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BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1967

Incorporating a Report on the Sanitary  
Circumstances of the District prepared  
by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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The appointment of Chief Public Health Inspector is  
held by the Surveyor to the Council.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

J.A. Cavanagh, M.A.P.H.I., Certificated Inspector  
of Meat & Other Foods.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	49,257
Registrar General's Estimate of Population (Mid. 1967) ... ..	10,570
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	3,363
Number of Council houses ... ..	395
Rateable Value for the year ending 31st December, 1967	£368,398
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate for the year ending 31st December, 1967 ... ..	£1,508

Live Births : Legitimate

Male	77
Female	63
Total	140

Live Births : Illegitimate

Male	7
Female	3
Total	10

Still Births

Male	Nil
Female	2
Total	2

Live Births : Total

Male	84
Female	66
Total	150

Birth rate per 1000 population ... ..	14.2
Still birth rate per 1000 total births ... ..	13.0

Deaths : All Causes

Male	48
Female	30
Total	78

Deaths : Infants under 1 year of age

Male	1
Female	1
Total	2

Death rate per 1000 population ... ..	7.4
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births ... ..	13.0

TOTAL DEATHS 1967

CAUSES OF DEATH		Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	3	6
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	3	-	3
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	5	10
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	1	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4	9
18	Coronary disease, angina	8	4	12
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
20	Other heart disease	6	4	10
21	Other circulatory disease	4	2	6
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	4	1	5
24	Bronchitis	1	1	2
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
34	All other accidents	-	-	-
35	Suicide	1	-	1
All causes		48	30	78

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Total Cases Notified

162

Measles

1

Infective Hepatitis

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Tuberculosis

New cases notified during the year

Pulmonary tuberculosis Male 2

The cases known to be living within the area at the close of the year were as follows :

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	7	5	12
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	1
Totals	7	6	13

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National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

No action taken during the year.



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONS AND OTHER DISEASES

NAME OF DISEASE	Total Cases Notified
Tuberculosis	168
Infective hepatitis	1
Other	-
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	<b>169</b>
New cases notified during the year	6
Primary tuberculosis	1
The cases known to be living within the area at the close of the year were as follows:	-
Total	1
Female	1
Male	0
Total	1
No action taken during the year.	-
Total	-
Female	-
Male	-
Total	-

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A REPORT ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THE RURAL DISTRICT

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1. Water Supplies

The water supply of the district has been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity, no shortage being reported during the year. In several villages a small amount of sediment has required frequent flushing which is always carried out immediately the matter comes to the notice of the water undertaking.

Number of samples taken for bacteriological examination :

- (a) From wells - 22
- (b) From Piped supply - 7

Results of samples taken :

From wells - Satisfactory.....	6
Unsatisfactory.....	16
From piped supply - Satisfactory .....	7
Unsatisfactory.....	

Number of wells :

- (a) Closed ..... 4
- (b) Cleansed..... -

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted  
for well water 8

There is a public piped supply of water to 24 Parishes, two Parishes have extensive private systems and two other Parishes, which are small and widely scattered, rely upon local private supplies.

## Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No. of cesspools constructed during the year	5
No. of cesspools abolished during the year	2
Total no. in the district on 31st. December, 1967	262
No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works	13
No. of parishes where new schemes have been formulated	3

### Proposals

The first stage enlargement of the works at Great Glen was completed during the year and preparations made to commence the second stage work. The Contractors are also now undertaking the installation of a new sewerage scheme for Gaulby, Illston-on-the-Hill and King's Norton.

