung.....	1.	0.
Other malignant neoplasms.....	2.	1.
Leukaemia.....	1.	0.
Vascular lesions, nervous system....	2.	5.
Coronary disease.....	15.	8.
Other heart disease.....	8.	11.
Other circulatory disease.....	3.	5.
Pneumonia.....	2.	3.
Bronchitis.....	2.	0.
Other diseases, respiratory system....	1.	0.
Nephritis.....	1.	3.
Other diseases.....	1.	2.
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	1.	1.
Other Accidents.....	2.	1.
Suicide.....	1.	0.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Service.

Public Health Officers. There were no changes in your public health officers, Mr. W.D. Morgans remaining as your Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea, Aberystwyth and Brecon. All water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Cardiff.

Nursing and Other Facilities. The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and nursing facilities. The County also administer the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, eye, dental and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all diseases apart from infectious disease are provided by the Brecon War Memorial Hospital. A certain number of cases are also admitted to Hereford Hospital. Merthyr Isolation Hospital and Hereford Isolation Hospitals receive cases of infectious disease.

For the treatment of smallpox arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda.

Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.Water Supplies.

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board, which was formed in August, 1965, took over all existing and proposed water supplies on the 1st April, 1966, when the Rural District Council ceased to be responsible for water supplies in their district

The following water samples were taken by the Public Health Inspector and the results notified to the Water Board:-

<u>Name of Supply</u>	<u>Total Number Taken</u>	<u>Analysis of samples</u>		
		<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Suspicious</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Gwernyfed	3.	2.	-	1.
Talgarth.	3.	3.	-	-
Bronllys.	1.	1.	-	-
Llyswen.	2.	2.	-	-
Aberllynfi.	1.	-	-	1.
Llanigon.	3.	1.	1.	1.
Pfordlaes.	3.	-	1.	2.
	<u>16.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>5.</u>

Deaths from Special Causes.

Causes of Death		Males	Females
Infantile diseases	.....	0	0
Respiratory tuberculosis	.....	0	0
Other forms of tuberculosis	.....	0	0
Cancer	.....	0	0
Causes of Death			
Males		Females	
Malignant neoplasms, stomach	.....	2	1
Malignant neoplasms, lung	.....	1	0
Other malignant neoplasms	.....	2	1
Leukemia	.....	1	0
Vascular lesions, nervous system	.....	2	2
Coronary disease	.....	12	8
Other heart disease	.....	8	11
Other respiratory disease	.....	7	2
Prostate	.....	2	3
Syphilis	.....	2	0
Other diseases, respiratory system	.....	1	0
Nephritis	.....	1	2
Other diseases	.....	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	.....	1	1
Other Accidents	.....	2	1
Suicide	.....	1	0

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Service.

Public Health Officers. There were no changes in your public health officers, Mr. W.D. Morgan remaining as your Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Gwent, Carmarthen, Swansea, Aberystwyth and Brecon. All water samples sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Cardiff.

Nursing and Other Facilities. The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and nursing facilities. The County also subsidizes the Matercity and Child Welfare Clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, eye, dental and orthopedic defects. Immunization against diphtheria and whooping cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all diseases apart from infectious disease are provided by the Queen War Memorial Hospital. A certain number of cases are also admitted to Hereford Hospital. Maternity, infectious diseases and Hereford Infirmary hospitals receive cases of infectious diseases.

For the treatment of malinger arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penryn Hospital, Hereford.

Section 3. Sanitary Arrangements.

Water Supplies. The Hereford and North Gloucestershire Water Board, which was formed in August, 1925, took over all existing and proposed water supplies on the 1st April, 1926, when the Rural District Council ceased to be responsible for water supplies in their district.

The following water supplies were taken by the Public Health Inspector and the results notified to the Water Board:-

Area of Supply	Total Number Takers	Sanitary Inspector	Analysis of samples
Gwent	2	2	1
Cardiff	2	2	-
Neath	1	1	-
Swansea	2	2	-
Aberystwyth	1	-	1
London	2	1	1
Hereford	2	1	2
Total	10	8	4

Samples were also taken from 6 private sources in connection with new piped supplies to farms; 3 of these being satisfactory and three being unsatisfactory. The owners being advised on works required to improve the quality of the water where the samples were unsatisfactory.

