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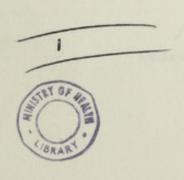
BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR

1963.

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Telephone Number Bridport 3172. Health Centre, North Allington, Bridport, Dorset.

June, 1964.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1963.

The Report is set out in the following order :-

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As this is my last Annual Report before retiring, may I say how much I have enjoyed working for you during the past 27 years, and how much I have appreciated the courtesy, consideration and help freely given 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, with whom it has been a great privilege to have been associated.

I am, your obedient servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	••	••			 58,693.
Registrar General's es	timate of	popula	tion		 8,290.
No. of inhabited house	es (accordi as at e			Books	 2,870.
Rateable Value					 £165,250.
Sum represented by a I	enny Rate				 £644.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

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* Area Comparability Factors	-	Births	1.18	Death	s 0.75	
Live Births.	Total.	Male.	Fenale.			
Total registered. Legitimate. Illegitimate.	138 137 1	74 74 -	64 63 1			
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Total registered.	141	75	66			
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This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General.

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OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The District is approximately 92 square miles in area and is divided into 26 parishes with a population of 8,290 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 public water supplies in the District on 1st. April, 1959.

West Dorset Water Board's Regional Scheme Phase 2.

By the end of 1963 the Water Board had practically completed phase 2 of its Regional Scheme. This programme comprised the following works:—
the construction of three reservoirs at South Perrott No. 19, Hooke village No. 25, and Bunkers Hill, Askerswell No. 12, and the construction of mains as follows:— 4" main from reservoir at Four Ashes to Stoke Abbott, 4" mains to reservoir No. 19, and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott, from Toller Down to Stoke Knapp trunk main; 8" main from reservoir No. 6 at Dottery to Broadoak; 6" and 4" mains from Bridport to Symondsbury, 6" main from Hooke Pumping Station to reservoir No. 25, and Hooke village; provision of pumping equipment at Hooke Pumping Station; 4" main from reservoir No. 12 to Uploders; 4" main from Bradpole to Loders; 4" main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock.

The Board, since its inception, has constructed nine reservoirs of a total capacity of 1,530,000 gallons and laid 37 niles of mains. 17 villages have now been supplied and these are Broadcak, Dottery, Salway Ash, Hocke, Stoke Abbott, Broadwindsor, Mosterton, South Perrott, Chedington, in the Beaminster Rural District, Symondsbury, Shipton Gorge, Loders, Uploders, Askerswell, Puncknowle, Bexington, Swyre, in the Bridport Rural District, and Bridport Borough has had its supply augmented.

Phase 3 will comprise the laying of a 12"/9" main from Litton Cheney to reservoir No. 6 at Dottery, with spurs to feed reservoirs No. 28 at Burton Bradstock and No. 29 at Bothenhampton, and the construction of certain essential works at the Litton Cheney Source.

The Board's work has been so well planned and carried out so satisfactorily that it has re-phased future programmes with the following provisional dates, (see page 6.).

Regrouping of Water Undertakings in the areas of west and mid-Dorset.

On 20/9/63 the Board received notification from the Minister of Housing and Local Government in which he stated that he "proposes to exercise his powers under section 9 (2) of the Water Act 1945, to make an Order providing for a single water undertaking to serve the areas of west and mid-Dorset, and including the undertaking of the West Dorset Water Board, the Dorchester Borough Council, the Portland Urban District Council, the Dorchester Rural District Council, (but excluding certain parishes served from bulk supplies received from Poole and East Dorset Water Board), and the Weynouth Waterworks Company".

