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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1964

Tel. No. Bridport 2385/6.

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport,
Dorset.

June, 1965.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

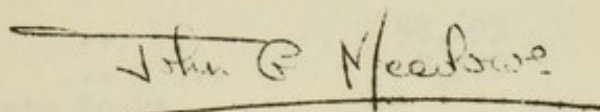
I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1964.

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I must express my thanks to the members and officers of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received during my first year as Medical Officer of Health. I am also grateful to Mr. Rundle, the Public Health Inspector for his assistance in preparing this report.

Yours obedient servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

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Councillor Col. G.A. Pinney.

Councillor P.F. Tiarks.

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

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

retired 30/6/64.

John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport and Lyme Regis

Borough Councils and Bridport Rural District Council, and

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time

allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the

four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector,

Meat Inspector, and Building

Inspector..... C.C. Rundle, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I..

Part-time Meat Inspector

(since 1/11/63)..... W. McKinnon, M.R.C.V.S.

Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.

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STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	..	..	..	..	..	58,693
Registrar General's estimate of population	..	..	..	..	..	8,370
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books	..	..	..	..	..	
as at 1/4/64)	..	..	..	..	..	2,881
Rateable Value.	..	..	..	..	..	£166,976
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	..	..	..	..	..	£642

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor.

Births - 1.18

Deaths - 0.75

This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the ages and sex constitution of the populations of the various districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	66	60	126
Legitimate.....	64	55	119
Illegitimate.....	2	5	7

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude - 15.05 Corrected - 17.75

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births :- 5.55

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	4	3	7
Legitimate.....	4	3	7
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births :- 52.63

Total Live and Still-births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	70	63	133

<u>Deaths (all ages)</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	64	49	113

Death Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude - 13.50 Corrected - 10.12

<u>Deaths of Infants.</u>	<u>Males.</u>			<u>Females.</u>		
	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year of age.	-	-	-	2	-	2
Under 4 weeks of age.	-	-	-	1	-	1
Under 1 week of age.	-	-	-	1	-	1

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births.....	15.87
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births.....	16.8
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate live births.....	Nil.
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	7.94
Early Neo-natal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	7.94
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 wk. combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	60.15

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

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

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

Population.....	1920 8044	1930 8294	1940 7939	1950 8113	1960 8100	1961 8240	1962 8270	1963 8290	1964 8370
Rateable Value.....	N.A.	£29408	£30762	£38590	£73423	£74335	£75950	£165250	£166976
Produce of a Penny Rate.....	N.A.	£112	£135	£160	£293	£300	£307	£644	£642
BIRTHS.									
Live Births.....	181	115	114	130	124	109	123	138	126
Legitimate.....	N.A.	110	110	129	118	104	119	137	119
Illegitimate.....	N.A.	5	4	1	6	5	4	1	7
Still Births.....	N.A.	N.A.	5	4	1	5	2	3	7
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	22.5	13.9	14.4	16	15.3	13.3	14.9	16.6	15.1
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	17.9	17.5	15.1	17.0	19.6	17.8
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	25.5	16.3	14.8	15.8	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	N.A.	41	37	23	19.7	18.7	18.1	17.3	16.3
DEATHS.									
Total Deaths.....	115	103	137	110	104	93	119	116	113
Death Rate (crude).....	14.1	12.4	14.3	13.6	12.8	11.3	14.4	13.9	13.5
Death Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	11.9	10.98	10.8	8.7	12.2	10.5	10.1
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	12.4	11.4	14.3	11.6	11.5	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3
INFANT MORTALITY.									
Deaths under 1 year.....	9	6	8	7	4	4	3	4	2
Infantile Death Rate.....	49.7	52.0	66.7	53.9	32.3	36.7	24.4	29.0	15.8
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	80.0	60	55	29.8	21.7	21.4	20.7	20.9	20.0
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	35	31	30	19	15.6	15.5	15.1	14.2	13.8
MATERNAL DEATHS.									
Maternal Deaths.....	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	4.3	3.9	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

N.A. = Not available.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

No.		Totals.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1.
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.	2.
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	4.
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1.
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	1.
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	14.
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1.
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	13.
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	13.
20.	Other heart disease.	13.
21.	Other circulatory disease.	7.
22.	Influenza.	1.
23.	Pneumonia.	18.
24.	Bronchitis	2.
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	2.
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	3.
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	15.
34.	All other accidents.	2.
		<u>113.</u>

Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of live.
Registrar General's Official Return.