Number of Houses in the District.....1,042.
Number of houses supplied from public mains.....842.

Hay Area Water Scheme.

Messrs. Grocock & Day of Leicester, the contractors engaged in carrying out this scheme, continued with the laying of mains and the construction of reservoirs and pumping stations in the Hay and Painscastle Districts. As from the 1st April, 1966 the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board were responsible for the administration of this scheme

Drainage and Sewerage.

Talgarth and Bronllys Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

The Council's Consulting Engineers carried out a structural and hydraulic survey of the existing sewerage system in Talgarth with the object of ascertaining the degree of infiltration in the sewers, together with other exploratory surveys and submitted an amended design of the sewage disposal works as requested by the Welsh Office when the scheme was discussed with them. The Consulting Engineers submitted a report on their investigations and this report was sent to the Welsh Office. Further details concerning this scheme have since been requested by the Welsh Office on the subject of infiltration and the Trade Waste Agreement for the slaughterhouse and these items are being dealt with by the Engineers.

Three Cocks Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

This scheme was substantially completed by the end of 1966 and it was expected to be in operation in the early part of 1967.

Llanigon Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

The site for the proposed sewage disposal works for this village was agreed upon with the landowner, and the Council's Consulting Engineers prepared and submitted plans and documents which were sent to the County Council, Wye River Authority and County Planning Officer. "Outline" planning permission was received and the County Council stated that no objections would be raised to this scheme. The relevant plans and documents are to be submitted to the Welsh Office when the necessary clearances have been obtained

Llyswen Sewage Works.

These works have been functioning satisfactorily throughout the year.

Velindre Sewage Works.

These works have been functioning satisfactorily throughout the year.

General.

The sewage works maintenance team employed by the Council comprises two workmen with small van and this team carry out similar duties for the Hay, U.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. Regular inspections and maintenance is undertaken to all the village sewage works and the small septic tanks serving the Council's housing estates.

Number of visits made to sewage disposal works.....11.
Number of visits to drainage works.....17.
Number of Notices served for defective drainage.....2.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse is collected once weekly in Talgarth, Bronllys, Llyswen, Pipton, Tregoyd & Velindre, Aberllynfi, Llanigon and the parish of Hay Rural. Some of the outlying properties of the district have a monthly collection including Pongenffordd and Capel-y-ffin. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping in the Council's refuse tip near Talgarth Mental Hospital.

The Council undertake this service with a lorry and workmen jointly with Hay U.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Sanities were also taken from private sources in connection with new types of supplies to farms; 3 of these being satisfactory and three being unsatisfactory. The owners being advised on works required to improve the quality of the water where the supplies were unsatisfactory.

Number of houses in the District.....1,042
 Number of houses supplied from public mains.....842

Hay Area Water Supplies.

Messrs. Grocock & Poy of Leicester, the contractors engaged in carrying out this scheme, continued with the laying of mains and the construction of reservoirs and pumping stations in the Hay and Painscastle Districts. As from the 1st April, 1966 the Waterworks and North Worcestershire Water Boards were responsible for the maintenance of this scheme.

Distress and Sickness.

Taunton and Bromley Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes.

The Council's Consulting Engineers carried out a structural and hydraulic survey of the main line sewerage system in Taunton with the object of ascertaining the degree of infiltration in the sewers, together with other exploratory surveys and submitted an amended layout of the sewerage disposal works as requested by the Water Office when the scheme was discussed with them. The Consulting Engineers submitted a report on their investigations and this report was sent to the Water Office. Further details concerning this scheme have since been requested by the Water Office on the subject of infiltration and the Trade Waste Agreement for the sewage treatment works are being dealt with by the Engineers.

Worcester Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes.

This scheme was substantially completed by the end of 1966 and it was expected to be in operation in the early part of 1967.

Leicester Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes.

