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Public Health Department,
The Council House,
Bishop's Stortford.

JULY, 1966

To the Chairman and Members,
Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to submit the following Report for the year 1965, on the health of the Bishop's Stortford Urban District.

The population is now 20,670, showing an increase of 180 on the previous year. While the Birth Rate for the fifth successive year shows a small decrease, the Death Rate per 1,000 population reveals a slight increase. The latter figure still remains below the Death Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales. There was an improvement in both the Infant Mortality and the Still-Birth Rate during 1965.

Although the general health of the community in Bishop's Stortford remains satisfactory, in order to maintain this, it is necessary to devote attention to the early diagnosis of illness, and it is for this reason that the Hertfordshire County Council established the first clinic for an early detection of diseases in women. The aim of the clinic is the primary recognition of uterine, mammary cancer and analysis of urine.

During 1965, Dr. Yule was appointed to the post of Medical Officer of Health, Saffron Walden Borough and Rural District Councils and Area Medical Officer with the County Council of Essex. We wish him every success. In addition, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all the councillors and our colleagues, who have consistently taken an interest in our work throughout the year.

We are,

Your obedient servants,

IRENE R. CLARKE
Medical Officer of Health

A. L. GOOD
Chief Public Health Inspector

SECTION A

Provision of Medical and Ancillary Services

General Practitioner Services

These are provided by three practices, one being a large practice involving seven practitioners in one central premises; another with four practitioners partly working in a central surgery and with two more outlying surgeries; and a third practice consisting of two doctors based in a central surgery.

Five Dental practices exist in the town and on the whole it appears that the demands for treatment are being satisfactorily met.

Pharmaceutical services are adequate and the more outlying housing areas now have an accessible pharmaceutical chemist. Sunday and evening openings are advertised in the local Press.

Hospital Services

These are provided by the Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital (68 beds) and the Herts. and Essex General Hospital (397 beds).

The two hospitals are administered within the Harlow Group Hospital Management Committee by the Bishop's Stortford Hospitals Committee.

The Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital is staffed by Consultants, General Practitioners, a Resident Medical Officer and is a training school for State Enrolled Nurses. Facilities are available for treatment of medical, surgical, ear, nose and throat diseases, obstetrical and gynaecological, orthopaedic and paediatric illnesses. In addition, there is a Physical Medicine and Radiography department.

The Herts. and Essex General Hospital has steadily continued to expand and improve its facilities and much progress has been made in creating new departments with modernisation of the buildings. Constructional work on the new boiler house, which was commenced during 1964, is expected to be completed during the year. The hospital possesses its own laundry, accommodation being available for married and single doctors. A training school for Nurses and Midwives is provided and there are specialist departments in medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, geriatrics, paediatrics, physical medicine, dentistry and oral surgery, orthopaedics, ear, nose and throat diseases, dermatology, tuberculosis and diseases of the chest, ophthalmology, psychiatry and venereal diseases. There is a pathology service available to General Practitioners, and the hospital provides a twenty-four hour casualty and accident service.

During the year a medical library was established for the use of all Medical Practitioners in Bishop's Stortford.

Hertfordshire County Council Health Services

The County Council still provide Home Nursing and Midwifery Services. Supervision of Childrens' health, welfare of the aged and surveillance of routine health problems continue to be dispensed by the Health Visitors.

Facilities for ante-natal care, infant welfare, child guidance, speech, dental and orthodontic care, minor ailments and chiropody are unchanged and may be utilised at the Health Centre, Market Square. In addition, we would like to emphasise the establishment of a "Well Woman" Clinic, which is also provided in the Health Centre.

Home Help facilities may be arranged on the advice of a doctor or health visitor.

Voluntary Organisations

Several voluntary organisations have contributed to the welfare of the community during the year. The elderly of the town have access to a "Meals-on-Wheels" Service, which is provided by the W.V.S. with financial assistance from the Council. Other aid originates from the co-operative services of the Old People's Welfare Committee.

The Family Planning Association provides a clinic service at the Herts. and Essex General Hospital.

During the year the Voluntary Home Safety Committee consolidated work, which had commenced previously, arranging lectures, competitions and poster displays. In our opinion, the most prominent feature of our recent activities was the Home Safety Month. This campaign, held in the early summer, emphasised the hazards of Fire, Water, Kitchen and dangers in the garden.

SECTION B

STATISTICS

(1) General

Area (Acres)	3,826
Population (Registrar General's estimate for Mid-year 1965)	20,670
Population (Census 1961)	18,308
Rateable Value	£1,014,398
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£4,150
Number of Inhabited houses	6,450
Density of Persons per acre	5.4
Density of Houses per acre	1.69
Average number of occupants per house	3.2

(2) Vital Statistics

(a) Live Births (Total)	416
	Males Females
Legitimate	194 203
Illegitimate	10 9
(b) Live Birth rate per 1,000 Population:-	
Crude Rate	20.13
Adjusted Rate (Comparability Factor 0.85)	17.11
Rate for England and Wales	18.0
(c) Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4.57
(d) Stillbirths	4
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	9.52
(e) Infant deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	3
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	7.45
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales	19.0
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	7.21
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births)	16.6
(f) Maternal mortality	NIL
(g) Total deaths all ages	174
(h) Death rate per 1,000 population:-	
Crude Rate	8.42
Adjusted Rate	9.18
(Comparability Factor 1.09)	
Rate for England and Wales	11.5

