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June, 1961.

To the Chairman and
Bramminster Rural BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1960.

The Report is set out in sections in the following order :-

Public Health	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
Sanitation	
Inspection & Supervision	FOR THE YEAR
Housing	1960.
Prevalence of, and control of	
Infectious and other Diseases	
Vaccination data.	

I am deeply grateful for the sympathy and consideration extended to me by Members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Mr. Buxton, the Public Health Inspector, for his great assistance in the preparation of the Report.



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June, 1961.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Beaminster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

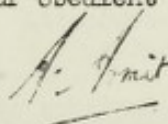
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to me by Members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues
on the Council staff, especially Mr. Rundle, the Public Health Inspector,
for his great assistance in the preparation of this Report.

I am, your obedient servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Public Health Inspector and
Meat Inspector.....C.C. Rundle, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,
Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.		58,693
Registrar General's estimate of population		8,100
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1960)		2,852
Rateable Value		£73,423
Sum represented by a Penny Rate		£293

Deaths 0.84

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	124	68	56
Legitimate.	118	65	53
Illegitimate.	6	3	3

15.31 Crude.
17.45 Corrected.

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	4.8
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<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	1	-	1
Legitimate.	1	-	1
Illegitimate.	-	-	-

Still-births rate per 1,000 live and still-births	8.0
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<u>Total Live and Still-births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	125	68	57

<u>Deaths</u> (excluding still-births) all ages.			
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	104	58	46

12.84 Crude.
10.79 Corrected.

<u>Infant deaths under 1 year.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	4	3	1
Legitimate.	4	3	1
Illegitimate.	-	-	-

<u>Infant deaths under 4 weeks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	3	2	1
Legitimate.	3	2	1
Illegitimate.	-	-	-

<u>Infant deaths under 1 week.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total registered.	3	2	1
Legitimate.	3	2	1
Illegitimate.	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.	32.3
Legitimate " " " legitimate live births.	33.9
Illegitimate " " " illegitimate live births.	Nil.
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	24.2
Early Neo-natal " " { " " 1 week " " " " }	24.2
Perinatal " " { still-births & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	32.0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths.	Nil.
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births.	Nil.

* Note - Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males		Females		Total.
	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2	-	-	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	-	-	-	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	3	1	4	2	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	1	1	-	2
16. Diabetes.	-	-	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	5	2	4	-	11
18. Coronary disease, angina.	8	3	4	1	16
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	-	1	1	-	2
20. Other heart disease.	9	5	10	1	25
21. Other circulatory disease.	2	1	1	1	5
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	1	1
23. Pneumonia.	2	-	1	1	4
24. Bronchitis.	2	-	-	1	3
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	2	1	-	1	4
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1	-	-	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	-	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	-	-	1	1
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	3	2	8	-	13
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	1	-	-	1
34. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
35. Suicide.	-	-	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	40	18	35	11	104

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1939	1948	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Population.....	7635	8002	8140	8150	8140	8160	8150	8080	8100
Rateable Value.....	£29603	£37929	£41760	£41778	£70706	£68472	£69063	£73212	£73423
Estimated Produce of Penny Rate.....	£131	£158	£168	£168	£288	£268	£279	£282	£293
BIRTHS.									
Live Births.....	126	139	129	128	121	130	119	115	124
Legitimate.....	115	133	123	120	112	126	117	104	118
Illegitimate.....	11	6	6	8	9	4	2	11	6
Still Births.....	3	3	1	2	6	-	1	2	1
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	16.5	17.4	15.9	15.7	14.9	15.9	14.6	14.2	15.3
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....			18.2	18.1	17.1	18.2	18.2	16.2	17.5
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	17.9	15.2	15.0	15.7	16.1	16.4	16.5	17.1
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....								20.7	19.7
DEATHS.									
Total Deaths.....	102	85	81	104	125	102	115	117	104
Death Rate (crude).....	13.4	10.6	10	12.8	15.4	12.5	14.2	14.5	12.8
Death Rate (corrected).....			8	10.2	12.7	10.6	11.9	12	10.8
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	10.8	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.5
INFANT MORTALITY.									
Deaths under 1 year.....	9	4	1	1	4	1	1	-	4
Infantile Death Rate.....	71.0	28.8	7.8	7.8	33.1	7.7	8.4	-	32.3
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	53	33.9	25.4	24.9	23.5	23.1	22.5	22.0	21.7
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....								15.8	15.6
MATERNAL DEATHS.									
Maternal Deaths.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Maternal Death Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)....	2.97	1.02	0.69	0.64	0.56	0.47	0.43	0.38	0.39

Number of Deaths and Death Rates from Tuberculosis and Cancer.