	Total all ages.		Under 4 weeks.		4 weeks & under 1 year.		1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.
No. 1.	1	-	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -
9.	1	1	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- 1
10.	1	3	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- 1	- 2
11.	1	-	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
12.	-	1	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -
14.	7	7	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	2 -	3 -	2 6
15.	1	-	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
17.	5	8	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 3	4 4
18.	10	3	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 1	2 2	4 -
20.	5	8	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	4 8
21.	5	2	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 1	2 1
22.	-	1	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -
23.	10	8	-	-	-	1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	2 2	7 5
24.	2	-	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -
26.	-	2	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1
29.	3	-	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 -
32.	11	4	-	1	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	3 -	3 -	3 3
34.	1	1	-	-	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1
als.	64	49	-	1	-	1	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 -	4 -	12 3	17 11	30 32

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on opposite page.

HOUSING.

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

3 bungalows at Hogshill Mead, Beaminster.
3 flats " " " "
2 bungalows at South Perrott.
2 bungalows at Halstock.

8 flats were in course of construction at Pattle, Beaminster, at the end of the year.

Since the war, 376 houses including 64 bungalows and 14 flats have been built by the Local Authority in the following parishes :-

Beaminster.....	183.	Marshwood.....	8.
(Fairfield 32, Hogshill Mead 39, Gerrards Green 97, Pimlico 3, Woodswater Lane 5, Fleet Street 7.		Mosterton.....	6.
Broadwindsor.....	46.	Melbury Osmond.....	4.
(village 36, Drimpton 10)		Netherbury.....	50.
Burstock.....	4.	(village 24 N. Bowood 4, Salway Ash 14, Melplash 8)	
Corscombe.....	7.	South Perrott.....	14.
Evershot.....	4.	Powerstock (West Milton).....	4.
Halstock.....	14.	Rampisham.....	4.
		Stoke Abbott.....	4.
		Thorncombe.....	24.

At the end of the year there were 75 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the district.

New-housing.

No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations 1964.....	5.
No. of new houses completed in 1964 by :-	
(a) Local Authority.....	10.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	27.
No. of new houses completed since the war by :-	
(a) Local Authority.....	376.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	260.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/64 :-	
(a) Local Authority.....	8.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	22.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority.....	466.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected.....	91.	No. unfit for habitation.....	6.
No. of inspections.....	163.	Overcrowding.....	Nil.

Closing orders on two houses were withdrawn after the houses had been made fit.

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

One house was closed.

Action under Statutory Powers.

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

No. of formal notices served.....Nil.

No. complied with.....Nil.

Public Health Act, 1936.

No. of notices served - Informal..... 14.

Formal.....Nil.

No. of houses in which defects were remedied after notice

(a) By owners - Informal..... 14.

Formal.....Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owner.....Nil.

Slum Clearance and Demolition Statement.

The following is a statement showing the position at the end of the year of the result of action taken with regard to 171 houses which have formed the Council's post 1955 programme of dealing with houses which have appeared to be unfit for human habitation and liable to demolition.

Houses demolished 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 made fit and Demolition Order revoked..... 6.

Houses closed following Closing Orders..... 15.

Closing Orders determined after houses having been made fit. 3.

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..... 1.

Houses made fit following formal undertakings by owners..... 7.