(3) Comparative Table of Vital Statistics

		1965	1964	1954	1914
Live Births	No.	416	444	207	164
	Adjusted Rate	17.11	18.42	14.28	18.04
Total Infant Deaths	No.	3	8	3	16
	Rate	7.45	18.0	14.49	97.5
Maternal Deaths	No.	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
	Rate	Nil	Nil	Nil	6.10
Total Deaths	No.	174	183	156	114
	Adjusted Rate	9.18	8.39	10.50	12.4
Population (Estimated Mid-Year)		20,670	20,490	13,480	9,200

(4) Mortality Table

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Under 4 wks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								Total All Ages		
				1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	over 75	1965	1964
1. Tuberculosis, Res- piratory	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2. Syphilitic Disease	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4. Syphilitic Disease	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
11 Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
12 Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
13 Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
14 Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16 Diabetes	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
17 Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Coronary Disease, Angina	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
19 Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
20 Other Heart Disease	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
21 Other Circulatory Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
22 Influenza	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
23 Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Bronchitis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Mortality Table - Cont.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Under 4 wks.	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								Total All Ages		
				1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	over 75	1965	1964
25 Other Diseases of Respiratory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
27 Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
28 Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	M	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
31 Congenital Malfor- mations	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
32 Other Defined and Ill-Defined	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	14
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	13
Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
33 Motor Vehicle Accidents	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
34 All Other Accidents	F	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	1
	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	2
35 Suicide	M	2	-	-	1	-	2	3	2	11	18	41	81	99
	F	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	2	9	24	53	93	84
TOTAL ALL CAUSES														

N.B. The numbers on the extreme left refer to the International Classification of Causes of Death.

Where no deaths have been recorded, the entry has been excluded.

MORTALITY TABLE - MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

There was a decrease in the number of deaths (9) notified during the year and the Crude Death rate was 8.42 per 1,000 population. This compared favourably with the rate for England and Wales (11.5).

As usual, the four main causes of death were: -

(a) Diseases of Heart and Circulation	50 deaths (28.74%)
(b) Diseases of the Respiratory System ...	31 deaths (17.82%)
(c) Cancer and Lymphoid diseases	39 deaths (22.41%)
(d) Vascular lesions of the Nervous System	19 deaths (10.92%)

These diseases caused four out of five deaths. This approximates to the pattern of deaths in recent years. It is of interest to note the increase in the percentage of deaths caused by Diseases of the Respiratory System. Deaths from this cause are now second only to those caused by Heart Disease. Foremost among the aetiological factors causing Respiratory Diseases are environmental, climatic and social influences, including excessive smoking of cigarettes.

INFANT AND PERINATAL MORTALITY

Three infant deaths were notified in 1965. All occurred early in the neonatal period and the causes were prematurity, renal agenesis and broncho-pneumonia.

Four stillbirths occurred during the year, among them an additional case of renal agenesis.

These figures are well below the national rates. However, the work of the National Birthday Trust shows that further improvement is possible in the present standard of obstetric care.

SECTION C

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases

(1) Notifiable Diseases

Notifications of the following infectious diseases were received during the year

Disease	Under 1 year	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 9	10-14	15-24	25-60	Over 60	All Ages
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Measles	9	46	56	86	-	1	-	-	198
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	7
Sonne Dysentery	-	2	3	5	1	3	3	-	17
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhi-murium	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Whooping Cough	1	2	1	3	2	-	-	-	9

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	29	62	40	7	9	3	21	13	4	-	4	6
Scarlet Fever	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11	-	-	2	-
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhi-murium	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	1	-

During 1965 a low incidence of infectious disease was recorded. As expected, the number of cases of measles increased during the early part of the year and this simply reflected the normal national epidemiological pattern. Introduction of measles vaccine in April 1966 will undoubtedly cause some decline in the incidence of measles.

A small, confined outbreak of Sonne dysentery occurred during the summer months. Rarely absent from our community, the presence of dysentery indicates the necessity for a high hygienic standard while handling foodstuffs in the home and commercial premises.

Nine cases of whooping cough were notified during 1965, thus reflecting a decrease of 50% on the previous years' figures.

(2) Tuberculosis

	MALES		FEMALES		Totals
	Pul.	Non. Pul.	Pul.	Non. Pul.	
Cases on Register at 31.12.64	24	4	16	7	51
Number of Cases notified during year	1	-	1	-	2
Inward Transfer	1	-	4	2	7
Cases removed	3	1	2	-	6
Cases on Register at 31.12.65	23	3	19	9	54

In spite of the fact that the Mass Radiography Unit did not help in the detection of Tuberculosis by attending Bishop's Stortford during 1965, we are pleased to report that the number of new cases of tuberculosis decreased. It should be pointed out that if this trend is to continue the best prophylactic measure that the community can observe is a recognition of good general health.