The site for the proposed sewerage disposal works for this village was agreed upon with the landowner, and the Council's Consulting Engineers prepared and submitted plans and documents which were sent to the County Council, West River Authority and County Planning Officer. "Outlines" planning permission was received and the County Council stated that no objections would be raised to this scheme. The relevant plans and documents are to be submitted to the Water Office when the necessary clearances have been obtained.

Worcester Sewerage Works.

These works have been functioning satisfactorily throughout the year.

Worcester Sewerage Works.

These works have been functioning satisfactorily throughout the year.

General.

The sewerage works maintenance team employed by the Council comprises two workmen with full time and this team carry out similar duties for the Hay, U.D.C. and Worcestershire R.D.C. Regular inspections and maintenance in connection with the village sewerage works and the main sewerage lines serving the Council's housing estates.

Number of visits made to sewage disposal works.....11
 Number of visits to drainage works.....17
 Number of notices served for defective drainage.....2

Public Cleansing.

Rubbish is collected once weekly in Taunton, Bromley, Lydney, Hayton, Tregrove & Wellington, Birmingham and the parish of Hay Rural. Some of the existing properties of the district have a monthly collection including Birmingham and Gopet-Street. Rubbish is disposed of by controlled tipping in the Council's refuse tip near Taunton Mental Hospital.

The Council maintains this service with a forty man workforce jointly with Hay U.D.C. and Worcestershire R.D.C. under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1966:-

Nuisances.

Number of complaints received.....	30.
Number of complaints investigated.....	30.
Number of premises inspected.....	21.
Number of premises re-visited.....	10.
Number of Preliminary Notices served.....	3.
Number of Abatement Notices served.....	0.

Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Verminous Premises.

Number of premises inspected.....	0.
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Caravan Sites.

There are two licensed caravan sites in the district, one is situated at Bronllys and the other at Llyswen.

The site at Bronllys is licensed for holiday caravans and up to a maximum of 18 residential caravans. Part of the site can also be used as a camping site for tents.

The site at Llyswen is licensed for a maximum of 23 holiday caravans but it has not been brought into use.

Planning permission was granted for a small holiday caravan site at the rear of the Hollybush Inn in the Parish of Hay Rural and application has been made by the site owner for a licence for up to 10 caravans for the period Good Friday to 31st October each year.

Number of visits to caravan sites.....	13.
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Licensed Premises.

There are 15 licensed premises, 1 licensed club and three off licence shops in the district.

Improvements were carried out to the sanitary accommodation to one licensed premises during the year.

Number of inspections made.....	16.
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Rodent Control.

One full time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council jointly with Hay U.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. and he works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of premises inspected during 1966.....	490.
Number of premises found infested.....	167.
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator.....	131.
Number of premises treated by the Occupier.....	36.
Estimated Number of rats killed in 1966.....	1708.
Number of dead rats picked up in 1966.....	487.

The sewers in Talgarth, Bronllys, Trofocca, Velindre and Llyswen were test baited in May but there was no evidence of rat infestation. The refuse tip at Talgarth receives regular inspections and treatment to prevent any infestation occurring.

Legal Proceedings.

No legal proceedings were undertaken by the Council during 1966.

Section 4 - Housing.

There were 68 applicants on the Council's "waiting list" for houses and bungalows at 31st December, 1966, and these could be housed as follows:-

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.
The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1966:-

Intensities.

Number of complaints received.....	30
Number of complaints investigated.....	30
Number of premises inspected.....	21
Number of premises re-visited.....	10
Number of Preliminary Notices served.....	2
Number of Abatement Notices served.....	0

Offensive Trades.
There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses.
There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Verminous Premises.

Number of premises inspected.....	0
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Caravan Sites.
There are two licensed caravan sites in the district, one is situated at Broully and the other at Hlywen.

The site at Broully is licensed for holiday caravans and up to a maximum of 18 residential caravans. Part of the site can also be used as a camping site for tents.

The site at Hlywen is licensed for a maximum of 25 holiday caravans but it has not been brought into use.