Houses made fit informally (26 houses converted into 21).....	26.
Outstanding informal undertakings to make fit.....	1.
Action postponed.....	15.
No action required.....	13.
Under consideration.....	6.

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

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

	<u>Discretionary</u> <u>Grants.</u>	<u>Standard</u> <u>Grants.</u>
No. of applications received (in respect of 6 dwellings)	5	37
No. of applications approved.	8	34
No. of dwellings.	10	34
Value of grants approved.	£3,708	£4,853 15/-

Housing for Elderly People.

The Council have built 64 bungalows 2 bedroom type and 14 flats for elderly people, in various villages. The need for this type of accommodation will continue to increase, the census in 1961 showed that there were 1,269 (15.5% of the total population) persons in the rural district over the age of 65.

WATER SUPPLIES.West Dorset Water Board.

In February, 1964 the Water Board completed Phase 2 of its Regional Scheme, except for the provision of equipment at Hooke pumping station. This programme included the provision of reservoirs at South Perrott, Bunkers Hill and Hooke.

A substantial amount of work has been completed on Phase 4 and work on Phase 5 is in hand. The mains to Pymore hamlet were laid as a matter of urgency.

During the year because of the dry weather contamination of the Chideock supply occurred from time to time and made it necessary for the water to be boiled before drinking. This supply is under the control of a small private company and the Board are willing to expedite the arrangements for bringing the public supply into the area. There was also some shortage of water in this area and at Whitchurch Canonicoorum and Morcombelake.

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

The Enquiry into the re-grouping of the water undertakings was held in July, and in December the Minister said he intended to make an Order on the original draft.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme.

Phase.		Proposed Date.
2.	Main from Reservoir No. 16 to Stoke Abbott. Construction of Reservoir No. 12 Bunkers Hill. Main from Reservoir No. 12 to Uploders. Construction of Reservoir No. 19 South Perrott. Mains to Reservoir No. 19 and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott. Main from Bradpole to Leders. Main from Reservoir No. 6 to Broadoak. Mains from Bridport to Symondsburry. Main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock. Main from Hooke pumping station to Reservoir No. 25. and Hooke village. Construction of Reservoir No. 25. Provision of pumping equipment at Hooke pumping station	1962 to 1964
3.	Trunk Main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1965.
4.	Development of Litton Cheney source with pumps and treatment. Construction of Booster No. 6 at R.6.	Mar. 1964 - Dec. 1964.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme continued.

Phase.	Proposed Date.
5. Mains from R.16 to R.3 (Hardown Hill) Construction of R.3. Main from R.3 to Whitchurch Canonicozum. Booster No. 3 at Whitchurch Canonicozum. Construction of R.4 and R.8 (Morcombela) Mains to Whitchurch Canonicozum. Morcombela and Ryall.	Mar. 1964 to Mar. 1965.
6. Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Seaborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoor Gate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe). Construction of R.15 (North of Burstock) Mains to Walditch. Mains to Meerhay. Construction of Booster No. 4 (Broadoak) Main from Booster No. 4 to R.3. Main from R.3 to Chideock and Seatown. Main from Whitchurch Canonicozum to Charmouth and Catherston Leweston. Construction of R.2 (Charmouth)	Mar. 1965. to Mar. 1966.
7. Main from Broadoak to Bettiscombe and Pilsdon. Booster Station No. 5 (Miles Cross) Mains to West Road, Eype etc. Construction of R.11 (West Road) Mains to Waytown. Construction of R.5 Bettiscombe.	Mar. 1966. to Mar. 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).	Mar. 1967. to Mar. 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)	Mar. 1968. to Mar. 1969.
10. Mains from Whitchurch Canonicozum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R.1 (Charmouth) Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Main from Broadoak to Moorbat. Main from Sansons Cross to Whitchurch Canonicozum.	Mar. 1969. to Mar. 1970.
11. Supply to Mapperton and Construction of R.20 (near Mapperton)	Mar. 1970. to Mar. 1971.