(3) National Assistance Act, 1948. Section 47

This section gives power for the removal to suitable premises of persons who are suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged, infirm or physically handicapped or living in unhealthy conditions are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. This power is fortunately rarely required and is only used in very extreme circumstances. Whenever possible attempts are made to provide services and assistance so that the person can remain in his own home. It was found unnecessary to take action under this section during the year.

(4) Refuse Collection and Disposal

The refuse collection and disposal service continued to work smoothly and efficiently, the refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping at Hadham Towers, which is situated in the area of the Braughing Rural District.

The final stages of the Paper Sack System of refuse collection and disposal were brought into operation during the year. Bishop's Stortford thus became one of the first towns in England and Wales to operate fully this hygienic method.

(5) Water Supply

Twenty-one samples of drinking water were submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and all samples were reported upon as satisfactory.

Two samples of drinking water were also submitted to the Public Analyst at Cambridge for chemical and bacteriological examination and both samples were satisfactory.

The report of the Public Analyst in respect of one of the samples of drinking water taken from a shop in the town is given below.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Physical Characters	..	..	Good
Reaction	..	..	pH 7.0

THE SAMPLE CONTAINED: -

parts per 100,000

Chloride	..	..	..	..	..	2.95
Ammonia (Free and Saline)	..	..	..	..	..	absent
Ammonia (Albuminoid)	..	..	..	..	..	absent
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hrs at 37°C	..	..	..	..	..	0.0188
Nitrates (expressed as Nitrogen)	..	..	..	..	..	0.30
Nitrites	..	..	..	..	..	absent
Poisonous Metals	..	..	..	..	..	absent
Total Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	28.0
Fluoride	..	..	..	..	..	0.015

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls.

Number of micro-organisms per ml

developing at 37°C = nil

Number of micro-organisms per ml

developing at 21°C = nil

MICROSCOPICAL EXAMINATION OF DEPOSIT

None

INFERENCE

The results obtained on the analysis of this sample do not show any evidences of pollution with harmful organic or inorganic matter.

I am of the opinion that this water is fit for drinking purposes.

28th May, 1965.

S. GREENBURGH,
Public Analyst.

(6) Drainage and Sewerage

During the year the Council decided to proceed as quickly as possible to the construction of a new local Sewage Disposal Works. Following the Preliminary Report submitted by the Council's Consultants in October, 1965, the Consultants were requested to prepare a detailed scheme for the Sewage Treatment Works. The Council also agreed to carry out extensive remedial works at the Sewage Farm.

The reconstruction of part of the foul sewer in Rye Street, which was commenced towards the end of 1964, was completed during the year. Thorough cleansing of the foul sewers in parts of the town was also undertaken and this, together with the reconstruction work, proved to be very effective.

(7) Swimming Pools

94 samples of water were taken from the five swimming pools in the district and submitted for bacteriological examination.

Details of the results of all samples, are given in the table below.

Situation of Pool	No. of Samples	Results of Samples	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Council Pool, The Causeway	28	28	---
Chantry Mount School, Whitehall	24	24	---
Thorley Hill Junior & Infants School.....	12	12	---
College - Indoor Pool, Maze Green Road	15	15	---
College - Outdoor Pool, Maze Green Road	15	15	---
TOTAL	94	94	---

SECTION D

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

(1) Inspection of the District

7,358 visits to all types of premises were carried out during the year, the details of which are given below.

Total number of Visits	7,358
Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under	
the Public Health and Housing Acts	210
Revisits to houses for housing defects	555
Council House Applications	265
Premises inspected on Complaint or Nuisance	256
Drainage and Drain Tests	679
Stables and Piggeries	4
Markets	156
Factories (Power and Non-Power)	80
Factories Act - Building Sites	6
Factories Act - Outworkers	15
Public Conveniences	2
Workplaces, Offices and Shops	402
Schools	15
Moveable Dwellings	25
Water Supply and Sampling	73
Swimming Pools and Sampling	33
Places of Entertainment	4
Infectious Diseases and Disinfection	167
Refuse Disposal	43
Rodent Control	414
Atmospheric Pollution	355
Vermin and Insect Pests	62
Petroleum	529
Miscellaneous Visits	303
Interviews with Owners, Builders, etc.	1,368
Meat and Food Inspection - Slaughterhouses	55
Shops and Stalls	139
Wholesalers, Canteens, etc.	87
Butchers	50
Dairies and Milk Distributors	17
Fish Shops	45
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens	114
Bakers	18
Grocers	356
Ice Cream Premises and Vehicles	1
Greengrocers	12
Licensed Premises	27
Street Markets	202

Food Preparing Premises and Wholesalers	...	...	...	29
Sugar Confectionery	...	...	...	10
Other Food Premises and Vehicles	...	...	...	71
Milk Sampling	...	...	...	21
Ice Cream Sampling	...	...	...	13
Other Foods Sampling	...	...	...	11
Miscellaneous Food Visits	...	...	...	59

(2) Special Premises

Particulars of the number and type of all the special premises on the register at the end of 1965 are given below:-

Factories

(a) With Mechanical Power	...	...	...	87
(b) Without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	7