Death Rates per million population

Becunster Rural.

Males.

Females.

Rate.

Males.

Rate.

England and Wales.

Females.

Rate.

Respiratory Tuberculosis.
 Other Tuberculosis.
 Cancer of lung and bronchus.
 Other cancer.

-

-

-

2,332

160

18,876

106

7

855

762

172

3,116

32

7

132

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The District is approximately 92 square miles in area and is divided into 26 parishes with a population of 8,100. Agriculture is the basic industry, mostly dairy farming. There is a Milk Factory and a Plastics' Factory in Beaminster Town, and a Saw Mill in the west of the District.

Water Supplies.

The West Dorset Water Board took over direct responsibility of the public water supplies in the District on 1st. April, 1959. The Council's responsibility ceased in respect of public water supplies to Beaminster Town, Netherbury village, Thorncombe village, Corscombe and Halstock.

The Council still retain responsibility for water supplies to their own housing estates in the parishes other than the above.

Regional Scheme Phase 1.

During 1960 three trial boreholes were sunk at Litton Cheney. The Board estimated that the requirement from Litton Cheney towards a supply for West Dorset would be 936,000 g.p.d. and that the possible yields might be -

From the existing heading	13,000 g.p.h.
" Borehole A.	10,000 g.p.h.
" " B.	13,000 g.p.h.
" " C.	20,000 g.p.h.
	<u>56,000 g.p.h.</u>

This is equivalent to 1,344,000 g.p.d.

The purchase of 10 acres of land known as Hooke Springs in the Beaminster Rural District was also completed.

The Board agreed to submit to the Minister Phase 1 in detail. This contains statistics relating to the Litton Cheney boreholes together with the details of the Hooke pumping station, the building of five reservoirs and the laying of approximately 19 miles of trunk mains from Hooke, westwards via Toller Down, to Broadwindsor, Salway Ash and Dottery from where a connection could be made to the Bridport supply. The Ministry had undertaken to consider at one and the same time, the Board's Regional Scheme in principle, Phase 1 in detail, and the Draft Order relating to the Litton Cheney boreholes which had been submitted to them by the Board's Parliamentary Agent.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

At the June meeting, the Board received a letter from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government enclosing for information a copy of the letter sent to the Town Clerks of Dorchester and Weymouth and the Clerks of Portland U.D.C., and Dorchester R.D.C., and the Secretary of the Weymouth Water Works Company. In that letter, the Ministry asked the Councils and the Company to consider the possibility for forming a single undertaking to serve the whole of their districts and the area of the West Dorset Water Board. The Board decided to send a copy of the letter to the Dorset County Council.

In November, the Board asked the Minister his views on the possible enlargement of the Board's area as it now appeared that the Local Authorities to the east of the area proposed forming a Joint Water Board which would not include the West Dorset Water Board's area.

A deputation from the Board to the Ministry at the beginning of 1961, raised the two main questions of (a) grants and (b) re-grouping of water undertakings.

The Parliamentary Secretary replied that he appreciated the Board's efforts to provide their area with water. He realized the financial burden placed upon them and promised to consider carefully the question of grants. He desired the Board to proceed with their scheme without delay and was anxious to meet their difficulties. He wished the Board's area to be enlarged and would seek to persuade their neighbours to amalgamate with the Board, and he undertook to draw the Board's fears and burdens to the attention of the Minister.

Analyses.

Approximately 3,600 persons take supplies from public mains, 2,800 from private piped supplies and 1,800 depend on individual sources, e.g. wells and springs, which are mostly of doubtful quality and insufficient quantity.

The following table shows the results of bacteriological analyses carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, during the year from various supplies taken by the Local Authority and the West Dorset Water Board.

Supplies.	Total.	Satisfactory.	Suspicious.	Unsatisfactory.
<u>Board's Mains.</u>				
Beaminster.	77	70	2	5
Corsocombe and				
Halstock.	78	61	7	10
Thorncombe.	52	26	4	22
Private Supplies.	1	-	-	1

Halstock Booster Pumping Station.