Water Analyses.

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

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Source.	Beaminster Langdon Source.	Corscombe Source.	Litton Cheney Heading.
Appearance.	Clear & bright.	Bright with a very slight deposit.	Clear & bright	Bright with few particles
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Electric Conductivity.	510	490	500	430
Chlorine present as Chloride.	13	13	13	19
Hardness : total.	270	260	260	215
Carbonate.	240	235	235	195
Non-Carbonate.	30	25	25	20
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Iron.	Absent.	0.04	Absent.	Absent.
Manganese.	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05
Zinc, Copper, Lead.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Fluoride.	0.10	0.15	0.10	less than 0
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.	...	...	...	...

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

Flouridation of Water Samples.

The majority of Councils in West Dorset agreed in 1963 to support the Dorset County Council should proposals be put forward for flouridation of Water Supplies in order to reduce the incidence of dental decay. At the end of the year no further progress had been made in this matter.

Water Samples.

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.	Suspect.	Unsatisfactory.
Board's Mains.				
Beaminster,	25	25	0	0
Corscombe and				
Halstock.	26	25	0	1
Thorncombe.	27	26	1	0
Hooke source.	25	20	3	2
Miscellaneous				
samples taken				
from points on				
new mains and				
reservoirs.	8	5	0	3
Private Supplies.	39	16	5	18

Suspect Samples.

Repeat samples satisfactory..... 3.
Mains water laid on subsequently..... 2.

Unsatisfactory Samples.

Mains water laid on subsequently.....10.
Mains water expected to be laid on in the near future..... 4.

The samples from the Hooke source are taken before the water is made safe by chlorination. In the remaining cases where mains water is not readily available advice has been given regarding boiling of the water and ways of improving the water supply are being considered.

I am grateful to Mr. R. Chapman, Engineer and Manager to the West Dorset Water Board, for his co-operation.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

During 1964 much preparatory work was carried out on this scheme with the object of submitting the outline proposals to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Some difficulties were experienced in finding a suitable site for the proposed pumping station at West Bay but these were ultimately overcome to the satisfaction of all interested Authorities.

By the end of November, 1964 the three constituent Councils had adopted formally the Consulting Engineer's outline proposals and the necessary applications have been made for the Minister's approval.

It is hoped that the Minister will soon make known just how he intends to proceed with regard to any public local enquiry or other investigation.

Salway Ash.

Sewage disposal works were in operation at the end of the year and the construction of a pumping station well advanced.

Corscombe.

The sewerage scheme for this area was completed at the end of the year.

Broadwindsor.

An investigation was carried out by an Engineering Inspector from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on 2/6/64 and subsequently the Minister approved the proposed sewerage scheme for the area. At the end of the year contract details were being prepared in preparation for inviting tenders in the new year.

Programme of future sewerage schemes.

Beaminster.	...	...	...	...	December 1967 (provisional)
Netherbury.	...	...	...	...	Dependent on date of completion of joint sewage disposal scheme.
Broadwindsor.	...	...	...	...	Spring 1966.
South Perrott.)	}	...	...	...	Spring, 1967.
Mosterton.					
Chedington.					
Stoke Abbott.					
Drimpton.	}	...	...	...	Spring, 1968.
West Milton.					
Melplash.	...	...	...	...	Summer, 1969.
Evershot.	}	...	...	...	Summer, 1970.
Melbury Osmond.					

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

During the year no nuisances were reported regarding smoke or grit emissions.

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Food Premises by type.