Phase.		Proposed Date.
3.	Trunk main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 to Dec. 1965.
4.	Development of Litton Chency source with pumps and treatment. Construction of Booster No.6 at R.6.	March 1964 to Dec. 1964.
5•	Mains from R.16 to R.3 (Coppet Hill) Construction of R.3. Main from R.3 to Whitchurch Canonicorum. Booster No.3 at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Construction of R.4 (Morcombelake) Mains to Whitchurch Canonicorum. Morcombelake and Ryall.	March 1964 to March 1965.
6.	Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Seaborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoorgate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe). Construction of R.15 (North of Burstock) Mains to Walditch. Mains to Meerhay.	March 1965 to March 1966.
7.	Main from Broadcak to Bettiscombe and Pilsdon. Construction of Booster No. 4 (Broadcak) Main from Booster No. 4 to R.3. Main from R.3 to Chidecok and Seatown. Booster Station No. 5 (Miles Cross) Mains to West Road, Eype etc, Construction of R.11 (West Road). Mains to Pymore and Waytown. Construction of R.5 Bettiscombe.	March 1966 to March 1967
8.	Main from R.7 via Melplash to Mangerton. Main from R.25 to R.26 and Powerstock. West Milton and Mangerton. Construction of R.26 (Powerstock) Main from Whitchurch Canonicorum to Charmouth and Catherston Lewesdon. Construction of R.2 (Charmouth)	Harch 1967 to Harch 1968.
9.	Mains from R.18 to Chelborough and Evershot. Mains from R. 18 to Rampisham and Wraxall. Mains from R. 18 to Melbury. Construction of R. 22 (Rampisham) Construction of R. 23 (Evershot) and R. 24 (East Chelborough).	March 1968 to March 1969.
10.	Mains from Whitchurch Canonicorum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R.1 (Charmouth) Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Main from Broadcak to Moorbath. Main from Sansons Cross to Whitchurch Canonicorum.	March 1969 to March 1970
11.	Supply to Mapperton and Construction of R. 20, (Near Mapperton).	March 1970 to March 1971

Water Analyses.

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.	Undatisfactory.
Board's Mains. Beaninster. Corsconbe and	21	21	-	1 and 10 mag
Halstock.	20	20	-	-
Thorncombe.	21	18	-	3
Hooke Source. Miscellaneous samples taken from points	34	28	5	1
on new mains and reservoirs. Private Supplies.	12 22	7 9	3	5 10

I am grateful to the West Dorset Water Board's Engineer for his co-operation.

WATER ANALYSES.

Copy of a Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 31/12/62.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

novie se ses ses	Hooke Source.	Beaminster Langdon Source.	Corscombe Source.	Litton Cheney Heading.
Appearance.	Clear & Bright.	Bright with a very slight deposit.	Clear & Bright.	Bright with a few particles.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.3	7•3	7.3	7.3
Electric Conductivity.	510	490	500	43 0
Chlorine present as Chloride.	13	13	13	19
Hardness: total.	270	260	260	215
Carbonate.	240 30	235 25	235 25	195 20
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.7
Annoniacal Nitrogen.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Iron. Manganese. Zinc, Copper, Lead. Fluoride.	Absent. 0.04 Absent. 0.10	0.04 0.04 Absent. 0.15	Absent. 0.05 Absent. 0.10	Absent. 0.05 Absent. less than 0.1
Turbidity.	Nil	less than 3	Nil	less than 3
Odour.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide.	22	22	21	19
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	350	340	340	300
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.	240	235	235	195
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.10	0.10	0.20	0.05
Residual Chlorine.	Co. Typesball and	•••		•••

From the aspect of the chemical analyses these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.
Fluoridation of Water Supplies.

Following the receipt of the Ministry's Report, "The Conduct of the Fluoridation Studies in the United Kingdom and the Results Achieved after Five Years" the Council at its February meeting agreed to support the Dorset County Council should that Council put forward proposals for the fluoridation of water supplies. In the following month however the Council rescinded this recommendation.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Beaminster.