Food Premises

Bakers	...	...	...	7
Butchers	...	...	...	13

Canteens

(a) Schools	...	...	...	18
(b) Factories	5
(c) Hospitals	2

Clubs

(a) Non-Licensed	9
(b) Licensed	13

Dairymen and Dairies	6
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Fishmongers

(a) Wet and Fried Fish	2
(b) Wet Fish	1
(c) Fried Fish	1

Greengrocers	13
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Grocers

(a) Non-Licensed	24
(b) Licensed	5

Licensed Premises	33
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Restaurants

(a) Non-Licensed	11
(b) Licensed	4

Sugar Confectionery	14
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Non Food Shops

Antiques	2
Boots and Shoes	8
Chemists	7
Clothiers	22
Electrical Goods	12
Florists	...	...	...	6
Furnishers	...	...	...	6
Hairdressers	...	...	...	23

Ironmongers	7
Jewellers	5
Leather Goods	5
Milliners	1
Newsagents	8
Opticians	5
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	3
Radio and Television	14
Stationers	4
Toys	6
Wall Paper	7
<u>Workplaces</u>	40

(3) Complaints and Matters Referred

Complaints received	635
Complaints investigated	624
Complaints referred to other Departments and Authorities	11
Other matters referred to other Departments and Authorities	12

(4) Testing of Drains and Sanitary Fittings

Drains tested with water	3
Drains tested with other means	129

(5) Notices Served and the Results of the Service of such Notices

	No. Served	No. Complied With
<u>(a) Preliminary Notices</u>		
(i) Dwelling Houses for Housing Defects	43	45
(ii) Special Premises (shops, factories, etc.)	88	14

(b) Statutory Notices

See Housing Section for Details

N.B. The number of notices complied with includes notices outstanding from the previous year.

(6) Summary of Improvements Effectuated

	At Dwelling Houses	At Food Premises	At Shops, Offices, Hotels, etc.
Accumulations removed	-	1	-
Ceilings repaired	4	1	-
Cellar Openings improved	5	-	-
Chimney Stacks repaired or improved	13	-	-
Dampness remedied	1	-	-
Disinfection and Disinfestation	233	5	42
Doorsteps provided or improved	2	-	-
Doors repaired or renewed	6	2	-
Drains cleared or repaired	21	2	3
Drain inspection chambers provided, renewed or improved	5	1	18
Drains laid or drains relaid	4	-	-
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	18	-	-
Fire precautions taken	6	-	-
Fire Escape provided	1	-	-
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	1	-	-
Floors repaired or renewed	13	3	1
Food Stores provided or improved	1	-	-
Garden walls or fences provided or improved ...	1	-	-
Gulleys provided	1	-	-
Handrail to stairs	2	2	-
Heating appliances provided	-	-	1
Roofs repaired	21	-	-
Rooms decorated and cleansed	3	11	3
Rain Water pipes repaired or renewed	27	-	-
Staircases repaired or renewed	2	2	-
Sub-floor Ventilation improved	1	-	-
Thermometers provided	-	-	1
Ventilation improved	14	-	-
Wall plaster repaired	7	2	1
Walls repaired or renewed (internal)	12	4	1
Walls repaired or renewed (external)	18	-	-
Windows provided or renewed	37	3	-
Yard paving provided or improved	12	1	-
WATER CLOSETS			
Artificial lighting provided	1	-	-
Cisterns repaired	7	1	-
Flushpipe joints repaired	1	-	-
Improved	1	2	-
Pedestals provided	1	-	-

	At Dwelling Houses	At Food Premises	At Shops, Offices, Hotels, etc.
WATER SUPPLY			
Hot water supply provided or improved	1	3	1
Internal water supply provided	1	-	-
Sinks, baths or basins provided	3	2	1
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	8	4	1
Waste Gulleys repaired or improved	19	-	-
Water Butts provided	1	-	-
Water supply pipes repaired or renewed ...	8	1	1
FOOD PREMISES			
Clothing lockers provided	-	1	-
Equipment provided or improved	-	3	-
First Aid Kit provided	-	2	1
Food Display improved	-	3	-
Food Handling improved	-	6	-
Soap, towels, etc., provided	-	2	1
Smoking - Cautions given	-	2	-
W.C. Notice	-	1	-
Name and Address Board (Street Markets) ..	-	16	-
Open food displayed on the ground	-	4	-
Wearing of Protective Clothing	-	-	-
Unsuitable Meat Delivery Lorry	-	-	-

(7) Disinfection and Disinfestation

280 properties were disinfested and 279 wasp's nests were destroyed during the year.

(8) Atmospheric Pollution

Table I gives details of the observations for the year ending 31st March, 1964, for Bishop's Stortford and for sites in the same classification in connection with the National Survey of Air Pollution. The comparison is very interesting and encouraging, although there is still scope for an appreciable reduction in the amount of domestic smoke pollution in the town. This is evident by the higher winter ratio of smoke to sulphur dioxide when compared with the summer ratio.