There are 101 food premises in the district, as follows :-

General shops.....	4.
General and ice cream.....	29.
Bakehouses.....	3.
Cafes and ice cream.....	2.
Licenced premises.....	28.
Licenced premises and ice cream.....	13.
Butchers shops.....	4.
Fish and chips.....	1.
Dried Milk Factory.....	1.
Butchers shop, greengrocery and fruit etc.....	1.
General, ice cream, and T.T. bottled milk.....	1.
Bakehouse, Bakery shops and ice cream.....	1.
Bakehouses, general shops and ice cream.....	2.
Slaughterhouse.....	1.
Fresh fruit, greengrocery and fish.....	1.
Egg packing and liquid egg.....	1.
Factory canteen.....	2.
Butchers shops and ice cream.....	1.
Poultry killing and plucking.....	1.
Sale of cakes and pastries.....	1.
General, cafes and ice cream.....	2.
Cheese making.....	1.

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

A total of 59 as follows :-

Ice cream.....	51.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale.....	6.
Cooked fish.....	1.
Manufacture of meat pies.....	1.

76 inspections of food premises were made, of which 55 were of the registered premises set out in group (2) above. The premises are considered to comply reasonably with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

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

Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air.

No notices were served under the above Byelaws for infringement.

Condennation 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 :-

Parts of a forequarter of beef.
4 tins of foodstuffs.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk, 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 milk samples have failed to pass the prescribed test, and during the year notified that of 48 samples taken, 47 passed the prescribed test and 1 failed. 6 Dealers' licences to sell pre-packed milk, and 1 to sell untreated milk were issued.

Brucellosis.

A case of brucellosis occurred in a man who had been drinking tuberculin tested raw milk. The distributor concerned now retails pasteurised milk which will not give rise to further infection.

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963.

As from the 1st. October, 1964 the special designation for raw milk became 'untreated' instead of 'tuberculin tested'. The special designations for heat treated milk remain unaltered.

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.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 Section 20.

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

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-

(a) Manufacture of ice cream.....	Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream.....	51.
No. of ice cream premises inspected.....	37.
No. of inspections.....	46.
No. of notices served (Ice Cream Heat Treatment Regulations).....	Nil.

No samples were taken for analyses during the year.

All ice cream retailed is pre-packed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Certain sections of this Act including the requirement to register premises came into force on the 1st. May. Whilst most of the main provisions came into force on the 1st. August, this legislation is concerned with the numerous factors listed below :-

- Cleanliness.
- Overcrowding.
- Temperature.
- Ventilation.
- Lighting.
- Sanitary Conveniences.
- Washing Facilities.
- Drinking Water.
- Accommodation for clothing.
- First Aid.
- Prohibition of heavy work.
- Seating arrangements.
- Seats for sedentary workers.
- Eating facilities.
- Floors, passages and stairs.
- Fencing of exposed parts of machinery.
- Cleaning of machinery.
- Training and supervision of persons working at dangerous machines.
- Dangerous conditions and practices.

It is hoped that the standard of these premises which have not been included in any previous legislation will now be improved.

There are 43 premises in the Rural District which should be registered and inspected, and since the Act came into force the Public Health Inspector has inspected all of these.

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 was until 31/10/63 carried out by the Public Health Inspector, who possesses the necessary qualifications. The coming 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 meat inspections as from 1/11/63.

107 visits were made to the slaughterhouse by the veterinary surgeon 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, came into operation in this district.

The Meat (Staining and Sterilisation) Regulations, 1960.

These regulations came into force 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.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.					
	Cattle including cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	106	29	364	1020	-
Number inspected.	106	29	364	1020	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	3	5	1	5	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	15	1	75	125	-
Percentage of the no. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci.	17	21	21	13	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	9	-
Percentage of the no. inspected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	0.9	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

Knackers Yard.

There is one licenced Knacker's Yard which is sited about three miles north of Beaminster town. 4 visits were paid to this. The premises comply reasonably with the Regulations.

All meat at Knackers Yards must be sterilised or stained green.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified remains at a low level and no deaths have occurred.

