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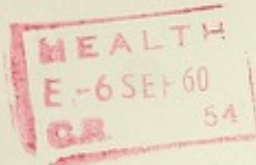
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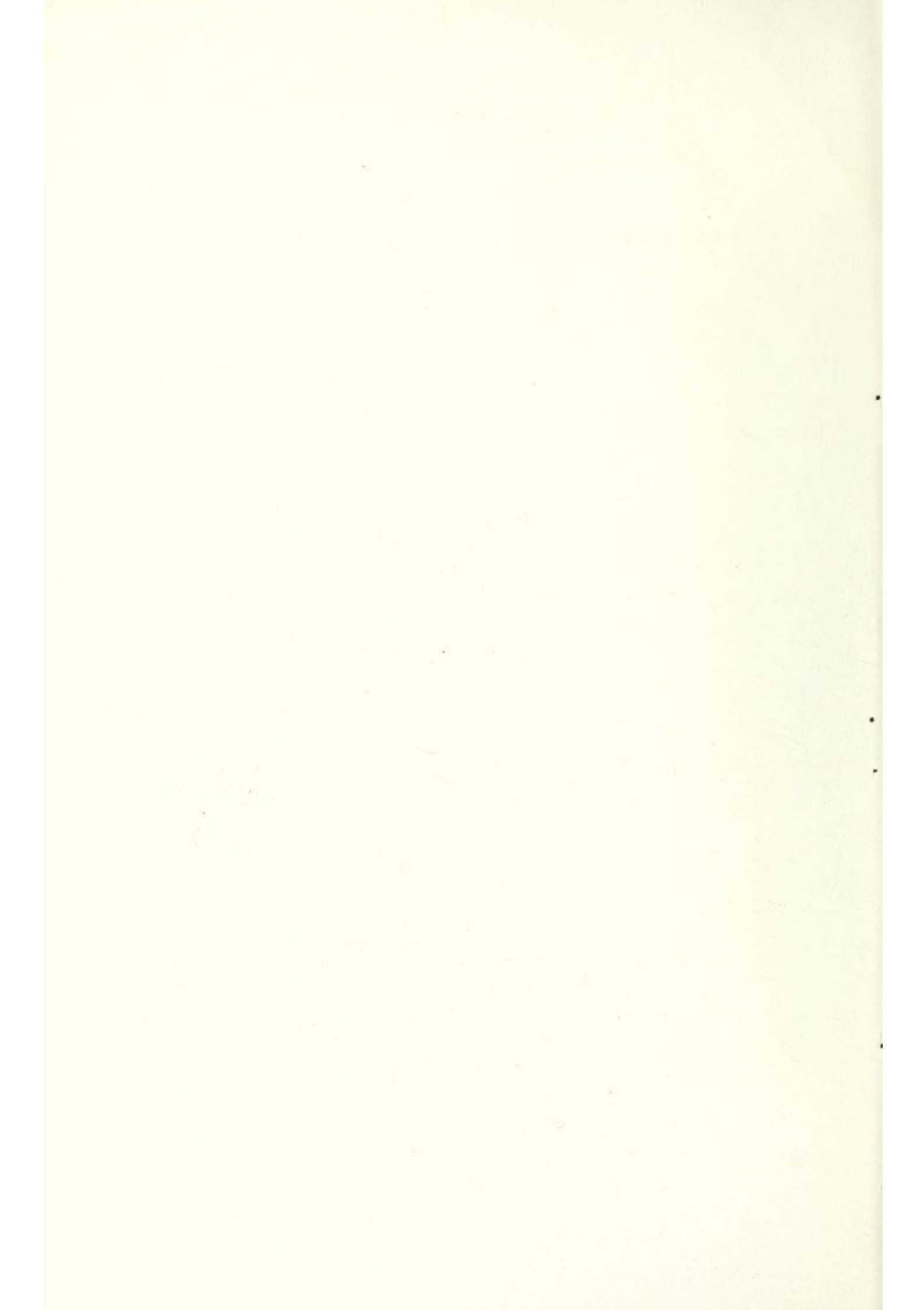
REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER of
HEALTH.