In order to save time should the Long Sea Outfall be favourably finalized to the satisfaction of the three Authorities concerned, the Council at the beginning of the year, agreed after receiving Ministerial approval, that the contract documents and details regarding the scheme for severing Beaminster and the pumping stations be prepared to the stage of inviting tenders for the work, on the understanding that approval to go to tender would not be given until Bridport Borough Council's proposals in respect of sewage disposal had been investigated and accepted.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

The advisory Committee, made up of representatives from Bridport Borough, Bridport Rural District and Beaminster Rural District Councils, at its October meeting decided after consideration of the Consulting Engineer's Reports on the Joint Sewerage Scheme, that it was ready to report back to each constituent authority as follows:-

(a) Population estimates and Sewage Flows.

Area.	Populat Existing.	Revised design.	Million gallo	ons per day Peak.
Beaminster R.D. Bridport R.D.	UINTER 6,550	8,000 14,000 2,650	1.0	3.5 0.6
(1) New areas to pressure pipe.	1,175	3,000	0.10 1.23	0.6
(2) New areas to Borough Sewers. (3) Areas already drained to Boro		550		
Sewers.	2,000	5,450	0.20	1.1

The future sewage dry weather flows have been calculated at 35 gallons per head per day for Bridport Borough, and 30 g.h.d. for both the Rural District areas. Margins have been allowed for infiltration of surface water which is known to exist in the Borough sewers, for possible future trade wastes and for two existing trade wastes (milk processing and engraving) in the case of Beaminster.

(b) The Long Sea Outfall.

The Consulting Engineers reported in detail the results of their current and float tests carried out during the early summer, 1963. Both Neap Tides and Spring Tides were studied by the use of floats and, in addition, dilution tests were carried out using both a special dye solution and radioactive isotopes. Particular attention was paid to three alternative discharge points at 5,500, 4,500, and 3,500 feet from the shore.

The Committee recommended that the discharge point be 4,500 feet from the shore where the effluent will enter the sea in about a 60 ft depth of water. The Committee's second recommendation is that a 24 inch outfall pipe be provided in the design. It is not possible to say at this stage what material could best be used for the construction of the pipe, but the Consulting Engineers will for the present, base their design on steel pipes including protection both from corrosive action by the sea externally, and from internal corrosion by the content of the sewage effluent.

(c) Available Capacity in the Borough Sewers.

The 'depth of flow' recorder installed in April, showed that there is in the Borough Sewers a considerable infiltration of ground water and inflow of storm water of one kind or another, and these flow recordings indicate that in the town area there was not sufficient capacity to take the sewage from the Rural District areas, and consequently these new rural area flows will be connected to the existing trunk sewer at a point below the main storm water overflow beside some lock up garages off West Bay Road and 200 yards south of the Crown Hotel.

(d) Head Works at West Bay.

Between the existing trunk sewer and the proposed sea outfall it will be necessary to provide :-

disintegrators to cut up solid matter in the sewage.
 pumping plant to operate when sewage flows cannot be handled by gravity, especially at times of high water.

(3) grit removal plant, subject to this being necessary when the material of the outfall pipe is finally known.

(e) Pressure Pipe from the Rural Districts.

Sewage from Beaminster and Netherbury would be pumped to a "header" tank just east of Netherbury and so to a pressure pipe (E) laid down the valley Brit) connecting to the Borough sewer in West Bay Road.

Sewage from the Asker Valley would be pumped from a point just east of Bradpole village to a "header" tank on Watton Hill from which a lateral pressure pipe would connect into the main Boaninster pressure pipe (E) near Pymore, and then through this into the Borough Sewer.

Sewage from Symondsbury village and the West Road area would be pumped to a "header" tank on Sloes Hill from which a lateral pressure pipe would connect to the main pressure pipe (E) at a point below Skilling and then to the Borough Sewer.

The size of the pressure pipe will be 9" from Beaminster to Pymore, 10" from Pymore to below Skilling, and 12" from this point to the Borough Sewer, in West Bay Road.

(f) Estimated Costs.