Planning permission was granted for a small holiday caravan site at the rear of the Hollybush Inn in the Parish of Holywell and application has been made by the site owner for a licence for up to 10 caravans for the period Good Friday to 31st October each year.

Number of visits to caravan sites.....

15

Licensed Premises.
There are 15 licensed premises, 1 licensed club and three off licence shops in the district.

Improvements were carried out to the sanitary accommodation to one licensed premises during the year.

Number of inspections made.....

10

Robert Gwynne.
One full time Robert Gwynne is employed by the Council jointly with Holywell U.D.C. and Pembrokeshire R.D.C. and he works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of premises inspected during 1966.....	130
Number of premises found satisfactory.....	127
Number of premises treated by Robert Gwynne.....	131
Number of premises treated by the Council.....	36
Estimated Number of rats killed in 1966.....	1708
Number of dead rats picked up in 1966.....	487

The sewers in Llangarthol, Broully, Trefos, Vellan and Hlywen were first laid in 1871 but there was no evidence of rat infestation. The rat was first at Llangarthol in 1906 and regular inspections and treatment to prevent any infestation occurred.

Local Proceedings.
No local proceedings were undertaken by the Council during 1966.

Section 4 - Housing.
There were 68 applications on the Council's "waiting list" for houses and bungalows at 31st December, 1966, and these could be housed as follows:-

Parish.	Number of Applicants	Number of Bungalows required.			
		Bungalows	2.	3.	4.
Aberllynfi.	13.	4.	3.	4.	2.
Bronllys.	11.	1.	6.	4.	0.
Llanigon.	6.	3.	1.	2.	0.
Llyswen.	2.	0.	2.	0.	0.
Talgarth.	33.	10.	14.	7.	2.
Velindre.	3.	1.	1.	0.	1.
	68.	19.	27.	17.	5.

13 of the above applicants were living in rooms and 3 in caravans.

There are 215 Council houses in the district.

There were 6 private houses erected in 1966 making a total of 63 since 1945.

Housing Programme.

The following gives details of the Council's present housing programme and the position on the various sites:-

Velindre.

During 1966 a total of 8 houses and 2 bungalows were erected and occupied. These dwellings were erected on three sites.

Gwernyfed Park.

The erection of 20 houses and 6 bungalows was commenced during the year and good progress was maintained by the contractors and occupation was expected of some of the houses early in 1967. A good proportion of the road works and other ancillary works was carried out.

Talgarth. A start was made by the contractors on the erection of 48 houses, 14 bungalows and 2 flats on the site in Talgarth forming an extension of the existing Queen's Avenue estate. Good progress was made on the erection of the houses and roads and ancillary works.

Part of the land has been divided into 9 plots for private development.

Llanigon.

Land is available at Llanigon for the proposed erection of 6 houses and 2 bungalows to form an extension of the Digeddi Housing Estate but development has been deferred at the request of the Welsh Office until the Llanigon Sewerage Scheme has been approved.

Bronllys.

The Council propose to erect 10 houses and 6 bungalows on a field adjoining the existing Council houses known as Neuadd Terrace and the District Valuer was in negotiation with the owner for purchase of the field amounting to 2.56 acres. Possession of the land was promised in March 1967. Part of the site will be set aside in plots for private development. "Outline" planning permission has been obtained for building on the whole of the field with access off the existing Estate road.

Grants for Old People's Bungalows.

The Breconshire County Council have agreed to the payment of a total Grant of £530. per annum for 30 years for housing old people under Section 56 of the Local Government Act, 1958; the amount being made up as follows:-

Velindre.....	2 bungalows	£22.	0.	0.
Gwernyf ed.....	6 bungalows	£66.	0.	0.
Talgarth.....	14 bungalows	£420.	0.	0.
Llanigon	2 bungalows	£22.	0.	0.
		<u>£530.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

The dwellings eligible for grant have to conform to the standard laid down by the Ministry and a list of tenants, with ages, must be submitted to the County Council for approval.

Housing Grants.

Four applications for Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council during the year to a total of £1,516.