A temporary 2" polythene main from the inlet side of the Halstock booster to Clarkham Cross was laid during the year.

Corsocombe and Halstock Supply.

Because of occasional pollution of the source, a temporary sterilisation plant was installed.

Sewerage.

There are 626 properties within the area to be served by the proposed new sewerage system at Beaminster. 576 of these have water sanitation and the remaining 50 have pail closets or vaults.

The method of disposal of drainage from the 576 properties with water sanitation is approximately as follows :-

Council Houses, with their own disposal plants
(septic tank, filter and humus chamber, with
effluent to river)..... 208

Council Flats and Houses connected to existing sewer..... 7

Private properties with cesspools or septic tanks,
and with effluent to river..... 62

Private properties with cesspools or septic tanks,
but with effluent to soakaways..... 25

Private properties connected to existing sewers..... 232

Private properties connected directly to rivers..... 42

The existing sewers are mostly combined highway surface water and house drainage sewers. They are predominantly old stone-built sewers and discharge untreated into the rivers at various points.

Especially during the summer months the condition of the rivers gets very bad, particularly so in the case of the river at the end of St. Mary Well Street, and to improve matters during these months parts of the rivers are cleaned periodically.

Pollution of the river is also aggravated by the discharge therein of drainage from the milk drying factory of Messrs Dried Milk Products Ltd., at North Street, and from the Process Engraving and Printing Works of Messrs Abbott Brown and Sons Ltd., at the end of Fleet Street.

Following upon the decision of the Bridport Borough Council in October, to make a Hydrographic Survey at West Bay as a necessary preliminary to the Borough Council's consideration of the construction of a long submarine outfall, the Beaminster Council approached their Consulting Engineers for their observations regarding taking the Beaminster Sewage to Bridport, and the Engineers suggested that Bridport Borough be asked, if in the event they proceed with the outfall scheme, they would :-

- a) be prepared to receive sewage from Beaminster.
- b) say how soon the scheme would be ready.
- c) state their terms for receiving the sewage.

The Dorset County Council expressed the opinion that the system of laying a long submarine outfall was worthy of further investigation by local coastal sanitary authorities.

Nettlecombe - Powerstock.

The sewerage together with the disposal works for these two villages was nearing completion at the end of the year.

Halstock Scheme.

The Surveyor submitted plans and sections of the layout of sewers and works for the above scheme at an estimated cost of £7,057 and the Council agreed to submit it to the Ministry in April.

Corscombe.

In June, the Council requested the Surveyor to prepare details of a sewage scheme for this village.

Sewage Works, Six Year Programme.

A suggested programme of sewage schemes to be carried out in villages with existing and proposed piped water supplies and extending over the next six years was submitted to the Council in June. The order of priority of schemes follows the programme of the West Dorset Water Board for the laying on of main water supplies and, for this reason, Evershot and Melbury Osmond which, it was originally proposed, should follow Corscombe, had been deferred.

Public Cleansing.

All household refuse and salvage is collected weekly from Beaminster parish, while in the remaining parishes, salvage and indestructible household refuse only, is collected monthly, the work being carried out by two men and a covered refuse collecting lorry. The refuse is tipped on the Council's dump a mile north of Beaminster Town.

During the year a lease of an old chalk quarry next to the present tip was negotiated for refuse disposal.

In September, the Council agreed to inaugurate a fortnightly collection of domestic refuse commencing January, 1961, in parishes other than the parish of Beaminster which has a weekly collection at present.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

No. of inspections.....	1444 (including all inspections)
No. of Informal Notices.....	63 No. complied with..... 65
No. of Statutory Notices.....	Nil. No. complied with..... Nil.

Allocation of Inspections.

Factories.....	15.	Food Inspections.....	81.
Drains.....	264.	Food Premises.....	125.
Milk Premises.....	2.	Infectious Diseases.....	5.
Licensed Premises.....	11.	Petrol storage.....	14.
Water Supplies.....	35.	Knackers Yard.....	6.
Building Byelaws & Planning.....	593.	Slaughterhouse	79.
Nuisances, general.....	122.	Housing.....	354.

Petroleum, Spirit.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Act, 1928 and 1936.

No. of licences.....	42.	No. of inspections.....	14.
No. of Notices served.....	1.	No. complied with.....	1.

Rodent Control.

The North Dorset Control Scheme of which this Council is a member, is functioning satisfactorily in the District.

Disinfestation.