The estimated total cost based on 1962 figures is £255,000 and this is apportioned between the Authorities as follows: - Bridport Borough £128,800 Beaminster Rural District £14,800 and Bridport Rural District £84,400.

The three Councils in November, adopted the revised Joint Scheme as recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee who were asked to instruct the Consulting Engineers to prepare the scheme as agreed for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval, and that subject to this approval, tenders be invited as recommended by the Consulting Engineers.

The Joint Advisory Committee were also asked to recommend to the three Councils at the appropriate time the selection of a suitable tender in conjunction with the Consulting Engineers.

Corscombe.

This scheme was commenced in November, and was designed to cover 40 properties with provision for receiving a further 11 properties at a future date. The negotiated tender cost was £14,923. By the end of the year over 300 yards of sewer had been laid.

Salway Ash.

This scheme was also started in November, and by the end of the year 1,125 yards of sewer had been laid together with 14 manholes and the brickwork on the primary tanks and filter was 60% complete.

The scheme is designed to cover at least 50 properties and a school of 50 pupils. The tender was £13,864.

Broadwindsor Village.

This comprises 94 houses, 3 public houses, 2 village halls, and one school of 50 pupils. It is estimated that to sever this village will cost £22,873.

In October the Council agreed to submit the scheme prepared by the Surveyor to the Dorset County Council for observations and the Ministry for approval.

Programme of future Sewerage Schemes. (agreed by the Council in December 1963).

Village.	Proposed date.	Public Water Supply.
Broadwindsor.	1964/65	1962/63
Stoke Abbott.	1964/65	1963
Beaminster.	1965/66	1906
South Perrott.	1965/66	1963
Chedington.	1965/66	1963
Mosterton.	1965/66	1963
Netherbury.	1966/67	1949/50
Drimpton.	1966/67	1965/66
West Milton.	1968/69	1967/68
Molplash.	1968/69	1967/68
Evershot.	1969/70	1968/69
Melbury Osmond.	1969/70	1968/69

Public Cleansing.

A fortnightly collection of all household refuse for the whole of the District except Beaminster parish, which has a weekly collection, was introduced in 1961.

The refuse is tipped on the Council's dump a mile north of Beaminster town.

Litter bins, provided by the Dorset County Council who also contribute towards the cost of collection at official laybys on trunk and classified roads, are emptied on the normal refuse collection rounds.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

No. of inspections	58. No. complied with 67.
Factories. Drains. Milk premises. Licenced Premises. Water supplies. Building Byelaws & Planning. Nuisances, general.	2. Infectious Diseases
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928. Petroleum (Regulation) Act, 1928 and No. of licences	1936.
No. of Notices served	5. No. complied with 5.

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.

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; 14 have water supplies from mains (public and private) and 2 from wells. 11 samples were taken for analyses by the County Council's staff, all being satisfactory. 14 schools have water closets and 2 have Elsans. All schools have Tuberculin Tested or Heat Treated milk supplied to the children.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises by type.

(1) There are 102 food premises in the District, as follows :-

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

A total of 60 as follows :-

Ice Cream52.
Preparation or nanufacture of sausages, or potted
pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale 7.
Cooked fish1.

124 inspections of food premises were made, of which 40 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.

Condennation of Food.

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

32 tins of various foodstuffs.
528 lbs. of foodstuffs of the cereal type.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with nilk, or the registration of distributors, was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The County Council, however, have continued to inform this Council where nilk samples have failed to pass the prescribed test, and during the year notified that of 51 samples taken, 45 passed and 6 failed.

6 Dealers' licences to sell Pre-packed milk, and 2 to sell Tuberculin Tested milk were issued.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1962.

This Order came into operation on 25/6/62. The effect is to make obligatory the use of Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin Tested milk in relation to all retail sales of milk with only a few exceptions.

The Milk and Dairies (Preservatives) Regulations 1962.

