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The Council House,  
Bishop's Stortford.

OCTOBER, 1967.

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

MADAM CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to submit the following Report for 1966, on the health of the Bishop's Stortford Urban District.

Several points require specific mention, the details of which may be found in the ensuing pages and figures outlined in this Report.

It is of interest to note that the increase in Bishop's Stortford's population continues and that this year 160 more people entered the town, giving a total population of 20,830. However, the birth rate in the town has decreased in contrast to last year's figure, while the reverse is true of the death rate figure. It would appear from the figures outlined in this Report that the character of the community in Bishop's Stortford is slowly drifting away from that found in a rural market town towards a typical suburban town found in close proximity to the London conurbation.

Since the Plowden Committee published its findings this year, it is felt that Nursery Schools and Play Groups deserve special mention. It is with regret that one remembers the closure of the Nursery School under the auspices of the Hertfordshire County Council in 1958. Unfortunately, while the majority of private nursery schools conform to statutory structural requirements, it should be pointed out that the benefits which would accrue from "custom built" nursery schools make their presence in the community obligatory.

In conclusion we would like to pay tribute to the outstanding service which has been given to older people in Bishop's Stortford by the voluntary organisations this year. Nevertheless, it is perhaps appropriate to point out at this juncture that the welfare services for the elderly could be utilised more fully if a small publicity campaign was mounted and appropriate information about welfare services brought directly into their homes.

Once more it is a pleasure to record the co-operation and constructive advice so readily contributed by the Council and our colleagues.

We are,

Your obedient servants,

IRENE R. CLARKE

Medical Officer of Health

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## SECTION A

### PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

#### General Practitioner Services

These are provided by twelve practitioners working in three practices. Two of these practices are of the group type and the third has two doctors working in partnership.

Dental treatment is provided by five practices.

Pharmaceutical services are provided by seven chemists.

#### Hospital Services

These services are provided by the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and are administered by the Harlow Group Hospital Management Committee.

The majority of hospital cases in the Urban District of Bishop's Stortford are accommodated in the Herts & Essex General Hospital (397 beds) and the Bishop's Stortford and District Hospital (68 beds).

#### Hertfordshire County Council Services

The County Council provide the following services :-

- (1) Clinics - These are all held in the Health Centre, Market Square, (Bishop's Stortford 2746) :-

Infant Welfare - Thursdays, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon; 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Antenatal - Wednesday and Friday - by appointment with appropriate General Practitioner.

General Clinic for School Children - 1st and 3rd Wednesday in every month; 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

Child and Family Psychiatric Service - Tuesdays, by appointment.

Well Woman Clinic (Cervical Cytology) - 1st and 3rd Monday in every month. 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

Speech Therapy - Thursday mornings, by appointment.

Dental - School children and expectant mothers, by appointment.

Chiropody - Wednesday mornings, by appointment.



## Hertfordshire County Council Services

### (2) Health and Welfare Services

- Nursing Services (a) Health Visitors and School Nurses may be contacted at the Health Centre between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. on weekdays.
- (b) Domiciliary Midwives and Home Nurses work from the following addresses :-
- 25a Portland Road (Bishop's Stortford 4332)  
18 Northolt Avenue (Bishop's Stortford 2843)  
53 Elm Road (Bishop's Stortford 51385)
- School Health Services All children attending County Council Schools are examined medically at intervals of approximately three years throughout their school careers.
- Home Help Service This service operates from the Health Centre. The District Organiser may be contacted there on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.
- Mental Health & Social Service A unit has recently been opened at 1, Queen's Road, Hertford, (Hertford 3145 and 5875). All welfare cases are dealt with at this office with the exception of those relating to Mental Health. The latter are under the care of the area Mental Health Social Worker, who is based at the Bishop's Stortford Health Centre.
- Ambulance Service There is an Ambulance Station in South Street, Bishop's Stortford.
- Laboratory Service Laboratory facilities for Public Health Specimens are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge.

### (3) Voluntary Services

Women's Royal Voluntary Service, 30 South Street, organise the "Meals on Wheels" service and are active in many other welfare fields e.g. transport for the aged.

The Family Planning Association hold clinics at the Herts & Essex Hospital on Thursdays, 6.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

The Bishop's Stortford Voluntary Home Safety Committee arranges poster campaigns and exhibitions which have as their aim the prevention of accidents in the home.