YEAR, 1958.



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GENERAL STATISTICS

The area of the district is 39,797 acres.

The number of inhabited houses is 2008 and the number of new houses completed during the year is 10.

The rateable value is £53,779 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £196.

The estimated mid-year population is 5010 and this figure is taken when calculating the Birth and Death rate.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	36	29	65
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Totals	<u>38</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>68</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 of the population	13.57
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4.41

Still Births

Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths			Nil
Total of live and still births			68

Infant Deaths Under Four Weeks

Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births			Nil

Infant Deaths Under One Year

Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births			14.70
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			15.38
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			Nil
Deaths from Measles			Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough			Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea			Nil

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	32	36	68

Death Rate per 1,000 of the population	13.57
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from Other Puerperal Causes	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	14

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Other)	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	2	4
" " Lung, Bronchus	2	-	2
" " Breast	-	2	2
" " Uterus	-	-	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	1	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	3	6	9
Coronary Disease, Angina	6	7	13
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1	1
Other Heart Disease	5	9	14
Other Circulatory Disease	3	-	3
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	2
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	-	2	2
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
Totals	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>68</u>

INFANT MORTALITY

Cause of Death	Age	Place of Death
Acute Broncho-pneumonia	8 mths	Home



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	1
Diphtheria	-
Measles	-
Pneumonia	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Dysentery	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Smallpox	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Enteric Fever	-
Erysipelas	-
Food Poisoning	-
Chickenpox	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Groups	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-29	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
30-39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-59	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
60+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLIES.

The position with regard to water supplies is substantially the same as last year.

The Seahouses supply from Brockdam was normal throughout the year which meant that the borehole pump had to be used throughout the summer season to supply the extra water needed to meet the increased demand created by the usual influx of summer visitors. The hardness of this borehole water causes much inconvenience and an additional source is needed to obviate its use and relegate it to purely standby or emergency use.

The Bamburgh/Seahouses Link Main of which much is expected and for which the contract is let should be in operation next year, when it comes into use it is hoped that much of the water which goes to waste either at the spring overflow or at the Mill Tank will be available to help Seahouses and remove the necessity for constant and careful adjustment of valves in the Village to maintain an equitable distribution.

Despite all efforts complaints have still been received of shortages in parts of Bamburgh. Those most affected are The Victoria Hotel and West House Hotel on the 'Village' system and The Lord Crewe Arms Hotel on the 'Mill' system, though some of these shortages are due to lack of sufficient storage in the buildings concerned.

Beadnell suffered fewer shortages in the Harbour Road area due to the coupling up of both mains throughout instead of isolating the new main through to Seahouses.

At Belford the Warenton supply was able to maintain the supply without recourse to the old Belford Moor Springs.

SEWERAGE.

The effluent from the Belford Disposal Works continues to attract adverse reports. It is obvious that the works will have to be extended though it could not be claimed that this is sufficiently urgent to be a very pressing matter and the Belford Burn into which the effluent discharges is not really foul.

There is still talk of pollution of Beadnell Beach, which is attributed to the discharge from the Council sewer. Despite frequent visits during all weathers, including the time when easterly winds are blowing and very careful scrutiny of the strand line no signs have been seen of any pollution from sewage, though cow dung and sheep droppings have been observed which must have been washed along the beach from the Long Nanny.

HOUSING.

During the year 10 houses were built by private persons, 7 with state assistance and 3 unaided. There were no houses built by the Council. Negotiations for additional land at Seahouses have not progressed very far and will have to be pursued with greater urgency as the land is needed to provide sites to re-house tenants of unfit houses, particularly at Seahouses. The number of applications for houses on the register is 68.

Action with regard to Unfit Houses.

	<u>No. Houses.</u>
1. Houses demolished in Clearance Areas.	-
2. Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas	-
3. Houses closed not demolished.	1
4. Any other houses permanently discontinued as dwellings and not included in above.	-
5. Houses made fit by informal action.	28

Improvement Grants.