TABLE I

NATIONAL SURVEY OF AIR POLLUTION

Table of Observations for year ending 31st March, 1964,
for Typical Sites in same Classification as Bishop's Stortford

SITE NAME & NUMBER (D/2)	SMOKE			SULPHUR DIOXIDE			RATIO OF SMOKE TO SULPHUR DIOXIDE		
	Summer	Winter	Year	Summer	Winter	Year	Summer	Winter	Year
U.D.C.(Derbyshire)	86	305	196	86	199	142	1.00	1.53	.68
U.D.C.(Kent)	25	96	60	35	69	52	.71	1.39	1.15
R.D.C.(Warwickshire) ..	76	196	136	95	191	143	.80	1.02	.95
U.D.C.(Lancashire)	211	379	295	155	286	220	1.36	1.32	1.34
B.C. (Buckinghamshire)	30	95	62	45	134	90	.67	.71	.69
C.B.C.(Lancashire)	52	174	113	64	159	112	.81	1.09	1.00
U.D.C.(Monmouthshire)..	32	89	60	35	64	50	.91	1.39	1.20
U.D.C.(Kent)	18	155	86	84	211	148	.21	.73	.58
U.D.C.(Middlesex).....	34	124	79	73	191	132	.46	.65	.60
B.C. (Derbyshire)	73	244	158	124	211	168	.59	1.16	.94
B.C. (Northamptonshire)	54	96	96	52	110	81	1.04	.87	1.18
B.C. (Surrey (D2/E))...	24	131	78	72	193	132	.33	.68	.59
B.C. (Kent)	36	120	78	90	148	119	.40	.81	.66
C.B.C.(Yorkshire)	128	353	240	111	253	182	1.15	1.40	1.32
U.D.C.(Northumberland)	85	148	116	61	151	106	1.39	.98	1.09
B.C. (Staffordshire)...	136	256	196	123	263	193	1.10	.97	1.02
B.C. (Yorkshire)	93	233	163	136	269	202	.68	.87	.81
U.D.C.(Yorkshire)	78	161	120	98	172	135	.80	.94	.89
U.D.C.(Lancashire).....	89	262	176	114	239	176	.78	1.10	1.00
B.C. (Lancashire)	102	233	168	114	204	159	.89	1.14	1.06
U.D.C.(Durham (D2/E))..	74	104	89	64	94	79	1.16	1.11	1.13
B.C. (Warwickshire) ...	34	99	66	25	81	53	1.36	1.22	1.24
C.B.C.(Durham (D2/E))..	96	222	159	84	156	120	1.14	1.41	1.32
B.C. (Northumberland)..	198	382	290	122	245	184	1.62	1.56	1.58
U.D.C.(Essex)	38	127	82	79	143	111	.48	.89	.74
B.C. (Hertfordshire)...	37	108	72	72	174	123	.51	.62	.58
U.D.C.(Hertfordshire)..	23	82	52	54	138	96	.42	.59	.54
U.D.C.(Lancashire)	134	286	210	124	252	188	1.08	1.13	1.12
B.C. (Cumberland)	64	163	114	22	64	43	2.91	2.55	2.65
Bishop's Stortford UDC.	30	102	66	38	96	67	.79	1.06	.98

CONCENTRATIONS EXPRESSED IN MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE

C.B.C. - County Borough Council

U.D.C. - Urban District Council

B.C. - Borough Council

R.D.C. - Rural District Council

SITE CLASSIFICATION

D/2 - Small town centre; limited commercial area mixed with old residential housing
and possibly minor industry

D/2E- Small town centre; limited commercial area mixed with old residential housing
and possibly minor industry; smoke control area.

The air pollution averages recorded at the two stations in Bishop's Stortford are set out in Table II and it is pleasing to note that the average smoke and sulphur dioxide concentrations for the year 1965 are the lowest figures achieved so far. This slight downward trend in the level of pollution is satisfactory.

TABLE II

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Averages for Both Stations in Bishop's Stortford since Investigations commenced Locally

STATION	Year	SMOKE			SULPHUR DIOXIDE		
		Summer Average	Winter Average	Yearly Average	Summer Average	Winter Average	Yearly Average
Bishop's Stortford No. 1 Station, Council House	1960	42	177	79	42	98	70
	1961	35	120	78	47	110	78
	1962	31	119	75	36	90	63
	1963	30	103	66	39	102	71
	1964	32	96	70	44	98	77
	1965	33	76	54	36	64	50
Average for above 6 years		34	115	70	41	94	68
Bishop's Stortford No. 2 Station, Cemetery	1962	23	118	71	26	89	58
	1963	23	116	70	32	112	72
	1964	20	113	67	34	100	67
	1965	22	84	53	33	67	50
Average for above 4 years		22	108	65	31	92	62

CONCENTRATIONS EXPRESSED IN MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE

The average monthly concentrations for both stations in Bishop's Stortford are given in Table III.

TABLE III

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Average Monthly Concentration Figures - Bishop's Stortford.