No action was taken during the year.

Smoke Abatement.

No Nuisances were reported regarding smoke or grit emissions.

Camping Sites.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, came into force 29th. August, 1960.

There is no widespread camping in the District. Licences were granted for a few single sites on which to keep a caravan.

Schools.

The 16 schools in the area have been inspected regularly; 10 have water supplies from mains (public and private), 5 from wells and 1 has no water on the premises. 62 samples were taken for analyses by the County Council's staff, 55 being satisfactory, 2 suspicious, and 5 unsatisfactory. 13 schools have water closets and 3 vault or bucket closets. All schools have Tuberculin Tested or Heat Treated milk supplied to the children.

Flooding.

On 23rd. October, after abnormal rain-fall, the rivers in Beaminster and neighbourhood, flooded approximately 110 houses in the following places :- Beaminster 62, Powerstock 12, West Milton 10, South Perrott 14, Mosterton 4, Netherbury 6, Hooke 2, The staff were kept busy giving help to the houses and the removal of obstructions in the streams.

A Joint Meeting of West Dorset Local Authorities together with representatives of Dorset County Council, Ministry of Agriculture, Avon and Dorset River Board, and British Railways met to discuss the flooding, what action to take to prevent a recurrence, to set up a flood warning system and an emergency flood relief system.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises by Type.

(1) There are 101 food premises in the District, as follows :-

General shops.....	8.	General & ice cream.....	26.
Bakehouses.....	3.	Cafes & ice cream.....	3.
Licensed premises.....	30.	Licensed premises & ice cream.....	10.
Butchers shops.....	4.	Fish and Chips.....	1.
Dried Milk Factory.....	1.	Greengrocery & fruit.....	1.
General, ice cream, and T.T. bottled milk.....	1.		
Bakehouse, Bakery shops and ice cream.....	1.		
Bakehouses, General shops and ice cream.....	2.		
Butchers shop and slaughterhouse.....	1.		
Fresh fruit, greengrocery and fruit.....	1.		
Egg packing and liquid egg.....	1.		
Factory canteen.....	2.		
Butchers shops and ice cream.....	2.		
Poultry killing and plucking.....	1.		
Sale of cakes and pastries.....	1.		
General, Cafes and ice cream.....	2.		

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

A total of 55 as follows :-

Ice cream.....	47.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale.....	7.
Cooked fish.....	1.

125 inspections of food premises were made, of which 115 were of the registered premises set out in group (2) above. The premises are considered to comply reasonably with the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

No notice was served under the above Byelaws for infringement.

Condemnation of Food.

Apart from meat condemned at the slaughterhouse, the following foodstuffs were condemned and disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse tip :-

18 lbs liquid egg.
426 packages of frozen foods.
148 packages of ice cream.

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors.....	3.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm....	1.
No. of inspections of dairies.....	2.
No. of dealers' licences authorising the use of special designations	
"Sterilised" (Supplementary).....	1.
"Pasteurised".....	1.
"Pasteurised" (Supplementary).....	1.
"Tuberculin Tested".....	5.

Under the Milk Special Designation Regulations 1960, the responsibility of the issuing of the above licences will be transferred to the Dorset County Council as from 31/12/60.

Milk Sampling.

The following are the particulars of the 41 samples of milk taken for analyses by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Rural District Council.

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed.	3	23	7	33
Failed.	-	8	-	8

Regarding the samples that failed, the producers of these were notified and where two consecutive samples failed, the County Milk Production Officer would be requested to visit the farm.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Section 20.

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises registered for the :-

(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream.....	Nil.
(b) Storage and Sale of Ice Cream.....	47.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected.....	32.
No. of inspections.....	32.
No. of Notices served (I.C.H.T.R.),.....	Nil.

No samples were taken for analyses during the year.

All ice cream retailed, is pre-packed.

Meat Inspection.

There is only one licenced slaughterhouse in the District. This is sited at Broadwindsor and is privately owned. Inspection of meat at this slaughterhouse is made by the Public Health Inspector who possesses the necessary qualifications.

79 inspections were made to the slaughterhouse during the year.

The owner of the above slaughterhouse obtained planning consent to the use of land at Common Water Lane, Broadwindsor for the erection of a new slaughterhouse.

His appeal against refusal by the planning authority for another site in the village was withdrawn.

Knackers Yard.