	<u>No. of separate houses.</u>
1. Applications submitted to Local Authority.	7
2. Applications rejected.	5
3. Applications approved.	7
4. Total number approved since inception of scheme.	134

CAMPING SITES.

This created the usual problems. The older sites with their greater density and with many of the caravans let for short periods were difficult to control and despite reasonable co-operation by the site owners, they were some-times dirty.

Unofficial camping on the open links was again prevalent particularly on fine week-ends and much litter is left lying about.

FOOD & DRUGS.

The standards of hygiene in food premises were fairly satisfactory, but more time will have to be devoted to this work.

Food Inspection.

Ten visits were made to food premises for inspection of defective food and 12 tins of Meats, mostly Ham, were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

Milk & Dairies.

The number of licences issued in respect of Special Designated Milk are as follows:-

Pasteurised	...	6
T.T.	...	1

Ice-Cream.

Two premises are registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream, and 17 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream, all of which is pre-packed.

Slaughterhouses.

The two private Slaughterhouses continue to operate as before.

Over 90% of carcasses slaughtered in the two licenced slaughterhouses were inspected, those uninspected were slaughtered during my annual leave.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection of household refuse previously confined to the four main villages of Belford, Bamburgh, Seahouses and Belford, was extended to cover the whole of the district with effect from 1st April. This was made possible by the purchase of a Karrier Bantam of 7 c.yds. capacity.

The service has operated smoothly and satisfactorily and this is confirmed by the negligible number of complaints received. The service is somewhat hampered by lack of proper dustbins at many premises making emptying difficult and dirty.

The old Bedford vehicle is now almost 11 years old and its replacement with another diesel vehicle is desirable from economic reasons as well as operational ones.

Associated with public cleansing is the problem of litter and the provision of additional containers in Seahouses and Bamburgh have been a great help there.

Excellent work was done by the Seahouses and District Scouts in clearing a particularly bad area between Seahouses and Monkshouse.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS ACT.

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health:-

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notice.</u>
(i) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authy.	8	6	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority.	25	14	
Cases in which defects were found	-	5	
Remedied	-	5	

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

Mr. Arris continues as Rodent Operator jointly with Norham & Islandshires and the control exercised is most satisfactory in the way of reduction of the rat population but more time than is really necessary is spent on survey. Some other form of employment will have to be found to relieve the cost of this service.

Meat Inspection.

The following tables show the number of animals slaughtered and the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excludg. cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed (if known)	233	Nil.	Nil.	572	140	Nil.
Number Inspected .	216	Nil.	Nil.	513	137	Nil.
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	Nil.	Nil.	3	1	Nil.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	79	Nil.	Nil.	5	2	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	37.0	Nil.	Nil.	1.6	2.2	Nil.
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	11	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	1	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	5.1.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	0.8	Nil.
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Generalised and totally condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	Type of Property.				(5) Agricultural.
	(1) Local Authority.	(2) Non-Agricultural. Dwelling Hses.(in. Cncl.hses.	(3) All other includg. business premises.	(4) Total of Col.(1)(2) & (3)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 & 2)	10	1998	415	2053	104
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification.		15	4	19	2
(b) Survey under the Act	10	1857	295	2162	102
(c) Otherwise.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections. (To be completed if figures available)					
4. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rates. (Major.	3	7	2	12	5
(Minor.	1	105	9	115	11
(b) Mice (Major.	-	9	3	12	4
(Minor.		70	7	77	9
5. Number of infested properties (in sec.iv) treated by L.A.	4	191	6	201	8
6. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments.	11	243	10	263	11

STATEMENT OF WORK

Project Information		Project Details		Project Status	
Project Name	Project ID	Project Manager	Project Sponsor	Project Start Date	Project End Date
Project Description	Project Objectives	Project Scope	Project Budget	Project Risk	Project Impact
Project Deliverables	Project Milestones	Project Resources	Project Risks	Project Issues	Project Change Log
Project Communication	Project Reporting	Project Monitoring	Project Control	Project Closure	Project Evaluation