Parish	Number of houses completed			Number of applications
	1955	1954	1953	
Abingdon	12	4	4	12
Basingstoke	11	1	1	11
Reading	6	2	2	6
Wokingham	2	0	0	2
Wokingham	25	10	10	25
Wokingham	2	1	1	2
Total	68	18	22	68

12 of the above applicants were living in towns and 5 in country.
There are 212 Council houses in the district.

There were 6 private houses erected in 1955 making a total of 67 since 1945.

Housing Programme

The following gives details of the Council's present housing programme and the position on the various sites:-

Wokingham

During 1955 a total of 2 houses and 2 bungalows were erected and occupied. These dwellings were erected on three sites.

Wokingham Park

The erection of 20 houses and 6 bungalows was commenced during the year and good progress was maintained by the contractor and occupation was expected of some of the houses early in 1957. A good proportion of the road works and other auxiliary works are carried out.

Wokingham

A start was made by the contractor on the erection of 10 houses, 14 bungalows and 2 flats on the site in Wokingham forming an extension of the existing Queen's Avenue estate. Good progress was made on the erection of the houses and roads and auxiliary works.

Part of the land has been divided into 9 plots for private development.

Reading

Land is available at Reading for the proposed erection of 6 houses and 2 bungalows to form an extension of the Reading Housing Estate but development has been delayed at the request of the Water Office until the Reading Sewerage Scheme has been approved.

Reading

The Council propose to erect 14 houses and 6 bungalows on a field adjoining the existing Council houses known as "Horse" corner and the Reading Water works in connection with the owner for purchase of the field amounting to 2.50 acres. Part of the land was granted in March 1957. Part of the site will be set aside in 1958 for private development. "Outline" planning permission has been obtained for building on the site of the field with access to the existing Estate road.

Grants for Old People's Bungalows

The Basingstoke County Council have agreed to the payment of a total grant of £250 per annum for 30 years for housing old people under Section 56 of the Local Government Act, 1955; the amount being made up as follows:-

Wokingham..... 2 bungalows.....	£22. 0. 0
Wokingham..... 6 bungalows.....	£66. 0. 0
Wokingham..... 14 bungalows.....	£42. 0. 0
Wokingham..... 2 bungalows.....	£22. 0. 0
Total	£152. 0. 0

The dwellings eligible for grant have to conform to the standard laid down by the Ministry and a list of tenants, with ages, must be submitted to the Council for approval.

Housing Grants

Four applications for discretionary grants were approved by the Council during the year to a total of £1,216.

Six applications for Standard Grants were also approved up to a maximum of £1,203.

The following table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants during the last four years:-

	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1964.</u>	<u>1965.</u>	<u>1966.</u>
Discretionary Grants.	1.	8.	4.	4.
Standard Grants.	10.	7.	1.	6.

Although there was an increase in the number of applications for Standard Grants in 1966 compared with the previous year, it is disappointing to note that few property owners are taking advantage of this financial aid for the improvement of dwellings capable of being brought up to a higher standard of structural fitness and providing modern amenities.

Housing Act, 1957.

1. Number of houses demolished	0.
2. Number of unfit houses closed	1.
3. Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied...	4.
4. Number of unfit houses in temporary use	0.
5. Number of houses unfit at end of 1966	35.

Undertakings were given by the owners of two properties that they would not be used for human habitation until brought up to the required standard.

Housing - General.

A contract with the South Wales Electricity Board for the re-wiring and improvement of the electricity installation in 56 pre-war Council houses was carried out during the year.

Number of housing inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.....71.

Section 5.

Inspection of Meat and other Foods.

Milk.

There are two dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. pasteurised and sterilised milk and these operate from dairies outside the district; one being in Hay Urban District and the other in Brecon Borough.

Meat.

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in Talgarth owned by Mr.W.J. George.

Number of inspections to the slaughterhouse102.

Animals killed and inspected:-

Cattle	208.
Calves	3.
Sheep	971.
Pigs	329.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>
Number killed and inspected.	208.	3.	971.	329.	0.

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.

Whole carcasses condemned.	0.	0.	0.	1.	0.
Carcases of which of which some part or organ was condemned.	9.	0.	3.	1.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis.	4.3.	0.	0.31.	0.60.	0.