(3) Voluntary Services (Cont'd.)

Many other voluntary organisations, among which may be mentioned the Bishop's Stortford Old Peoples Welfare Committee and the Bishop's Stortford and District Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, have contributed to the welfare of the community.



# SECTION B

## STATISTICS

### (1) General

	1966	1965
Area (Acres) .. .. .	3,826	(3,826)
Population (Registrar General's estimate for Mid-year) .. .. .	20,830	(20,670)
Population (Census 1961) .. .. .	18,308	(18,308)
Rateable Value .. .. .	£1,051,481	(£1,014,398)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£4,310	(£4,150)
Number of Inhabited Houses .. .. .	6,537	(6,450)
Density of Persons per acre .. .. .	5.44	(5.4)
Density of Houses per acre .. .. .	1.71	(1.69)
Average number of occupants per house .. .. .	3.19	(3.2)

### (2) Vital Statistics

(a) Live Births (Total) .. .. .	388	(416)
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate .. .. .	204	157
Illegitimate .. .. .	14	13
(b) Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population :-		
Crude Rate .. .. .	18.6	(20.13)
Adjusted Rate (Comparability Factor 0.85)	15.8	(17.11)
Rate for England and Wales .. .. .	17.7	(18.0)
(c) Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births .. .. .	6.96	(4.57)
(d) Stillbirths .. .. .	2	(4)
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	5.1	(9.52)
(e) Infant deaths (Deaths under 1 year) ..	6	(3)
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births) .. .. .	15.5	(7.45)
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales	19.0	(19.0)
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births) .. .. .	10.3	(7.21)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births) .. .. .	15.4	(16.6)
(f) Maternal mortality .. .. .	NIL	(NIL)
(g) Total deaths all ages .. .. .	185	(174)
(h) Death Rate per 1,000 population :-		
Crude Rate .. .. .	8.9	(8.42)
Adjusted Rate .. .. . (Comparability Factor 1.06)	9.4	(9.18)
Rate for England and Wales .. .. .	11.7	(11.5)



# STATISTICAL TABLES - MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

There was an increase in the number of deaths (12) notified during the year. The crude death rate was 12.35 per 1,000 population. This compared favourably with the rate for England and Wales.

The four main causes of death were:-

## (3) Comparative Table of Vital Statistics

		1966	1956	1916
Live Births	No.	388	243	164
	Adjusted Rate	15.8	16.7	20.16
Total Infant Deaths	No.	6	3	16
	Rate	15.5	12.35	97.56
Maternal Deaths	No.	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Rate	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	No.	185	152	97
	Adjusted Rate	9.4	10.45	11.92
Population (Estimated Mid-Year)		20,830	14,550	8,134

(4)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	AGE IN YEARS							TOTAL ALL AGES	
		Under 4 wks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-65	65-75		Over 75
1.Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
2.Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3.Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
4.Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M.	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	7	16
	F.	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	3	11
6.Diabetes	M.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
7.Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M.	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	7
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	6
8.Coronary Disease, Angina...	M.	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	11	23
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	11	18
9.Hypertension with Heart Disease	M.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	5
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
10.Other Heart Disease.....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	7
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	5	16
11.Other Circulatory Disease .	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
12.Influenza .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.Pneumonia .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	4	6
14.Bronchitis .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
15.Other Diseases of Respiratory System .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	5
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
16.Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
17.Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
18.Congenital Malformations ..	M.	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases .....	M.	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	5
	F.	2	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	12
20.All Other Accidents .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
21.Suicide .....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M.	2	1	2	4	-	18	21	35	80
	F.	2	1	2	4	-	18	27	57	105

## MORTALITY TABLE - MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

There was an increase in the number of deaths (11) notified during the year. The Crude Death Rate was 8.9 per 1,000 population. This compared favourably with the rate for England and Wales.

The four main causes of death were :-

- (a) Diseases of Heart and Circulation .... 77 deaths (41.62%)
- (b) Cancer and Lymphoid diseases ..... 38 deaths (20.54%)
- (c) Diseases of the Respiratory System ... 26 deaths (14.05%)
- (d) Vascular lesions of the Nervous System 13 deaths ( 7.03%)

The increase in deaths attributed to heart disease was confined to the over 65 age group and does not reflect the national trend.

