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**Borough of Buxton**

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**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**for the Year 1963**

*by*

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*Chief Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent  
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BOROUGH OF BUXTON

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year, 1963.

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Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
Buxton.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Buxton.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1963. This report is compiled on similar lines to last year to comply with requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Buxton is situated on the upper reaches of the Wye at an elevation of approximately 1,000 feet above sea level. The majority of the working population are engaged either directly or indirectly in the work of running a small holiday resort and spa. A further proportion find their employment in the nearby important lime-stone quarries to the north-east and south of the area and also in an important light industrial undertaking in Chapel-en-le-Frith. The future of the town has for the whole of this year remained under the shadow of the proposed cuts in railway services which, if implemented could have disastrous effects. Another important occurrence which could have important long term implications was the decision by the Corporation to close their Municipal Treatment Centre thus leaving the treatment of rheumatism and allied conditions locally almost entirely to the Devonshire Royal Hospital. The unemployment figures during the year show a steep rise in the early part to a figure of 208 wholly unemployed, which fell to around 70 in June, but again nearly reached the 100 mark at the end of the year. The figure for women was very much lower and at no time exceeded 60 in any month.

The general health of the town throughout the year has remained remarkably good in spite of the fact that the winter will long be remembered for its severity in a town which is used to hard winters. The prolonged frost exploited to the full any deficiencies in plumbing systems, 20% of water service pipes at one time were frozen and many remained so until early in May. The Water Department of the Corporation did a manful job of work in carting water where required. Nevertheless, the hardship was considerable and worse in those houses, of which there are a number in the town, in multi-occupation - not only were the water supplies frozen, but W.C's and flushing cisterns became unusable. During this period too cases of *sonne* dysentery were still occurring, though I am glad to say the epidemic was well under control before the end of the frost, thanks largely, I feel sure, to the active measures which the Health Department took to eliminate the spread of infection. Figures for live births show little change, and when adjusted are comparable with the figures for England and Wales. Deaths show a reduction of 40, but the adjusted rate is again slightly higher than the national average. Infant mortality at 17.9 based on 6 infant deaths is well below the national figure as is also the stillbirth rate. During the past five years the infant mortality rate has only exceeded the national average on two occasions which reflects the greatest credit on all concerned with our maternity and child welfare services locally. The fall in the number of deaths has largely been an all round drop rather than a reduction in any particular disease, though there were 16 less deaths attributed to coronary heart disease, which at 65 is the largest itemised cause of death. This was closely followed by a total of 57 for other forms of heart disease, an increase of 2. Lung cancer, all in males, amounted to 9 or over one third of all causes of death from malignant disease in that sex. A great deal has been done locally to publicise the facts with regard to the health hazards of cigarette smoking summarised in the historic report of the Royal College of Physicians. Particular



care has been taken to emphasize its relationship with chronic bronchitis and coronary thrombosis. In addition to formal lectures accompanied by films or filmstrips I addressed a personal letter to all parents of children entering the secondary modern phase of their education on this subject as Medical Officer of Health. Also I take the opportunity to stress this aspect of health education individually to parents and children at routine medical inspections working as a School Medical Officer. With deaths from chronic bronchitis and lung cancer at about 60,000 a year one is perhaps surprised that Womens' Organizations do not take more interest in this matter. There are too many widows at an unnecessary early age, possibly in financial stress, because their husbands were cigarette smokers. Deaths due to accidents numbered 5 of which 1 only was the result of a motor vehicle accident. Of the four accidents due to other causes one was the result of a railway accident in 1957, the remainder were home accidents - an infant who was smothered by a plastic bag, an aged male of 88 years who died as a result of pneumonia when his clothing caught fire and the third as a result of drowning - an open verdict been recorded.

I am glad to be able to report another very active year by the Buxton Home Safety Committee. The fact that the Booth Hall Burns Unit had their quietest November 5th on record was indeed gratifying and can largely be attributed to the work of the home safety movement. The "Learn to Swim" campaign sponsored by the Buxton Home Safety Committee has been an unqualified success and I think has surprised even those who were initially enthusiastic about it. Motor vehicle accidents, though only accounting for one death, occur annually with remorseless inevitability. While many are due to bad roads and bad driving one feels that sufficient evidence by now has been accumulated to be sure that alcohol often plays an important part. Legislation to specify a blood alcohol level above which to drive is a statutory offence is in my opinion long overdue.