1965	COUNCIL HOUSE STATION NO. 1						CEMETERY STATION NO. 2.					
	SMOKE			SULPHUR DIOXIDE			SMOKE			SULPHUR DIOXIDE		
	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value
JANUARY	73	196	16	68	136	29	79	276	8	81	207	25
FEBRUARY	66	168	14	60	120	29	110	380	24	76	219	32
MARCH	64	132	12	53	92	16	68	252	12	57	96	34
APRIL	44	148	11	48	123	24	34	75	16	56	128	32
MAY	31	61	9	32	57	23	19	32	5	35	66	19
JUNE	21	37	9	33	58	23	15	27	6	26	50	8
JULY	21	30	11	25	39	9	12	18	5	22	33	8
AUGUST	27	54	15	32	45	20	13	26	8	26	41	18
SEPTEMBER	54	106	15	43	81	30	36	120	15	34	51	22
OCTOBER	67	279	16	48	79	21	69	179	23	48	160	27
NOVEMBER	75	197	12	69	170	30	95	398	12	65	155	29
DECEMBER	108	290	29	84	197	42	84	262	19	76	194	34
AVERAGES	54	142	14	50	100	25	53	170	13	50	117	24

CONCENTRATIONS EXPRESSED IN MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE

(9) Inspection and Supervision of Food(a) FOOD HYGIENE

The Public Health Department receives valuable assistance from members of the general public in connection with the maintenance of a high standard of food hygiene. Thirty complaints were investigated during the year and a number of warning letters were sent.

Legal proceedings were taken under Section 2, Food and Drugs Act, 1955, in respect of the sale of a loaf of bread found to contain parts of an insect.

Legal proceedings were also taken under Section 8, Food and Drugs Act, 1955, in connection with the sale of a carton of yoghurt affected by mould growth.

Both prosecutions were successful and the defendants were fined £20 with £5 5s. 0d. costs in each case.

(b) MARKETS

The regular weekly inspection of the street and covered markets and the cattle, rabbit and poultry markets was continued throughout the year.

(c) MILK SUPPLY

Forty-seven samples of bottled milk and 18 samples of cream were taken in the course of delivery to the consumer during the year and submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. All the samples were reported upon as satisfactory with the exception of one sample of pasteurised milk. Details of these samples are shown in the table.

Designation	No. of Samples Taken	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised Milk...	33	32	1
Sterilised Milk....	13	13	---
Cream	18	18	---
Separated Milk	1	1	---

(d) MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

Sixty-seven premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream.

Bacteriological Examination

Eight samples of ice cream were submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. The results of samples are detailed in the table below. Grade 4 samples are regarded as unsatisfactory.

	No. of Samples	Results of Samples			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Ice Cream	8	5	2	---	1

Eight samples of ice lollies were also taken and all were reported upon as satisfactory by the laboratory.

(e) MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Ten premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, for the preparation and manufacture of preserved food as follows: -

Sausages	5
Sausages and Brawn	2
Sausages and Cooked Meats....	1
Meat Pickling	1
Cooked Hams	1

Meat inspection duties on behalf of Dunmow R.D.C. were undertaken at the Wholesale Slaughter House, Hatfield Heath and Little Jenkins Slaughterhouse, Great Hallingbury, during July and November, 1965. These duties were carried out by the Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector and the Additional Public Health Inspector, during the evenings and at week-ends, in order to help the Dunmow Rural District Council at times of shortages of qualified staff.

(f) MISCELLANEOUS FOOD SAMPLING

Thirty-eight samples of various foods were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory. All were found to be satisfactory.

The types of food sampled were chocolate flavoured drink, corned beef, fruit salad, orange drink, raspberries and yoghourt.

(g) DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

All unsound food was disposed of under supervision at the Council's controlled tip at Hadham Towers. The total amount of food condemned was 6.247 tons and this compares with 5.442 tons for the year 1964. Fuller details are given in the appropriate tables.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

At Food Shops and Wholesale Premises

Tinned Meat and other foods	4,581 lb. or 2.045 tons
Meat and other foods	5,176 lb. or 2.311 tons
Frozen Meat and other foods	4,236 lb. or 1.891 tons