## INFANT AND PERINATAL MORTALITY

There has been an increase in the Infant Mortality Rate which to a certain extent has been offset by a decrease in the Perinatal Mortality Rate. This is of little significance in view of the small numbers involved. The Infant Mortality Rate for the Urban District still remains below that of England and Wales.



# 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
Food Poisoning	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	6
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	1	7	4	5	-	-	-	-	17
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Whooping Cough	1	5	2	4	1	-	1	-	14

Disease	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	4	2	1	-	2	-	6	1	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sonne Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	1	-	3	1	3	1	1	3	-	-

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was low in 1966.

Two families from this town, while attending a dinner in St. Albans contracted food poisoning. In addition, between twenty and thirty people were affected.

(2) Tuberculosis

	MALES		FEMALES		Totals
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	
Cases on Register at 31.12.65.	23	3	19	9	54
Number of Cases notified during year	3	-	-	-	3
Inward Transfer	2	-	-	-	2
Cases removed	-	1	1	-	2
Cases on Register at 31.12.66.	28	2	18	9	57

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1966, bringing the total number of cases on the register to 57.

It is felt that this low incidence of new cases suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis reflects the proper use of Mass Radiography as an ancillary method in the early diagnosis of this disease

(3) National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

On one occasion in 1966 the powers inherent in the above Act were invoked. Section 47 of this Act remains unchanged and concerns itself principally with the welfare of the physically incapacitated, aged and infirm. It enables suitable treatment to be instigated and caters for appropriate care under reasonably conceivable circumstances.

However, it became necessary during the year to arrange for the compulsory removal to hospital of an elderly female resident, in accordance with the provisions of the above Act.

(4) Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation Act, 1948

The Act requires all Nursery Schools and Child-Minders who have more than two children from two different homes to be registered with the Local Health Authority

During 1966, eight nursery schools and play groups were functioning with Urban District Council planning permission and more than 250 pre-school children were attending these establishments.



#### (5) Refuse Collection and Disposal

The regular weekly collection of refuse was maintained throughout the year. Disposal of refuse is by means of controlled tipping at Hadham Towers, which is situated in the Braughing Rural District. The tip is shared with the Braughing R.D.C. and pest control measures are undertaken by the Council's Rodent Operator, one third of the cost being borne by the Rural District Council.

The Paper Sack System is now in full operation and, in general, the results from this method of collecting refuse are proving to be totally adequate. A few complaints of damage to the paper sacks by domestic animals were received during the year. In some cases this was overcome by the occupiers by the provision of wire netting fixed around the base of the paper sack.

#### (6) Water Supply

Thirty-four samples of drinking water were submitted to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. With the exception of one sample satisfactory reports were received. Follow-up samples proved satisfactory.

#### (7) Drainage and Sewerage

During the year the Council accepted a report, submitted by the Engineer and Surveyor, for the construction of a relief sewer from Northgate End to the Causeway. The provision of this relief sewer would alleviate flooding which has occurred during periods of heavy rain in the vicinity of Stane Close.

The Council also gave consideration, following a detailed report by the Consulting Engineers, to the question of sewerage for future development at Thorley and agreed to consider further action when the Minister made known his decision upon the First Review of the County Development Plan.

#### (8) Swimming Pools

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



## SECTION D

### PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

#### (1) Inspection of the District

5,803 visits to all types of premises were carried out during the year, the details of which are given below.

Total number of Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,803
Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects								
under the Public Health and Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	457
Revisits to houses for housing defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	875
Council House Applications	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Premises inspected on Complaint or Nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Drainage and Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	277
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Markets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Factories (Power and Non-Power)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Factories Act - Building Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories Act - Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Workplaces, Offices and Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	378
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Water Supply and Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Swimming Pools and Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Places of Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Infectious Diseases and Disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	147
Refuse Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
Atmospheric Pollution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	382
Vermin and Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148
Interviews with Owners, Builders, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,322
Meat and Other Food Inspection - Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Shops and Stalls...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Wholesalers, Canteens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	325
Ice Cream Premises and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Street Markets...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	296

Food Preparing Premises and Wholesalers	...	...	...	5
Sugar Confectioners	...	...	...	4
Other Food Premises and Vehicles	...	...	...	45
Milk Sampling	...	...	...	17
Ice Cream Sampling	...	...	...	15
Other Foods Sampling	...	...	...	45
Miscellaneous Food Visits	...	...	...	27

## (2) Special Premises

Particulars of the number and type of all the special premises on the register at the end of 1966 are given below :-