Unfortunately, arrangements to assess the degree of atmospheric pollution locally were not approved again this year. I, myself, have little doubt that there is a significant degree, especially during winter months and accurate assessment must be a pre-requisite for any further action to deal with this nuisance which can have such a prejudicial effect on health.

The Meals on Wheels Service has gone from strength to strength in its second year of operation supplying 3,691 meals. No praise can be too high for the work of the W.V.S. in this connection and our thanks are also due to Messrs. I.C.I. and their Canteen manageress who supply the meals. The next important development I should like to see provided locally is a central club for old people with facilities for a mid-day meal.

As regards housing, the fourteen bungalow scheme incorporating a warden in the Fairfield area was almost ready at the end of the year and is very welcome. Although not purpose built the final result is very satisfactory and the two way inter-communication is an improvement on the bell system. More accommodation for the elderly is very necessary and I feel sure that the Corporation should concentrate on this housing aspect to a greater degree in the immediate future. The warden idea has a great deal to commend it and the variation of such a scheme in connection with flatlets could provide a satisfactory solution to the problem in a large number of cases. Housing, apart from the question of provision for old people referred to is, generally speaking reasonably adequate. However, there is a small problem with regard to houses in multi-occupation. The rate of slum clearance improved somewhat during the year, but Improvement Grants still have not been used to the extent one would have wished. At the present time applications for Improvement Grants are divided between the Public Health Department in respect of Standard Grants and the Surveyor's Department in respect of Discretionary Grants. I feel myself that one department should be responsible for both in the interests of applicants. There is in the town a large caravan site for about sixty caravans. This was the subject during the year of an Appeal against two conditions imposed in the licence drawn up by the Corporation. One was lost, that which required that no caravan be sited within ten feet of a carriageway. An unexpected decision in my opinion in view of the road safety implications, largely with regard to children. The other condition requiring facilities for storage space to be provided was modified to the extent that it need only be provided when requested by the tenant. Again, I do not feel that this is an easy decision to understand in a climate such as Buxton experiences, particularly in winter.

As much time has been spent during the year, as staffing has allowed, on food hygiene. Unfortunately, to ensure that the standard of food handling is brought up to and maintained at a satisfactory level a great deal more supervision is required than is at present possible. I feel sure that the appointment of an



additional Health Inspector to the establishment should be given very serious consideration. Attention too has been given to the problem of brucellosis, but although most milk sold in the Borough is pasteurised a substantial amount of raw milk is still sold. In the absence of an eradication policy I feel sure more milk should, and could be pasteurised. In my view all milk should be required to be heat treated by statute with suitable exemptions in cases of real hardship which must be fairly uncommon.

The Town's water undertaking as foreshadowed in last year's report has passed to the North Derbyshire Water Board. Since this undertaking, in my opinion, was run by the Corporation in an up to date and most satisfactory manner one can excuse those people who have had some misgivings, particularly on economic grounds. However, from the point of view of the Health Department extremely satisfactory relations with the officers of the new Board have been reached and reciprocal arrangements are made for all water samples taken to be seen. The supply is a good one and the only major problem as far as the Health Department is concerned is the water supply to a private school boarding house occupied by approximately sixty persons, which is at present on an unsatisfactory, and on occasions, inadequate private supply.

The new sewerage works ensure an effluent which is well above the requirements of the River Board. The only difficulty so far has been a certain amount with regard to the disposal of sludge, and for which no real satisfactory solution has so far materialised.

Refuse collection continues to be carried out by the Health Department. Disposal is by controlled tipping. A bin provision scheme has not yet been considered and perhaps should be if only to clear the way for any possible change in methods. The conventional bin has many disadvantages, both on hygienic grounds and due to its weight, particularly during winter weather in slippery conditions.

In concluding this report I should like to pay tribute once again to the help I have had from very many people in the town and in particular to the general practitioners and the local press. I am very grateful indeed to the Borough Council and especially to the members of the Health Committee for their continued support and kindness. Finally I should like to record my sincere thanks to all members of the Health Department for their loyalty, co-operation and cheerfulness during another busy year.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

F.D.F. STEEDE

Medical Officer of Health.