There is one licensed Knackers Yard which is sited about three miles north of Beaminster Town.

6 visits were paid to this. The premises comply reasonably with the Regulations.

The Meat (Staining and Sterilisation) Regulations, 1960, came into operation 1/11/60.

Briefly they are to the effect that, with certain exemptions, meat at slaughterhouses and other premises, which is unfit for human consumption must be sterilised before it leaves the premises, but where there are no facilities for sterilising, the meat may be removed by arrangement with an authorised officer of the Local Authority to a place where it will be sterilised or destroyed. All meat at knackers yards must be sterilised or stained green.

Copies of the Regulations were supplied to the appropriate traders in the district.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.					
	Cattle including cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	67	5	214	116	-
Number inspected.	67	5	214	116	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	18	-	65	10	-
Percentage of the no. inspected affected with disease other than cysticerci.	27	-	30	9	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the no. inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

HOUSING.

16 new houses were completed by the Local Authority during the year, 7 at Broadwindsor, 7 at Beaminster and 2 at Halstock. There were no houses under construction at the end of the year.

In May and November, the Council decided that consideration of any further building be deferred.

Since the war 352 houses including 51 bungalows and 6 flats have been built by the Local Authority in the following parishes :-

Beaminster.....	173.	Marshwood.....	8.
(Fairfield 32, Hogshill Mead 32, Gerrards Green 97, Woodswater Lane 5, Fleet Street 7.)		Mosterton.....	6.
Broadwindsor.....	46.	Melbury Osmond.....	4.
(village 36, Drington 10)		Netherbury.....	40.
Burstock.....	4.	(village 14, N. Bowood 4, Salway Ash 14, Melplash 8)	
Corsecombe.....	7.	South Perrott.....	12.
Evershot.....	4.	Powerstock.(West Milton).....	4.
Halstock.....	12.	Ranpishan.....	4.
		Stoke Abbott.....	4.
		Thornecombe.....	24.

At the end of the year there were approximately 92 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District.

11 houses were demolished following Demolition Orders, 3 at Beaminster, 6 at Broadwindsor, and 2 at Hooke.

7 houses were closed following Closing Orders or Undertakings by owners, 5 in Broadwindsor parish and 2 in Netherbury parish.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected..... 226. No. of inspections..... 354.
No. unfit for habitation..... 35.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act, 1957 Sections 9, 10, and 12.

No. of Formal Notices served..... Nil.

Public Health Act, 1936.

No. of Notices served - Informal, 24. Formal, Nil. 24.
No. of houses in which defects were remedied after Notice
(a) By owners - Informal 21, Formal Nil, 21.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner..... Nil.

Re-Housing.

No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations..... 3.
No. of new houses completed by -
(a) Local Authority..... 16.
(b) Private Enterprise..... 21.
No. of new houses completed since the war by -
(a) Local Authority..... 352.
(b) Private Enterprise..... 167.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/60
(a) Local Authority..... Nil.
(b) Private Enterprise..... 9.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority..... 442.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 (Improvement Grants).

No. of houses improved during 1960 with - Discretionary Grants..... 23.
Standard Grants..... 20.
No. of dwellings provided by conversions (Discretionary Grants).... 1.

Housing for Elderly People.

The Council have built 51 bungalows 2 bedroom type, for elderly people, and have completed building 6 flats in Fleet Street, Beaminster, with full structural welfare facilities for elderly people.

Slum Clearance and Demolition Statement.

At the beginning of the year 136 houses which appeared to be unfit for human habitation and liable to Demolition had all been considered by the Public Health Committee following visits by the sub-committee appointed for the purpose.

The following is a statement showing the action taken in respect of the above houses.

Houses demolished following Demolition Orders or voluntarily by owners in anticipation of Demolition Orders.....	10.
Houses demolished following Clearance Areas or Clearance Orders.....	17.
Houses made fit and Demolition Orders revoked.....	2.
Demolition Orders made but houses not yet demolished (13 still occupied).....	38.
Houses closed following Closing Orders.....	5.
Closing Orders made but houses not yet vacated.....	4.
Houses closed following formal undertakings by owners.....	6.
Houses closed following informal undertakings by owners.....	4.
Houses made fit following formal undertakings by owners.....	5.
Houses made fit informally (9 houses converted into 6).....	9.
Outstanding informal undertakings to make fit.....	10.
Action postponed.....	17.
No action required.....	9.