### Factories

(a) With Mechanical Power	...	...	...	91
(b) Without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	8

### 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
Fishmongers				
(a) Wet and Fried Fish	...	...	...	2
(b) Wet Fish	...	...	...	1
(c) Fried Fish	...	...	...	1
Greengrocers	...	...	...	14
Grocers	...	...	...	
(a) Non-Licensed	...	...	...	22
(b) Licensed	...	...	...	5
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	32
Restaurants				
(a) Non-Licensed	...	...	...	8
(b) Licensed	...	...	...	8
Sugar Confectionery and Tobacco	...	...	...	19

### Non Food Shops

Antiques	...	...	...	2
Boots and Shoes	...	...	...	8
Chemists	...	...	...	8
Clothiers	...	...	...	23
Electrical Goods	...	...	...	12
Florists	...	...	...	7



Furnishers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Ironmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Jewellers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Leather Goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Milliners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Newsagents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Opticians	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Radio and Television	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Stationers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Toys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Wall Paper	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
<u>Workplaces</u>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43

(3) Complaints and Matters Referred

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	487
Complaints investigated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	473
Complaints referred to other Departments and Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Other Matters referred to other Departments and Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

(4) Testing of Drains and Sanitary Fittings

Drains tested with water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Drains tested with other means	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37

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

	No. Served	No. Complied With
(a) <u>Preliminary Notices</u>		
(i) Dwelling Houses for Housing Defects	66	49
(ii) Special Premises (shops, factories, etc.)	65	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.
Abstract provided - Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act . . . . .	-	2	1
Accumulations removed . . . . .	3	-	-
Ceilings repaired or renewed . . . . .	11	8	-
Chimney stacks repaired or improved . . . . .	3	-	-
Clothing lockers provided . . . . .	-	2	-
Dampness remedied . . . . .	5	-	-
Disinfection and disinfestation . . . . .	97	7	7
Doorsteps provided or improved . . . . .	7	-	-
Doors repaired or renewed . . . . .	9	1	-
Drains cleared or repaired . . . . .	23	-	3
Drain inspection chambers provided, renewed or improved . . . . .	2	-	-
Drains laid or relaid . . . . .	3	-	-
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed . . . . .	16	4	-
Equipment provided or improved . . . . .	-	3	-
External redecoration . . . . .	1	-	-
Fireplaces repaired or renewed . . . . .	2	-	-
First Aid Kit provided . . . . .	-	4	3
Floors repaired or renewed . . . . .	10	4	1
Food display improved . . . . .	-	1	-
Food handling improved . . . . .	-	4	-
Food stores provided or improved . . . . .	4	-	-
Garden walls or fences provided or improved . . . . .	6	-	-
Gulleys provided . . . . .	1	-	1
Heating appliances provided or repaired . . . . .	-	2	2
Hot water supply provided or improved . . . . .	3	4	2
Internal water supply provided . . . . .	1	1	1
Open food displayed on the ground . . . . .	-	2	-
Outbuildings demolished . . . . .	2	-	-
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed . . . . .	10	-	2
Refrigerators provided . . . . .	-	2	-
Roofs repaired . . . . .	28	-	-
Rooms decorated and cleansed . . . . .	6	20	1
Sinks, baths or basins provided . . . . .	6	5	1
Smoking - cautions given . . . . .	-	3	-
Soap, towels etc. provided . . . . .	-	4	1
Staff rooms provided . . . . .	-	1	2
Seats provided . . . . .	-	1	-
Sub-floor ventilation improved . . . . .	1	-	-
Street Markets - Name and Address Board . . . . .	-	8	-
Thermometers Provided . . . . .	-	2	4



	At Dwelling Houses	At Food Premises	At Shops, Offices, Hotels, etc.
Unsuitable meat delivery lorry ... ..	-	2	-
Ventilation improved ... ..	2	-	1
Wall plaster renewed ... ..	3	-	-
Walls repaired or renewed - internal ...	11	8	-
Walls repaired or renewed - external ...	9	-	-
Waste pipes repaired or renewed ... ..	9	5	1
Water butts provided ... ..	-	-	1
Water supply pipes repaired or renewed	4	4	1
Windows provided or repaired ... ..	20	-	-
Washing copper demolished ... ..	1	-	-
Yard paving provided or improved ...	8	2	1
Water Closets - Artificial lighting provided ... ..	2	-	-
" " - Cisterns repaired or renewed ... ..	4	2	-
" " - Improved ... ..	4	1	1
" " - Pedestals provided ...	3	-	-
" " - Seats provided or repaired ... ..	4	3	-

#### (7) Disinfection and Disinfestation

111 properties were disinfested and 100 wasp's nests were destroyed during the year.