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The elevation of the Borough is from 950 to 1,200 feet above sea-level.

Area of the Borough . . . . .	6,337 acres
Estimated Population (mid 1963) . . . . .	19,400
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1963 . . . . .	5,873
Rateable Value (31.4.63) . . . . .	£570,567
Value of Penny Rate (31.12.63) . . . . .	£2,340

<u>Vital Statistics</u>		M.	F.	
<u>Live Births</u> - Legitimate . . . . .		165	155	320
	Illegitimate . . . . .	8	8	16
Total		173	163	336
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population . . . . .			17.32	
<u>Illegitimate Live Births</u> per cent of total live births . . . . .			4.76	
<u>Stillbirths</u> - Legitimate . . . . .		1	2	3
	Illegitimate . . . . .	-	-	-
Total		1	2	3
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths . . . . .			8.85	
<u>Total Live &amp; Still-births</u> . . . . .		174	165	339
Deaths . . . . .		115	167	282
Death rate per 1,000 population . . . . .			14.54	
<u>Infant Deaths</u> (Under one year of age) Legitimate . . . . .		3	3	6
	Illegitimate . . . . .	-	-	-
Total		3	3	6
<u>Infant Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live births . . . . .			17.9	
Leg. " " " " " legitimate live births . . . . .			18.8	
Illeg. " " " " " illegitimate " " . . . . .			-	
		M.	F.	
Neonatal Deaths (Under four weeks) - Legitimate . . . . .		2	2	4
	Illegitimate . . . . .	-	-	-
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live births . . . . .			11.9	
		M.	F.	
Early Neonatal Deaths (Under one week) - Legitimate . . . . .		2	2	4
	Illegitimate . . . . .	-	-	-
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live births . . . . .			11.9	
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & stillbirths) . . . . .			20.6	
Maternal deaths (including abortion) . . . . .			-	
<u>Maternal Mortality Rate</u> per 1,000 live & stillbirths . . . . .			-	

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Infant Deaths	6	6	8	8	6
Infant Mortality Rate	18.1	16.3	26.5	23.3	17.9

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasm (incl. leukaemia) . . . . .	24	27	51
Deaths from Measles (All ages) . . . . .	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages) . . . . .	-	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) . . . . .	-	-	-
Deaths from Respiratory Disease (inc. Respiratory T.B.) . . . . .	21	13	34



## CAUSES OF DEATHS IN BOROUGH OF BUXTON

DURING YEAR 1963

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
All Causes ... ..	115	167	282
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .. ...	2	-	2
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease .. ...	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections .. ...	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .. ...	-	-	-
8. Measles .. ...	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases .	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach ... ..	3	6	9
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	9	-	9
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast . ...	-	5	5
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus . ...	-	2	2
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	11	12	23
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .. ...	1	2	3
16. Diabetes ... ..	-	2	2
17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System ...	8	35	43
18. Coronary Disease, Angina .. ...	37	28	65
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease . ...	-	1	1
20. Other Heart Disease .. ...	14	43	57
21. Other Circulatory Disease . ...	2	6	8
22. Influenza ... ..	-	1	1
23. Pneumonia ... ..	-	6	6
24. Bronchitis ... ..	9	4	13
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System .	1	2	3
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum .. ...	1	2	3
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ... ..	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .. ...	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion . ...	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations .. ...	1	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	9	8	17
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..	1	-	1
34. All other Accidents ... ..	3	1	4
35. Suicide ... ..	1	-	1
36. Homicide and Operations of War . ...	-	-	-

## Comparison with England and Wales

	Per 1000 Population	Per 1000 Live births	Per 1000 Total births
	Live births (Adjusted)	Death Rate (Adjusted)	Infantile Mortality
Buxton	18.2	13.7	17.9
England and Wales	18.2	12.2	20.9
			17.3



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities: Pathological and Bacteriological investigations are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, 121a, Osmaston Road, Derby (Tel. Derby 45597), and the Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton. Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Analyst's Department, Matlock (Tel. Matlock 3411).

(b) Ambulance Facilities: This is a County Council service with an ambulance stationed at Park Road, Buxton. (Tel. 2021).