Six applications for Standard Grants were also approved up to a maximum of £1,500.

The following table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants during the last four years:-

	1967	1968	1969	1970
Standard Grants	10	7	4	4
Interim Grants	1	1	1	1

Although there was an increase in the number of applications for Standard Grants in 1968 compared with the previous year, it is disappointing to note that few property owners are taking advantage of this financial aid for the improvement of dwellings capable of being brought up to a higher standard of structural fitness and providing modern amenities.

Housing Act, 1967

1. Number of houses demolished..... 0
2. Number of units houses closed..... 1
3. Number of units houses rebuilt and houses in which defects were remedied... 4
4. Number of units houses in temporary use..... 0
5. Number of houses units at end of 1968..... 37

Subsidies were given by the Council for the repair of two properties that they would not be used for human habitation until brought up to the required standard.

Housing - General

A contract with the South Wales Electricity Board for the re-wiring and improvement of the electricity installation in 26 pre-war Council houses was carried out during the year.

Number of housing inspections made by the Public Health Inspector..... 11

Section 2
Inspection of Milk and other Foods

Milk

There are two dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. pasteurized and sterilized milk and these operate from dairies outside the district; one being in Mythen Quay and the other in Cross Street.

Meat

There is one licensed slaughterman in Talgarth owned by Mr. W. J. George.

Number of inspections to the slaughterhouse..... 102

Animals killed and inspected:-

Cattle	208
Calves	2
Sheep	271
Pigs	225

Garages and Other Structures and Premises in which or in cars

	Garages	Other Structures	Other Premises	Other Premises
Number killed and inspected	208	2	271	225

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Syphilis

Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	1	0
Carcases of which of which some part or organs were condemned	0	0	0	1	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Syphilis	4.3	0	0.37	0.60	0

Meat condemned (Cont'd)

	<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
<u>Cystercercosis.</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Generalised and totally condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.

Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

The Hay Rural District Council make the maximum permitted charge under the Regulations for inspection of animals at the slaughterhouse:-

- 2s. 6d. per beast (other than a calf)
- 9d. per calf or pig.
- 6d per sheep or lamb.

Meat inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

In accordance with the requirements of these Regulations the following days and times of slaughtering at the slaughterhouse were approved by the Council:-

- Mondays 8.0.am. to 4.0 pm.
- Tuesdays 8.0.am. to 4.0 pm.
- Saturdays 2.0 pm. to 7.0 pm.

Shops.

There are 26 shops which deal in food in the district and these may be classified as follows.

Grocers	10.
Grocers/Confectioners	3.
Confectioners/Tobacconists	4.
Bakers	1.
Cafes	5.
Greengrocers	1.
Fish & Chips	1.
Butchers	1.

Foods condemned (from shops):-

- 10lbs. Ham.
- Nil - Tins.

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector	20.
Number of Notices served	0.

Food Preparation Rooms (including bakehouses).

Number of inspections made by P.H.I.	32.
Number of Notices served	0.

No special examination of a shop's stock or consignment of food was necessary during the year.

Ice-Cream Premises.

Number of inspections9.
There are 20 retailers selling pre-packed ice-cream but no manufacture of ice-cream is carried out in the district.

Food Inspection (Amendment) Bill, 1938

<u>Food</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Spec.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Goats.</u>	<u>Other.</u>
General and totally consumed.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases subjected to treatment by refrigeration.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was consumed.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was consumed.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was consumed.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.

Food Inspection Bill, 1937

The Law Board has recommended the Bill with amendments. The Bill provides for inspection of animals at the slaughterhouse—
 2s. 6d. per carcase (other than a calf)
 3d. per calf or pig.
 6d. per sheep or lamb.

Food Inspection (Amendment) Bill, 1936

In accordance with the requirements of these Regulations the following days and times of slaughtering at the slaughterhouses were approved by the Council:—
 Mondays 8.0 am. to 4.0 pm.
 Tuesdays 8.0 am. to 4.0 pm.
 Wednesdays 8.0 am. to 7.0 pm.