TOTAL 13,993 lb. or 6.247 tons

UN SOUND TIN NED FOODS

Description	Weight		No. of Tins	Description	Weight		No. of Tins
	lb.	oz.			lb.	oz.	
Apples	52	-	5	Milk	112	7	139
Apricots	336	3½	194	Milk Puddings	16	14½	19
Asparagus	1	15	3	Mincemeat	13	-	2
Baby Foods	7	5	26	Mustard	1	6¼	3
Beans	132	11	156	Oranges	125	8½	139
Beef	13	1½	14	Peaches	614	7	304
Beetroot	1	7	3	Pears	351	10½	189
Blackberries	2	13	3	Peas	155	9	146
Blackcurrants	5	5	6	Pie filling	44	6	7
Blueberries	5	8	8	Pilchards	29	3	42
Carrots	34	15½	40	Pineapple	167	10½	159
Cherries	28	7¼	30	Plums	114	5	64
Chicken	10	2	4	Pork	36	4	12
Chocolate (drinking)	1	4	4	Prunes	10	5¾	5
Corned Beef	167	5	84	Raspberries	109	6½	116
Crab	-	3¾	1	Ravioli	-	14½	1
Cream	5	6	14	Rhubarb	11	5	5
Cucumber	2	6	2	Rice	16	14¼	18
Curry	1	14	6	Roes	-	8	1
Custard	-	4½	1	Sago	-	15½	1
Damsons	40	5	51	Salmon	5	14¼	11
Fish	1	6¼	7	Sardines	-	9	3
Fruit Drink	9	4½	14	Sausages	12	-	17
Fruit Salad	257	14	150	Semolina	1	15	2
Gherkins	5	7	3	Soup	98	12	135
Ginger Beer	-	15	1	Spaghetti	19	2½	25
Gooseberries	7	-	2	Spinach	2	-	2
Grapefruit	193	5	148	Sponge pudding	1	6	2
Grapes	8	7½	8	Steak	47	8	55
Gravy Powder	28	-	4	Strawberries	16	1½	21
Ham	204	12	43	Sweetcorn	15	15	21
Jam	87	7	25	Syrup	1	-	1
Loganberries	11	4½	12	Tomatoes	556	4¾	511
Luncheon Meat	95	14	72	Tuna	1	4¼	3
Macaroni	3	6	4	Veal	70	-	15
Marmalade	20	-	14	Vegetables	9	2½	10
Meat	1	8	2				
Melon	3	1	2	TOTAL	4581	13¼	3372

UN SOUND FROZEN FOODS

Description	Weight		No. of Packets
	lb.	oz.	
Cheese	2	4	9
Confectionery .. .	99	14½	329
Fish .. .	1388	6	2617
Fruit .. .	21	-	38
Fruit drink .. .	4	5	15
Meat .. .	543	12½	1062
Pastry .. .	107	8½	221
Poultry .. .	175	5	135
Vegetables .. .	1894	4½	3779
Total ..	4236	12	8205

UN SOUND OTHER FOODS

Description	Weight		Description	Weight	
	lb.	oz.		lb.	oz.
Apples .. .	28	-	Luncheon Meat (8 pkts.)	2	-
Bacon .. .	80	2½	Margarine .. .	126	-
Beans .. .	49	-	Meat .. .	8	7
Beef .. .	390	3	Milk Powder .. .	1233	-
Biscuits (3 pkts.) .. .	1	7	Minerals (44 bottles) ..	44	-
Butter .. .	92	-	Meatpies .. .	12	15
Cake .. .	5	4	Mutton .. .	13	14½
Coffee (1 jar) .. .	-	2	Onions .. .	28	-
Cheese .. .	48	9	Pork .. .	522	13
Chicken (129 chickens) .. .	505	13	Potatoes .. .	112	-
Corned Beef .. .	8	4	Pudding Mixtures .. .	4	8
Cream (2 cartons) .. .	-	8	(9 pkts.)		
Custard Powder .. .	263	4	Rabbit .. .	9	-
Dates (2 boxes) .. .	70	-	Rice .. .	4	8
Dried fruit .. .	164	4	Sago .. .	1	-
Eggs (324) .. .	21	12	Sausages .. .	289	1
Fish Paste (66 jars) .. .	7	2	Shrimps (24 pkts.) .. .	3	12
Flour (15 pkts.) .. .	43	-	Suet .. .	10	-
Fruit drink (191 bottles) ..	184	2	Sugar .. .	2	8
Ground Almonds .. .	-	8	Tongue .. .	8	14
Ham .. .	16	13	Turkey (28 Turkeys) .. .	276	15
Hearts .. .	3	8	Veal .. .	13	7½
Jam (17 jars) .. .	21	-	Vegetables (13 pkts.) ..	3	10½
Kidneys .. .	14	-	Vinegar (24 Bottles) ..	18	-
Lamb .. .	246	-	Yogurt (29 Cartons) .. .	9	1
Lard .. .	74	-			
Liver .. .	81	-	Total .. .	5176	0

(10) Rodent Control

(i) Disinfestation of Sewers

Test baiting of the foul sewers was undertaken during December. Ninety-seven manholes were tested and evidence of rat infestation was detected in six manholes. The six manholes were treated with Warfarin over a period of thirty days until all the infestations were eliminated.

(ii) Disinfestation of Surface Properties

Number of Dwelling Houses treated	..	..	..	..	..	124
" Business Premises treated	..	..	..	..	..	54
" Council Premises treated	..	..	..	..	..	5
" Agricultural Premises treated	..	..	..	..	..	6
" Poison Baits laid	..	..	..	..	..	3487
" " partly taken	..	..	..	..	..	1519
" " completely taken	..	..	..	..	..	370
" Bodies recovered (a) rats	..	..	..	..	..	277
" " (b) mice	..	..	..	..	..	115
Total number of visits made by the operator	..	..	..	..	..	1872

Rat infestations were less numerous than in the previous year and fewer bodies were recovered but, on the other hand, mice were seen in greater numbers and 115 bodies were collected - an increase of 42% over 1964.

(11) The Storage of Petroleum Spirit

Fifty-five premises were licensed by the Council for the storage of petroleum spirit and fees received in respect of these licences amounted to £49 10s. Od.