(c) Nursing in the Home: This service is administered by the County Council.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:-

<u>Name &amp; Situation</u>	<u>Clinic held</u>	<u>By whom provided</u>
Maternity & Child Welfare Bath Road.	Mon. 1.30-4.15 Wed. 1.30-4.15	Derbys. County Council
Harpur Hill Institute	1st & 3rd Tues. each month.	-do-
Ante-Natal Clinic, Bath Road.	1st & 3rd Tues. each month.	-do-
School Clinic, Bath Road.	Tues. 10-11	-do-
Eye Clinic, Bath Road.	Monday, a.m.	-do-
Minor Ailment Clinic, Bath Road.	Wed. a.m.	-do-
Chiropody Clinic, Bath Road.	Tues.- Fri. 9.30-12.30 Sat. 9-12	-do-
Chest Clinic, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport. (Subsidiary Clinic held at the Buxton Hospital)	Mon. - Fri.	Regional Hospital Board.
Venereal Disease Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Mon. - Sat.	-do-

(e) Hospitals: Administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47

AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No action during the year was required to be taken under these powers.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply: There has been no significant change in the supply arrangements during the year, and which passed to the control of the North Derbyshire Water Board in October. Regular bacteriological samples are taken monthly in addition to any sampling done by the Board and have given consistently good results. Copies of all reports are exchanged by arrangement with the Water Board.

### FOOD

#### Food Poisoning Outbreaks

There was no case of food poisoning during the year.

### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE - GENERAL.

The epidemic of Sonne dysentery which had started in the autumn of 1962 resulted in 40 cases being notified in the first quarter. In all there were 88 cases notified. That the disease was eradicated in five months from the date of the first case seems to me to be a measure of the success of the precautions taken. The epidemic was treated vigourously, largely because of the importance of eradicating an excremental disease in a holiday town.

Measles accounted for 191 cases and there were no deaths.

Immunisation against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough are all very satisfactory and for practical purposes and there must be very few children in the Borough who have not been vaccinated under one year of age. When one turns to booster doses the position may not be so satisfactory. Parents are reminded that a booster dose is required against both diphtheria and tetanus about 5 years of age following a course in infancy and again at the age of 10 years. As a result of the introduction of the Sabin oral vaccine booster doses in respect of poliomyelitis will no longer it seems be required.



# PREVALANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER TUBERCULOSIS

Number of cases notified during the year . . . . .	9
Pulmonary . . . . .	7
Non-pulmonary . . . . .	2

There were two deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system and none from non-pulmonary form occurred.

In case of death or removal the house is disinfected.

No action taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

The methods of control are :

- (a) Sanatorium treatment administered by the Regional Hospital Board.
- (b) The Chest Clinic at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport.

## TUBERCULOSIS NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1963

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 . . . . .	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 . . . . .	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 . . . . .	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 . . . . .	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & upwards	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	3	-	2	2	-	-	-



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1963.

Disease	Total Cases Notified (all ages)	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Analysis of Total Cases in age groups											
				Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 59	60 and over
															Age Unknown
Acute Poliomyelitis . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) . . . . .	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.S. Fever . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery . . . . .	40	-	-	3	2	-	2	-	13	7	1	3	2	2	-
Measles . . . . .	191	-	-	5	13	22	39	30	73	6	1	1	1	-	-
Whooping Cough . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Observation Cases :-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Streptococcal Infection . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# REPORT OF BOROUGH METEOROLOGIST

Meteorological Station,  
Buxton.

To the Mayor, Members of the Council & Burgesses.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the meteorological report for the year 1963 and extracts from the record of Meteorological Observations made at the Meteorological Station.

The highest temperature recorded was 76°F. on 11th June and 30th July.

The lowest temperature recorded was 6°F on 23rd January.

The heaviest rainfall measured was 1.68" on the 25th September.

The highest daily sunshine total recorded was 14.6 hours on the 10th June.

The summer was cool and changeable. November was conspicuously wet and December exceptionally dry. In fact it was the driest December ever recorded in Buxton since the station was opened in 1868.

In late December 1962 severe conditions set in, and continued without a break until early March. Snow was lying on the ground for 66 days; over three times the average, and snow fell on 30 days. The mean temperatures for January and February were 10°F. below normal.