This Regulation came into force on 26/7/62. It makes it illegal for a person to add any preservative to milk or to sell milk to which any preservative has been added.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Section 20.

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

Ice Crean.

No.	of premises registered for the :-
	(a) Manufacture of ice crean
	(b) Storage and Sale of ice cream 52.
No.	of ice crean premises inspected
	of inspections 32.
No.	of Notices served (I.C.H.T.R.)

No samples were taken for analyses during the year.

All ice crean 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 neat at this slaughterhouse was until 31/10/63 carried out by the Public Health Inspector who possesses the necessary qualifications. The coning into operation of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, however, necessitated Sunday inspections and, in order to relieve the Public Health Inspector of this work, the Council appointed a local veterinary surgeon, to carry out neat inspections as from 1/11/63.

78 visits were made to the slaughterhouse during the year.

The slaughterhouse is a new one and was first licenced on 1/7/62, the date when the construction regulations of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958, cane into operation in this district.

The Public Health Laboratory Service, Dorchester, in October, 1962, set out to determine the incidence of Salmonella infection in home-produced meat and to assess its importance in relation to human infection. Evidence was sought both at abattoirs and butchers' shops by examination of drain swabs and neat. Your Health Department took part in the investigation.

- 2,194 samples and swabs from Dorset were examined and after giving the number of positives the Laboratory set down the following conclusions :-
 - (a) The importance of the bovine as a source of Salmonella is revealed.
 (b) There is a strong evidence of an association between the presence of Salmonella serotypes at abattoirs and butchers' shops and their occurrence in the human population. Beef and pork should be considered as a source of Salmonella infection of man.

(c) Cross-infection in the abattoir is occurring.

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

Briefly they are to the effect that, with certain exemptions, neat 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 neat may be removed by arrangement with an authorised officer of the Local Authority to a place where it will be sterilised or destroyed.

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	including	Calves.	&	Pigs.	Horses.
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There is one licenced Knacker's Yard which is sited about three miles north of Beaninster Town.

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

All neat at knackers yards nust be sterilised or stained green.

HOUSING.

14 new dwellings were completed by the Council during the year and were sited as follows :-

- 3 houses at Pinlico, Beaminster.
- 1 flat at Hogshill Mead, Beaminster.
- 6 bungalows and 4 flats, at Netherbury.

3 flats and 3 bungalows were in course of construction at Hogshill Mead, Beaninster at the end of the year.

25 houses were completed and 22 were under construction by Private Enterprise.

Since the war, 366 houses including 57 bungalows and 11 flats have been built by the Local Authority in the following parishes:-

Beaminster	Marshwood
Woodswater Lane 5, Fleet Street 7.)	Netherbury50.
Broadwindsor	(village 24, N. Bowood 4, Salway Ash 14, Melplash 8) South Perrott12.
Corsconbe 7.	Powerstock (West Milton)4. Ranpishan4.
Evershot4. Halstock12.	Stoke Abbott4. Thornconbe24.

At the end of the year there were approximately 75 applicants on the waiting list for housing accomposation in the District.

One house in the Parish of Broadwindsor, was denolished following a Denolition Order made some years ago.

Closing Orders were made on 4 houses, including 2 cases where Closing Orders were substituted for Demolition Orders.

3 houses were made fit as a result of formal or informal undertakings.

Defects were remedied to 2 houses following Notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses	inspected	92.	No.	of	inspections182.
No. unfit for	habitation	3.			- LOUISSERING BURGOSTIC
Overcrowding.		Wil.			

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act. 1957 Sections 9, 10, and 12.	
No. of Formal Notices served	 2.
Public Health Act. 1936.	
No. of Notices served - Informal 21. Formal Nil	 21.

No. of houses in which defects were remedied after Notice

Re-housing.