There have been no cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis notified and this is a direct result of the high level of immunisation against these diseases.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1964.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Erysipelas.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles.....	25	2	4	6	4	-	7	2	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever...	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pul)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough..	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	33	3	4	7	4	2	9	2	-	-	1	1

Quarterly Notifications 1964.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Erysipelas.....	1	-	-	-	1
Measles.....	25	15	-	5	5
Scarlet Fever...	2	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis (Pul)	1	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough..	4	-	-	-	4
Totals.	33	15	1	6	11

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

	1940	1950	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Food Poisoning.....	-	3	-	-	1	1	-
Diphtheria.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	4	6	1	1	-	1	1
Scarlet Fever.....	4	4	12	2	5	1	2
Malaria.....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	8	4	-	1	4	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7	5	2	2	1	1	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2	5	3	-	1	-	-
Measles.....	60	121	14	57	15	274	25
Whooping Cough.....	12	33	1	14	-	2	4
Totals.	108	189	33	77	27	280	33

Tuberculosis.

Only one case of tuberculosis was notified during the year and there was one death associated with this cause.

The number of cases on the register continue to decline.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on the register at end of 1963.	12	7	2	7
New cases notified during 1964.	-	1	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	1	-	-	-
Removals from district into other areas.	1	-	-	1
Removed from register as non-tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from register - cured.	4	1	-	-
Deaths during 1964.	1	-	-	-
Total on register at end of 1964.	7	7	2	6

Average yearly incidence.

	<u>New Cases.</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
1940 - 1949.	6.4	2.4	2.3	0.6
1950 - 1959.	4.2	2	1.4	0.1
1960 - 1965.	1.4	0.8	0.8	0

Total cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.

<u>Cases.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>
1946.	41
1947.	34
1948.	37
1949.	30
1950.	38
1951.	38
1952.	40
1953.	37
1954.	33
1955.	34
1956.	36
1957.	36
1958.	47
1959.	43
1960.	36
1961.	37
1962.	30
1963.	28
1964.	22

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Health Centre and schools.

P = Primary dose.

R. = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.				DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPIING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.	
ORAL.		SALK.		P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.
3 doses.	R.	P.	3rd. 4th.								
83.	97.	36.	30. 1.	121.	57.	185.	81.	117.	14.	70.	18.

** B.C.G. Immunisation against Tuberculosis.					
No. in Group.	Tested.	Positive.	Negative.	Vaccinated.	Absent.
110	86	16	67	67	4

** This figure includes children aged 13 years, other than those from Beaminster, who are attending the Beaminster school.

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PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Act. 1928 and 1936.

No. of licences.....	39.	No. of inspections.....	11
No. of Notices served.....	Nil.	No. complied with.....	Nil.

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RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

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.

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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.

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CAMPING SITES.

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

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SCHOOLS.

The 14 schools in the area have been inspected regularly; 8 have water supplies from mains (public and private) and 2 from wells. 71 samples were taken for analyses by the County Council's staff, 50 were satisfactory and 21 unsatisfactory. 12 schools have water closets and 2 have Elsans. All are supplied with Pasteurised milk except one, the exception is supplied with untreated milk from a local producer-retailer.

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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.

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ALLOCATION OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Factories.....	14.
Drains.....	197.
Milk premises.....	1.
Licenced premises.....	4.
Water supplies.....	151.
Building Byelaws and Planning.....	849.
Nuisances general.....	49.
Inspections under The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.....	45.
Food inspections (including meat inspections at slaughterhouse).....	42.
Food premises.....	76.
Infectious Diseases.....	7.
Petroleum Spirit.....	11.
Knackers Yard.....	4.
Slaughterhouse.....	5.
Housing.....	163.
No. of inspections (including all inspections).....	1618.
No. of Informal Notices served..... 72. No. complied with.....	60.
No. of Statutory Notices served..... 1. No. complied with.....	3.

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FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	31	14	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	34	14	-	-

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

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

FACTORIES ACT 1961 continued.

OUTWORK.						
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required 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 un-wholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nets other than wire nets.	42	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel.	19	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	61	-	-	-	-	-