1963	Average Temperature (F.)	Total Rainfall (inches)	Total Sunshine (hours)
January .....	26.8	2.79	29.2
February .....	27.2	1.85	58.9
March .....	39.2	1.52	73.2
April .....	43.6	3.47	88.8
May .....	46.4	4.76	129.3
June .....	56.0	4.78	199.2
July .....	56.1	2.70	179.3
August .....	54.8	6.88	102.6
September .....	52.4	5.86	101.0
October .....	48.4	3.96	64.1
November .....	43.2	7.52	23.9
December .....	34.8	0.91	10.9
		<hr/> 47.00	<hr/> 1060.4

During the year, numerous parties and individuals have been shown round the instruments, and there have been frequent enquiries from students, for facts and figures.

I remain, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

IVOR E. BURTON,

Borough Meteorologist.





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1963

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Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

BUXTON.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Buxton.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my sixth Annual Report as your Chief Public Health Inspector. The preparation of the report has unfortunately been delayed owing to the demands made upon the staff to attend to the existing every day requirements of the Department, and I should wish to stress that it was only by the very conscientious endeavour of the staff and employees that we successfully achieved the work set out in the following pages of this report.

At the beginning of the year we were faced with a most severe and prolonged period of freeze-up. Nevertheless, the Refuse Collection Service was maintained and all kinds of devices were adopted to collect dustbins from almost inaccessible premises. It was essential also to maintain the Public Conveniences 24 hours a day since a large number of houses were without adequate sanitary facilities.

On a more cheerful note, I am pleased to report that as a result of the proposals put forward to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, it was possible to proceed more satisfactorily with the Slum Clearance programme. However, the speed with which the unfit houses can be cleared is controlled by the availability of houses for persons displaced.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government confirmed, without modification, the Area No. 2. Canholes Cottages, Macclesfield Main Road, consisting of 5 dwellings.

Following a Public Inquiry on the 16th October, 1964, the Minister of Housing and Local Government, after considering the report of the Inspector confirmed, without modification, the Borough of Buxton (No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1962 (Fairfield Road and Alma Place), and the Area No. 3 (Church Street and West Road) Clearance Order 1961, a total of 13 dwellings.

Clearance Area No. 4 1963 - Compulsory Purchase Order (Nall's Cottages and Longden Square), consisting of 11 dwellings and 2 workshops and Clearance Area No. 5 1963 Compulsory Purchase Order (South Street and Scarsdale Place) consisting of 6 dwellings, were submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation.

A further 6 individual dwellings were dealt with under the Housing Act by Demolition or Closing Orders.

Consideration was given to the provision of additional Public Conveniences in the town centre but difficulty was experienced in arriving at a decision on the exact location of this proposed building. The policy of improving and modernising the existing Conveniences was continued but an inspection of the maintenance and repair accounts showed that vandalism topped the list as a popular pastime, and as a result the essential amenities namely, wash hand basins, soap, paper towels and hot and cold water are never available when they are most needed.

The routine inspection of food premises has played an important part in the duties undertaken by your Health Inspectors and instruction and advice has been given in order that the occupiers of food establishments and food handlers may comply with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations. It is pleasing to note that a number of owners and occupiers



of food premises within the Borough are, of their own volition, carrying out alterations and improvements to their premises. These improvements will be without avail unless the personnel engaged in the food industry are trained and educated in environmental and personal hygiene. When staffing arrangements allow it is hoped to arrange suitable courses locally to permit food handlers to become qualified in their particular industry by examination.

During the year, the newly established post of Pupil Public Health Inspector was filled by the appointment of Mr. R. Marshall and it is worthy of record that the Council are assisting in some measure to reduce the shortage of qualified Public Health Inspectors.

In July, Mr. J.M. Pickering, Additional Public Health Inspector, tendered his resignation in order to take up a similar appointment with Belper U.D.C. and despite repeated advertisements it was not until December that the vacancy could be filled.

The Public Wash Baths, which were closed with the Thermal Treatment Centre, were handed over to the Public Health Committee for the purpose of re-opening and administration. After experiment, satisfactory working arrangements have been achieved which enables the Wash Baths to be available once again for public use.

I have continued to be responsible for the investigation of the technical details applicable to applications for Standard Improvement Grants and liaised with the Borough Surveyor, when called upon, in the investigation of Discretionary Improvement Grants. The attention which the Minister of Housing and Local Government is at present giving to the "Improvement of Houses" will undoubtedly, and in the not too distant future, place added responsibilities on the Officers of the Public Health Department.