(12) Pet Animals Act, 1951

Three licences were renewed by the Council during the year in respect of the keeping of pet shops.

(13) Factories Act, 1961

Eighty-six visits were made to the factories on the register and it was found necessary in three instances to serve informal notices.

Thirty-three outworkers were employed during the year by the various factories in the district, an increase of five over the previous year.

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	3	--	--
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	87	77	3	--
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....	12	6	--	--
TOTAL	106	86	3	--

2. CASES in which defects were found

Particulars	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (s 1)....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (s 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (s 4).	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (s 7)					
a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) unsuitable or defective	-	1	-	-	-
c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	2	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	3	-	-	-

(14) Housing

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) By the Local Authority	50
(b) By Private Enterprise	103

Number of houses made available by conversion or

adaptation of existing buildings	3
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UNFIT HOUSES DEMOLISHED

The houses listed below were demolished during the year.

Benhooks Farm.

Firlands - Nos. 4, 5, 9, 11, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27,
29, 30, 33, 37.

Gatwick Green - Nos. 1, 13.

Heath Row - Nos. 81, 85, 91, 93.

Northolt Avenue - Nos. 1, 5, 14, 15.

Oak Street - No. 33.

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

The houses listed below were closed during the year.

Cannonsmill Lane - Nos. 7, 8.

Firlands - Nos. 5, 21, 22, 27, 30, 33, 37.

Gatwick Green - Nos. 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13.

Heath Row - Nos. 81, 85, 91, 93.

Northolt Avenue - 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16.

South Street - Nos. 90, 92, 94, 96.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENT

"Preston Leys", Maze Green Road.

1 Rye Street.

19 Westfield Road.

HOUSING ACT, 1957 (Section 17)

A Demolition Order was served in respect of the Gate House, Cannonsmill Lane Crossing.

HOUSES MADE FIT AFTER INFORMAL ACTION

Forty-five houses were rendered fit by the owners during the year, following informal action by the local authority, and 311 housing defects were remedied as a result.

(15) The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

The use of Start Hill Farm as a licensed caravan site continued during the year. The site is licensed for one caravan only and a planning application for an additional caravan was refused in June 1965, on the grounds that the site is within a proposed extension of the Metropolitan Green Belt.

(16) Housing Act, 1961, Part II - Houses in Multiple Occupation

Following the survey of houses in multiple occupation, it was found that twenty-one houses came within the scope of the Act and Informal Notices were served in every case.

Reasonable progress has been achieved executing repairs, providing facilities and adequate means of escape in case of fire and, at the end of 1965, work had been completed on five houses and substantially finalised at a further five. The occupancies of six houses had changed which took them outside the scope of the Act and one house was demolished. Work was in progress at three houses and the question of fully improving one house was under consideration.

(17) The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The detailed survey required under the Act which was commenced in 1964, was continued during the year and the statistical information will be found in the tables below.

TABLE "A"
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiv- ing a general inspection during the year
Offices	-	70	6
Retail Shops	7	195	92
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	15	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	20	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-

TABLE "B"

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to Registered Premises ...	1303
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TABLE "C"
ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Premises	Number of persons employed
Offices	515
Retail Shops	1138
Wholesale departments, warehouses	150
Catering establishments open to the public	132
Canteens	25
Fuel storage depots	33
Total	1993
Total Males	903
Total Females	1090

TABLE "D"
EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

Part I	Space (Section 5 (2))	N11
Part II	Temperature (Section 6)	N11
Part III	Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9)	N11
Part IV	Washing Facilities (Section 10)	N11

TABLE "E"

Prosecutions	N11
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TABLE "F"
INSPECTORS

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act	3
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	N11

STANDARDS OF LIGHTING

TABLE I - Premises Inspected October - December, 1965.

Lumens p.s.f.	Less than 5	5-10	10-15	15-25	Over 25
Offices	-	-	2	5	6
Shops	-	-	-	6	7
Stockrooms, packing depts., prep.rooms, etc.	-	-	-	4	1

TABLE II - Lighting in Lumens per sq.ft. in premises inspected during November 1965.

Lumens p.s.f.	Less than 5	5-10	10-15	15-25	Over 25
Offices	-	-	2	5	5
Shops	-	-	-	4	4
Stockrooms, packing depts., prep.rooms, etc.	-	-	-	4	1

TEMPERATURES

TABLE III - Temperatures in premises inspected October - December, 1965.

	50°F to 60.8°F	60.8°F and above
Offices	1	10
Shops	7	28
Stockrooms, packing depts., prep.rooms, etc.	6	3

369 contraventions were found during the year and 79 Informal Notices were served. Work has been completed at 14 premises; is in progress at another 22 premises, and is in hand at a further 15. General inspection and survey work is proceeding in addition to the revisits in connection with work in progress and outstanding work.

22 premises were found to be satisfactory at the time of inspection.

Clearly there is a great deal of work to do and the necessity for the introduction of the Act is quite apparent. The response and reaction by traders and other occupiers has been most encouraging and there is generally a keen desire to provide and maintain the standards laid down. The next few years will certainly be formative years in providing better working conditions in Offices, Shops and Railway Premises.