Notes.

There are 26 shops which deal in food in the District and these may be classified as follows:
 10. Grocers
 2. Grocers/Butcher shops
 4. Butcher shops
 1. Bakeries
 2. Confectioneries
 1. Ice-cream parlours
 1. Milk & Dairy
 1. Butchers

Food consumed (from shops):—

101st Mar.	20.
101st Apr.	0.
Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector	20.
Number of notices served	0.
Number of inspections made by F.M.I.	20.
Number of notices served	0.

No special or additional work or attention of a shop's stock or consumption of food was necessary during the year.

Inspection of shops.

Number of inspections 2.
 There are 26 retailers selling pre-packed food-stuffs but no manufacturer of the same is carried out in the District.

Fried Fish Shops.

Number of inspections 6.

There is only one fried fish and chip shop in the district.

Section 6.

During the year the following cases of notifiable infectious disease were reported to me.

Scarlet fever 2. cases.
Measles 4. cases.

Venereal Disease.

The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in 1966 and recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year 27.
Number of fresh cases notified during the year 1.
Number of cases removed due to recovery 5.
Number of cases removed due to removal from district 2.
Number of cases removed due to death 0.
Number of cases left on register at end of year 21.

The Number of cases notified during recent years is shown below:-

1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.	1966.
3.	10.	2.	13.	12.	8.	6.	6.	3.	3.	2.	1.

APPENDIX.Factories Acts 1937 to 1959.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966 FORTHE RURAL DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE.Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.PART 1 OF THE ACT.

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

Premises. (1).	Number on Register (2).	Number of.		
		Inspect-ions. (3).	Written Notices. (4).	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5).
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3.	5.	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	10.	12.	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	13.	17.	-	-

Number of inspections 6
There is only one fish and chip shop in the district.

Section 6.

During the year the following cases of notifiable infectious diseases were reported to me.

Scarlet fever 5 cases.
Dysentery 4 cases.

Verruca Disease.

The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of doubtfuls is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in 1966 and recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year 27.
Number of fresh cases notified during the year 1.
Number of cases removed due to recovery 2.
Number of cases removed due to removal from district 2.
Number of cases removed due to death 0.
Number of cases left on register at end of year 24.

The number of cases notified during recent years is shown below:-

1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
1	2	10	5	12	8	6	6	3	2	2	1

APPENDIX.

Factories Act 1937 to 1963.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966 FOR

THE BURIAL DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF BRECKNOCK.

Presented Pursuant to the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

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

Provision.	Number on Register (2).	Number of		(1).
		Inspection forms. (3).	Written Notices. (4).	
i. Provisions in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 are to be enforced by local authorities.	3.	2.	-	-
ii. Provisions not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by local authority.	10.	12.	-	-
iii. Other provisions in which Sec. 7 is enforced by local authority (excluding out-workers provisions)	-	-	-	-
Total.	13.	14.	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases).

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Referred			
		Remedied	To. H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1).	2.	2.	-	-	-
Overcrowding. (S.2).	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature. (S.3).	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6).	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	2.	2.	-	-	-
Totals	5.	5.	-	-	-

There was no out-work during the year

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R. GEORGE,

Medical Officer of Health.

3. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be recorded as two, three or more cases).

Number of cases in which defects were found.	Number of cases in which defects were found.			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.	Defendants.
	Referrals				
	Form.	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
-	-	-	-	2	Want of cleanliness (2.1).
-	-	-	-	-	Overcrowding (2.2).
-	-	-	-	-	Unsanitary premises (2.3).
-	-	-	-	-	Defective ventilation (2.4).
-	-	-	-	-	Defective drainage of floors (2.5).
-	-	-	-	-	Defective conveniences (2.7).
-	-	-	-	1	(a) Unsanitary or defective.
-	-	-	-	-	(b) Not adequate for cases.
-	-	-	-	2	Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to 2nd part).
-	-	-	-	2	Totals

There was no out-work during the year

Yours faithfully,

T.G.R. GEORGE

Medical Officer of Health.