### Existing arrangements

Modern sewage disposal facilities are available in the following parishes :

- Billesdon ) ( constructed 1957)
- Burton Overy ( constructed 1949)
- Great Glen ( being enlarged )
- Houghton-on-the-Hill (scheme for enlargement being prepared)
- Keyham ( constructed 1960)
- Rolleston ( there is a private disposal system for Rolleston)
- Scraftoft ( constructed 1954)
- Skeffington ( constructed 1952)
- Stoughton ( overloaded) (constructed 1956)
- Tugby ( constructed 1962)
- Tilton-on-the-Hill (constructed 1957)
- Thurnby (constructed 1954)
- Wistow (constructed 1962)
- Newton Harcourt (constructed 1961)

The following villages are included in the programme for new disposal systems :

1. Hungarton
2. Owston
3. East Norton
4. Lowesby

Enlargement of the Tilton works to cater for new development is becoming necessary and also the Stoughton Works must be critically assessed when local farmers remove farm wastes from the sewers.

Closet Accommodation

Total number in the district at the end of 1967 :

- (a) Privies - nil
- (b) Pail closets - 159
- (c) Water closets - 3065

Public Cleansing

(a) Number and type of vehicles employed :

Three vehicles having hydraulic compression

One side loading vehicle (used for general carting and removal of bulky household refuse)

(b) Frequency of collection :

Weekly throughout district

(c) No. of dustbins allowed per dwelling

No limit

(d) There is no special scheme for trade refuse in operation

Refuse is disposed of on one controlled tip at

Skeffington, utilising a Weatherill L61 earth

moving machine for placing, compacting and covering.

Public Health Inspection of the area

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report :

Total number of complaints received .....	12
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with .....	15

Inspections made by Public Health Inspectors

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	2
Bakehouses	3
Dairies	25
Drainage Works	212
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	596
Infectious Disease Inquiries	10
Food Poisoning Inquiries	-
Food Premises	126
Offensive Trades	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	269
Rodent Control	299
Schools	1
Shops and Offices	28
Slaughter-houses and Meat Inspection	163
Atmospheric Pollution	-
Verminous and Dirty Premises	3
ravans etc.	25
Water Supplies	89
Factories and Workplaces	16
Other Inspections	607
Total	2474

NOTICES

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during year	-	8
Complied with during year	-	7
Outstanding 31st. December	-	1

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during year	-	12
Complied with during year	-	12
Outstanding 31st. December	-	-

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of Summonses Issued		No. of Convictions obtained	
Housing	Nil	Housing	Nil
Public Health etc.	Nil	Public Health etc.	Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	Number Registered	Number Inspections	Accidents Reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31.12.67
Offices	5	3	-	4	3	1
Retail Shops	10	6	-	8	6	2
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering estabs. open to the public, canteens.	9	8	-	12	8	4
Fuel Storage Depots	1	1	-	2	-	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>

Brief notes on any accident reported, unusual problems etc.

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ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

- |                                 |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| (a) Number of premises licensed | - | 1 |
| (b) Number of inspections       | - | 1 |

Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No. of Site Licences issued :-

(a) Individual vans ..... 3

(b) More than 2 vans ..... -

Regulated Buildings

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	-	-	-
Canal Boats	1	2	-	Satisfactory
Offensive Trades	Nil	-	-	-

Verminous Premises

Particulars of action taken :-

No. of Council Houses infested ..... 1

No. of other dwellings found to be infested ..... 1

No. of houses disinfested ..... 2

The Pet Animals Act, 1951

(a) No. of premises licensed ..... Nil

(b) No. of inspections ..... Nil

Details of any contraventions ..... Nil



Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

- (1) No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc. Nil
- (2) No. of premises licensed for
- (a) Manufacture Nil (b) Storage of Rag Flock Nil
- No. of samples taken Nil

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1965

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

1. (a) Number of premises inspected 32
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 106
- (c) Number of informal notices served 6
- (d) Number of informal notices complied with 6
- (e) Number of informal notices outstanding 31st. December -
- (f) Number of formal notices served -
- (g) Number of formal notices complied with -
- (h) Number of formal notices outstanding 31st. December -
2. Particulars of any summary action taken -

Clean Air Act, 1956

No action was taken under the provisions of this Act.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

No action was taken under the provisions of this Act.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Number of Infestations dealt with	68
Number of inspections (a) By Public Health Inspectors	80
(b) By Rodent Operators	-

Schools

Thurnby Primary School - A quantity of trifle was condemned as unfit due to abnormal odour and taste.