A list of houses known to be in multiple occupation was prepared and houses requiring immediate attention were inspected and reported upon.

The Fire Prevention Officers of the Derbyshire Fire Service have been most helpful and co-operative in carrying out joint initial inspections and providing a detailed list of requirements and recommendations in relation to means of escape in case of fire.

Your Public Health Inspectors are also responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Public Health Act in relation to means of escape in certain types of buildings and once again the Officers of the Derbyshire Fire Service have given their good will advice upon request.

The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 came into force on the 1st October, and the necessary provisions of the Regulations were put into effect at the private slaughterhouse situated at Harpur Hill. During the year a 100% meat inspection was maintained and with effect from the 1st October all carcasses are stamped with the official stamp following inspection. After a series of inspections by the duly appointed officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and myself, the re-newal of the Slaughterhouse Licence was recommended for a further year ending 30th June, 1964.

The Saturday Market has been regularly inspected and the standard of hygiene for an open market has been satisfactory. Keys were issued to stallholders wishing to make use of the facilities available in the "Attendant's Room" at the Market Place Ladies and Gents Conveniences, and all stallholders retailing food took advantage of this offer.

The staff have continued to take an interest in the activities of the Buxton Home Safety Committee by attending meetings and assisting in preparation of displays and publicity etc.

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The demolition of the Empire Hotel commenced during September, a landmark, which due to neglect and vandalism resulted in frequent complaints to the Health Department and much time and effort was expended before this area was finally cleared.

During the summer months the itinerant caravan dweller appeared in certain parts of the town bent on collecting bedding, rags, scrap and making a general nuisance of themselves. Persistent visiting in the early stages was effective in getting them to move on to more peaceful surroundings.

During the year I was privileged to attend the area meetings of the National Society for Clean Air, the Derbyshire Cleansing and Salvage Officers meetings, the Annual Conference of the Public Health Inspectors Association, the Annual Week-end School of the East Midland Centre of the Association of Public Health Inspectors, the quarterly meetings of the Derbyshire Rodent Control Workable Area Committee and a Food Inspection Refresher Course held at the Royal College of Advanced Technology, Salford. The meetings were both informative and of interest and the knowledge obtained was found to be most useful in maintaining the efficiency of the Department and keeping up to date with modern trends, in environmental hygiene.

Details of the Public Cleansing Service will be found in the Report under a separate heading covering the period 1st April, 1963 to 31st March, 1964.

The number of inspections made throughout the year are contained in the appendix to this report and where necessary further explanation of the details have been added.

The staff and employees of the Health Department have had an energetic year but have tackled the problems with vigor and enthusiasm, and I am indeed grateful for all the willing assistance they have given to me. To the Chief Officers and staff of other Departments, I extend my thanks for all their help. Finally, the staff and myself are indebted to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support and helpfulness throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

RICHARD CRUDDAS

Chief Public Health Inspector.



# SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	127
Choked drains and sewers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Complaints general	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	217
Dairies and milk distribution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Factories - mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Factories - non-mechanical	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Factories - other premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Fish shops (wet)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Fish friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Food shops - general	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	227
Food warehouses and stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Food preparation premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166
Food hawkers and vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Food inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Houses inspected - housing consolidated regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Houses inspected - for housing defects (disrepair etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	206
Houses inspected - after infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Houses let in lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Hotel and restaurant kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104
Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Ice-cream sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Infectious disease visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Market	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Meat inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	313
Milk sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	411
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Pet Animal premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Places of entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Public conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	251
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	283
Refuse and salvage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	212
Rodent Control - refuse tips and sewage works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Rodent Control - other local authority properties	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Rodent Control - business premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Rodent Control - private dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Rodent Control - agricultural premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Shops Act 1950 - routine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Shops Act 1950 - evening	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Shops Act 1950 - half-day closing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Shops Act 1950 - Sunday	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	305
Water sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