#### (8) Atmospheric Pollution

Details of the observations for the year ending 31st March, 1965, in connection with the National Survey of Air Pollution are given in Table I. The sites listed in this table are all in the same classification as Bishop's Stortford and a comparison of the amount of smoke and sulphur dioxide pollution of the various towns listed reveals that the level of pollution in Bishop's Stortford can be regarded as reasonably satisfactory.

Table II sets out the air pollution averages at both stations in the town since recordings commenced locally. Table III gives the average monthly concentrations in Bishop's Stortford during 1966.



TABLE I

NATIONAL SURVEY OF AIR POLLUTION

Table of Observations for year ending 31st March, 1965,  
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. Essex	32	83	59	39	95	69	.82	.87	.86
U.D.C. Essex	24	85	56	31	66	49	.77	1.29	1.14
U.D.C. Hertfordshire	18	66	42	52	129	91	.35	.51	.46
B.C. Essex	21	77	50	40	88	65	.53	.88	.77
U.D.C. Essex	35	87	62	72	140	108	.49	.62	.57
U.D.C. Hertfordshire	23	72	49	65	149	109	.35	.48	.45
R.D.C. Hertfordshire	20	68	46	77	110	94	.26	.62	.49
Bishop's Stortford U.D.C.	33	76	54	36	64	50	.92	1.19	1.08

CONCENTRATIONS EXPRESSED IN MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE.

B.C. - Borough Council.

U.D.C. - Urban District 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.

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
	1966	28	80	54	35	76	56
Average for above 7 years		33	110	68	40	91	66
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
	1966	20	70	45	32	65	48
Average for above 5 years		22	100	61	31	87	59

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.**

1966	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	97	168	8	108	199	53	122	300	36	97	161	46
FEBRUARY	94	382	2	74	143	20	62	116	10	60	127	43
MARCH	61	170	24	67	172	25	55	97	22	57	135	28
APRIL	40	89	7	56	103	34	48	90	6	56	102	26
MAY	27	56	4	44	89	18	19	32	11	38	64	18
JUNE	21	35	9	28	39	17	11	22	6	25	38	17
JULY	19	33	5	24	45	11	9	22	2	21	36	10
AUGUST	23	41	9	29	72	10	12	74	5	24	33	10
SEPTEMBER	38	57	17	30	63	18	24	44	3	26	40	15
OCTOBER	51	86	20	36	44	23	42	88	8	34	59	26
NOVEMBER	84	427	18	82	285	36	69	251	20	68	191	36
DECEMBER	93	456	23	90	172	48	71	321	15	72	155	41
AVERAGES	54	167	12	56	119	26	45	121	12	48	95	26

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. Twenty-eight complaints were investigated during the year and a number of warning letters were sent.

Legal proceedings were also taken under Section 8, Food and Drugs Act, 1955, in connection with the sale of two pieces of rabbit found to be unsound and unfit for human consumption.

The prosecution was successful and the defendants were fined £10 with £5. 5s. Od. costs.

(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

Sixty-two samples of bottled milk and twenty-four 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 four samples of milk and seven samples of cream. Details of these samples are shown in the table.

Designation	No. of Samples Taken	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised Milk ....	38	36	2
Sterilised Milk.....	17	15	2
Cream .....	24	17	7
Separated Milk.....	7	7	-

(d) MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

Fifty-three premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream.

Bacteriological Examination

Fourteen 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.....	14	11	1	2	-

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



(e) MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

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

Sausages.....	3
Sausages and Brawn .....	2
Sausages and Cooked Meats ..	2
Meat Pickling .....	1
Cooked Hams .....	2
Cooked Chicken .....	1

(f) MISCELLANEOUS FOOD SAMPLING

Twenty-four 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, orange drink and yoghurt.