Swimming Baths and Pools Open to the Public

No. in area :-

(a) Publicly owned Nil (b) Privately owned Nil

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice-Cream

No. of premises registered :-

(a) Manufacture and retail	-
(b) Manufacture only	-
(c) Retail only	28

No. of Samples	10	Results :	Grade 1	7
			Grade 2	3
			Grade 3	-
			Grade 4	-

## MILK SUPPLY

DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions		
		Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31st. December
DAIRIES Nil	-	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS Nil	-	-	-	-

### Biological Milk Samples

No. of routine bulk samples taken	Results of Biological Examination		
	Satisfactory	Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus
25	22	nil	3

Number of individual samples taken following a positive Brucella Abortus report on routine sample :- 3

### Bacteriological Milk Sampling

Class	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designation			
"untreated"	25	25	-
"Pasteurised"	-	-	-
"Sterilised"	-	-	-

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

The following table shows the number of food premises grouped in categories by trades carried on and includes information regarding compliance with Regulations 16 and 19.

Regulation 16 requires the provision of wash hand basin and hot water for the use of all persons engaged in the handling of food and Regulation 19 requires facilities for washing food and equipment in certain food premises.

Trade	No.	No. Complying with Reg.16.	No. to which Reg.19 applies	No. complying with Reg.19.
Grocer	15	8	-	-
Greengrocer	1	1	1	1
Confectioner	-	-	-	-
Cafes	2	2	2	2
Butcher	4	3	4	4
Licensed premises and restaurants	21	19	21	21

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No. of Licensed slaughter houses in area	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	594
No. of animals examined therein	594
No. of carcasses inspected at time of slaughter	594
No. of knackers yards in area	nil

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	129	14	6	434	11	-
Number Inspected	129	14	6	434	11	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	3	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	10	1	-	3	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	7.5	7	-	1.4	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Meat Stalls (including Butchers Vans)

No. of inspections -

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

No. of inspections 8

Places where food (other than meat is kept or prepared for sale).

No. of inspections -

HOUSING

a. NEW HOUSES

Houses completed during year by :

1. Local Authority 21

2. Private Enterprise 67

Houses in course of erection at end of year:

1. Local Authority 18

2. Private Enterprise 78

TOTAL No. of Post War Houses completed by (a) Local Authority 355

(b) Private Enterprise 1483

TOTAL No. of applicants for Council Houses at end of year 157

Number of applications received during year 85

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR :

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 15

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 55

2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932. -

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose -

3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 1

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS & UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

In Clearance Areas	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED DURING YEAR	
		PERSONS	FAMILIES
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(9) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	17	-
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts, (b) Sections 9 & 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
(13) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year	Number of Houses	Number of Separate dwellings contained in col. (1)
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation	(1)	(2)
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	-	-

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	Number of Houses	No. of occupants of houses in col. (1)
	(1)	(2)
	-	-

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Grants are made upon the basis of 50% of the approved estimated cost of works of improvement	50%
(b) Number of applications for grants received during year	9
(1) From owner/occupiers	6
(2) Owners of rented property	3
(c) Number of applications approved	9
(d) Number of applications refused	-

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants from :-	
(1) Owner/occupiers	2
(2) Owners of rented property	2
(b) Number of applications approved	4
(c) Number of applications refused	-
(d) Number of properties improved during year	5



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections made by Public Health Inspector for the purposes of provisions as to health :

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupants Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by local authorities	-	-	-	-
11. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authorities	17	16	1	-
111. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	17	16	1	-

2. Cases in which defects were found :

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :				
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	1	1	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	3	2	-	1

3. Outworkers :

Nature of Works	No. of Outworkers in August List (Required by Sec.110(1)(c))	No. of Visits
Wearing Apparel (making etc).	23	3