Although there are still houses awaiting demolition, the major part of the Council's five year programme has been completed. However, a further 140 houses have been added as possibly being unfit and liable to demolition and these will be visited by the sub-committee.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable Infectious Diseases was very low indeed. There were 12 cases of Scarlet Fever, widely scattered over the district and the disease was of a mild type.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

Close co-operation was maintained with the Head Teachers and School Nurses regarding control of Infectious Diseases in schools.

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centres, and for older persons, special evening clinics were opened for Polioyelitis Vaccination. The following table shows the number who were immunised.

Disease.	Primary.	Booster.
Tuberculosis (B.C.G.)	48 *	-
Polioyelitis.	482	495
Diphtheria.	113	244
Whooping Cough.	108	82
Tetanus.	185	98
Smallpox.	85	10

* The above B.C.G. numbers do not include senior children from the District who attend schools in Lyne Regis, Bridport and Sherborne.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938, 1940, 1945 - 1960.

DISEASE.	1938	1940	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	6	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhyssipelas.....	4	4	5	4	-	1	2	6	5	3	6	3	5	-	-	1	-	1
Scarlet Fever.....	17	4	5	11	4	2	5	4	6	2	14	5	2	-	5	3	22	12
Malaria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	5	3	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	4	8	2	6	2	5	7	4	12	7	5	7	-	2	3	1	9	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	8	7	9	4	4	4	5	5	1	3	5	5	8	3	1	8	3	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	2	-	4	2	-	-	5	1	1	1	3
Measles.....	UK 60	213	11	21	42	25	121	395	8	68	1	61	95	42	158	308	14	
Whooping Cough.....	UK 12	9	38	35	19	40	33	47	21	94	24	41	13	27	-	7	1	
Totals.	46	108	250	79	72	78	108	189	470	51	196	49	117	119	80	172	352	33

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases Notified during 1960.</u>				<u>Deaths during 1960</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0-4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-34.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44.	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
45-54.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality.
1938 - 1960

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1938.	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	-
1939.	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	-
1940.	4	4	2	-	2	1	-	-
1941.	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	1
1942.	6	5	1	1	1	2	-	-
1943.	5	4	1	2	1	-	1	-
1944.	4	2	2	2	1	-	-	1
1945.	5	4	3	-	3	-	-	-
1946.	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	-
1947.	1	3	2	1	2	4	1	-
1948.	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
1949.	3	2	1	1	1	-	1	-
1950.	3	2	3	2	1	1	-	-
1951.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1952.	3	-	2	3	2	-	-	-
1953.	5	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
1954.	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
1955.	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956.	2	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
1957.	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
1958.	5	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
1959.	2	1	1	-	2	-	1	-
1960.	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on Register at end of 1959.	20	10	5	8
New cases notified during 1960.	1	1	-	3
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	3	-	-	1
Removals from District into other areas.	3	-	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	5	1	2	5
Deaths during 1960.	-	-	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1960.	16	10	3	7

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.
Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and
Attention to suitable premises.

There were no cases during the year, where it was necessary to proceed under this Section of the Act.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1959

Part 1 of the Act.

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

Premises. (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Number of		
		Inspections. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	10	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	32	15	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	42	15	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

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

Part V111 of the Act.

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work. (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c). (2)	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council. (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises. (5)	Notices Served. (6)	Prosecutions. (7)
Jets, other than fire. Wearing apparel.	64	-	-	-	-	-
	3	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	67	-	-	-	-	-

ANNEXURE A, 1977 and 1978

Part I of the Act

The following are the names of persons who have been appointed as members of the Local Health Authorities.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(a) Persons in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are to be entered by the Local Authority.	10	-	-	-	-
(b) Persons not included in (a) in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	12	10	-	-	-
(c) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-
Total	22	10	-	-	-

Notes in which Section 7 is entered.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(a) Persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Persons not included in (a) in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(f) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(g) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(h) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(j) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(k) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(m) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(n) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(o) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(p) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(q) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(r) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(s) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(u) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(w) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(x) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(y) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(z) Other persons in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-

Part II of the Act

Section 10 and 11

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(a) Persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Persons not included in (a) in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(f) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(g) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(h) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(j) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(k) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(l) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(m) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(n) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(o) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(p) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(q) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(r) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(s) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(u) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(w) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(x) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(y) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
(z) Other persons in which Section 10 is entered by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-