No.	of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations2.
No.	of new houses completed in 1963 by - (a) Local Authority
No.	of new houses completed since the war by - (a) Local Authority
No.	of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/63 (a) Local Authority
	ing (Financial Provisions) Act. 1958 and the House Purchase and ing Act, 1959 (Improvement Grants).

Details of both Discretionary and Standard grant applications received during the year are as follows :-

	Discretionary Grants.	Standard Grants.
No. of applications received. (in respect of 18 dwellings)	13	34
No. of applications approved. No. of dwellings.	11 16	32 32
Value of grants approved. Value of grants paid.	£6,266 £9,503	£4,285 £2,434

Housing for Elderly People.

The Council have built 57 bungalows 2 bedroom type and 11 flats for elderly people, in various villages.

Slum Clearance and Denolition Statement.

The following is a statement showing the position at the end of the year of the result of action taken with regard to 165 houses, which have formed the Council's post 1955 programme of dealing with houses which appeared to be unfit for human habitation and liable to denolition.

Houses denolished following Demolition Orders or voluntarily by owners in anticipation of Demolition Orders	41.
Houses demolished following Clearance Areas or Clearance Orders	17.
Demolition Orders operative but houses not yet demolished (3 still occupied)	5.
Houses nade fit and Denolition Order revoked	7300
Houses closed following Closing Orders	16.
Closing Orders determined after houses having been made fit	1.
Houses closed following formal undertakings by owners	11.
Houses closed following informal undertakings by owners	4.
Closing Orders made or undertakings given but houses not yet vacated	2.
Houses made fit following formal undertakings by owners	7.

Houses made fit informally (23 houses converted into 18)	23.
Outstanding informal undertakings to make fit	4.
Action postponed	12.
No action required	13.
Under consideration	3.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47, Renoval 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.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Apart from Measles of which there were 274 cases, the incidence of notifiable Infectious Disease was very low. The Measles was of a mild type.

There was one case of Food Poisoning in an elderly woman due to staphloccocal infection of an apple pie purchased outside the district.

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

Innumisation.

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 Centre. The following table shows the number who were immunised.

Polionye	litis	Diphtheria.	Whooping	Tetanus.	Snallpox
Oral.	Salk.		Cough.		
Full Course, 3rd, 4th.	P. 3rd. 4th.	P. B.	Р. В.	Р. В.	Р. В.
50 22 203	56 46 13	99 34	91 17	155 38	45 19
No. in Group.	Teste	<u>a</u> .	Positive.	Vac	cinated.

P = Prinary. B = Booster.

^{*} This figure includes children aged 13 years, other than those from Beaminster, who are attending the Beaminster School.

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92 1 1 1 1	4th. Ort.	45-64 and over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1963.

Totals.	Whooping Cough	Measles	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Ophthalmie Neonatorum	Acuto Encephalitis	Acute Polionyelitis	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Malaria	Scarlet Fever	Brysipelas	Diphtheria	Food Poisoning	DISEASE.
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INVECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938, 1940, 1947 - 1963.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	Nev	Cases and Mo	ortality 1930	8 - 1963.		*******			
		New Cases.			Deaths.				
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FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

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

	Number of							
Premises.	Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted.				
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	1.1500, 450.15, 70 1.2500, 2011	_	-				
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	31	9		_				
iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers' premises).	- 1			-1000				
Total.	38	9						

Particulars.	N	Number of cases in			
Tar croutars.	round.	Remedied.	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector	which prose- cutions were
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	. (5)	instituted. (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	3- 15	- 7	-	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	3- 15		-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6 Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	-	==	-		-
(a) Insufficient. (b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	1	-	_	
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	12 -	-	2	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences				1	
relating to Out-work) Total.					

Part V111 of the Act. OUTWORK (Sections 133 & 134)

Nature		ection 133		Section 134				
of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list reqd. by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.		
(1) Nets	1-12	()	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)		
other than wire.	52	-		1.11				
Wearing Apparel.	8	_						
Total	. 60	-	-	-				