(g) DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

All unsound food was disposed of under supervision at the Council's controlled tip at Hadham Towers. The total amount of food condemned was 3.127 tons and this compares with 6.247 tons for the year 1965. Details are given below :-

	Weight in lbs.	No. of Tins	No. of Packets
Unsound Tinned Foods	4,272	2,096	-
Unsound Frozen Foods	2,259	-	3,821
Unsound Other Foods	474	-	-

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

At Food Shops and Wholesale Premises

Tinned Meat and Other Foods	4,272 lb. or 1.907 tons
Meat and Other Foods.....	474 lb. or 0.212 tons
Frozen Meat and Other Foods	2,259 lb. or 1.008 tons
TOTAL	7,005 lb. or 3.127 tons

(10) Rodent Control

(i) Disinfestation of Sewers

Test baiting of the foul sewers was not carried out during the year but this work is in hand to be undertaken during 1967.

(ii) Disinfestation of Surface Properties

Number of Dwelling Houses treated .. ..	170
" " Business Premises treated .. ..	97
" " Council Premises treated .. ..	14
" " Agricultural Premises treated .. ..	6
" " Poison Baits laid .. ..	3996
" " " " partly taken .. ..	1587
" " " " completely taken .. ..	399
" " Bodies recovered (a) rats .. ..	287
" " " " (b) mice .. ..	77
Total number of visits made by the operator ..	1978

Rat infestations were at about the same level as in the previous year and fewer bodies were recovered but, on the other hand, mice were seen in fewer numbers.

(11) The Storage of Petroleum Spirit

Fifty-six premises were licensed by the Council for the storage of petroleum spirit and fees received in respect of these licenses amounted to £52. 15s. 0d.

(12) Pet Animals Act, 1951

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

(13) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.

One establishment was licensed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the above Act. The conditions of the licence were fully observed and the premises were found to be satisfactory.

(14) Factories Act, 1961

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

Forty-two outworkers were employed during the year by the various factories in the district, an increase of nine 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 Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	8	2	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.....	91	61	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....	9	2	2	-
TOTAL	108	65	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)...	1	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s 2).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (s 3).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (s 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s 6).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (s 7)					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	1	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	2	2	-	1	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	1	-

(15) Housing

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

(a) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	110
Number of houses made available by conversion or					
adaptation of existing buildings	...	...	...	...	1
Number of houses changed to other use	...	...	...	...	1

UNFIT HOUSES DEMOLISHED

The houses listed below were demolished during the year.

Cannonsmill Lane - Nos. 7, 8.  
Gatwick Green - Nos. 5, 7, 9, 11.  
Northolt Avenue - Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,  
13, 16.

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

The houses listed below were closed during the year.

Cannonsmill Lane - No. 8.  
Gatwick Green - No. 6.  
Heath Row - Nos. 83, 89.  
Northolt Avenue - Nos. 4, 7, 10, 12, 23, 51, 53.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENT

18, Avenue Road.	172, South Street,
50, Chantry Road.	228, Stansted Road.
68, Dunmow Road.	297, Stansted Road.
2, South Street.	"Waterside", Hockerill Street.

HOUSING ACT, 1957 (Section 16)

Time and Place Notices were served in respect of 58 and 60, Rye Street.

HOUSES MADE FIT AFTER INFORMAL ACTION

Forty-nine houses were rendered fit by the owners during the year, following informal action by the local authority and 247 housing defects were remedied as a result.



(16) 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 conditions were found to be satisfactory.

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

Twenty-two houses were found in the survey to be used for multiple occupation. One of these houses was demolished later; two houses were closed and there was a change in the occupation of a further six houses, which took them outside the provisions of the Act.

Work has been completed at six houses, is nearing completion at four houses and is in progress at the remaining three houses. It is anticipated that all the outstanding work will be finished before the end of 1967.

(18) 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. The survey was nearing completion by the end of the year.

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 receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	12	83	40
Retail Shops	5	218	72
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	18	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	20	4
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	1
TOTALS	17	340	122

TABLE "B"

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to Registered Premises ...	883
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TABLE "C"

## ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Premises	Number of persons employed
Offices ... ..	520
Retail Shops ... ..	1149
Wholesale departments, warehouses ... ..	186
Catering establishments open to the public ... ..	143
Canteens ... ..	21
Fuel storage depots ... ..	35
Total... ..	2054
Total Males..	947
Total Females	1107

TABLE "D"

## EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

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

TABLE "E"

Prosecutions ... ..	Nil
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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 ... ..	Nil