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SUMMARY OF NUISANCES ABATED AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Accumulations or deposits removed	...	...	...	...	...	62
Baths provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	48
Bedding and clothing disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ceilings repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	50
Cess pools repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	...	48
Closet compartments repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	42
Closet compartments cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	7
Doors and other woodwork repaired	...	...	...	...	...	60
Drains repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	67
Drains unstopped or cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	68
Drains - additional provided	...	...	...	...	...	50
Drains - old drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	46
Drains - new drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	71
Eaves gutters repaired	...	...	...	...	...	57
External walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	32
Firegrates repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	37
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	89
Food stores provided or improved	...	...	...	...	...	44
Fuel stores provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	16
Gully traps provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	52
Improper keeping of animals discontinued	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspection chambers provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	43
Lavatory basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	47
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	57
Moveable dwelling nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	4
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	21
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pail closets repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	4
Piggeries repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	9
Public sewers repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Public sewers unstopped and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	57
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	55
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	17
Sinks provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	40
Smoke nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	7
Soil pipes provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	52
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	27
Staircase handrails provided	...	...	...	...	...	20
Steps and sills repaired	...	...	...	...	...	29
Unfit houses demolished	...	...	...	...	...	2
Unfit houses closed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	24
Verminous rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	58
Verminous articles disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	14
Walls repaired internally	...	...	...	...	...	54
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	28
Water supply improved	...	...	...	...	...	30
Water fittings repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	61
Water closets - additional provided	...	...	...	...	...	47
Water closets - repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	18
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	44
Yard and passage paving provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	16
Factories - cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	5
Factories - heating improved	...	...	...	...	...	4
Factories - lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factories - ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories - floors drained or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories - structures repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories - sanitary conveniences provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories - sanitary conveniences improved or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factories - sanitary conveniences separate for sexes	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factories - sanitary conveniences int. vent. space provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Food premises - repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	19
Food premises - cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	27
Food premises - other defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	72
Food premises - washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	6



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Public conveniences - structures repaired or improved	...	6
Public conveniences - fittings repaired or renewed	...	89
Public conveniences - cleansed and redecorated	...	4
Shops - repaired or improved	...	37
Shops - washing facilities provided	...	5
Shops - cleansed	...	13
Shops - sanitary accommodation provided	...	2
Shops - other defects remedied	...	22
Miscellaneous defects remedied or nuisances abated	...	172
	Total	2,353

#### NOTICES, INTERVIEWS ETC.

Total number of complaints received	...	979
Interviews with owners, builders etc.	...	346
Statutory Notices served	...	26
Statutory Notices complied with	...	5
Informal Notices served	...	57
Informal Notices complied with	...	31
Verbal Notices given	...	202
Verbal Notices complied with	...	202
Letters and reminders sent to owners etc.	...	657

#### STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED:-

##### Housing Act, 1957

Section 16 (1)	...	5
Section 17	...	7
Section 170	...	9

##### Housing Act, 1961

Section 12	...	1
Section 16	...	1
Section 19	...	1

##### Public Health Act, 1936

Section 60	...	1
Section 93	...	1

#### Year ended 31st December, 1963

##### Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Local Authority	...	7
(b) Private Enterprise	...	38
(c) Other Local Authorities	...	Nil
(d) Existing houses converted into flats	...	2
(e) New flats	...	8
Total	...	55



A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED			
In Clearance Areas declared under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957	Houses Demolished	Displaced	
		Persons	Families
Unfit for human habitation	Nil .....	3 .....	3 .....
Included by reason of bad arrangement	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
On land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
Not in Clearance Areas			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) of Housing Act, 1957	2 .....	6 .....	2 .....
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
Houses included in unfitness orders	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
Number of dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed			Nil .....
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
	Houses Closed	Displaced	
		Persons	Families
Under Sections 16 (4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	2 .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957	Nil .....	Nil .....	Nil .....
C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED			
	By Owner	By Local Authority	
After informal action by local authority	42 .....	Nil .....	
After formal notice under			
(a) Public Health Acts	Nil .....	Nil .....	
(b) Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	1 .....	Nil .....	
Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	Nil .....	Nil .....	
D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING ACT, 1957)			
Position at end of year. Retained for temporary accommodation	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in cols. 1 and 2	
(a) Under Section 48	Nil .....	Nil .....	
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	Nil .....	Nil .....	
(c) Under Section 46	Nil .....	Nil .....	
Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil .....	Nil .....	
E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT			
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year.	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)	
	Nil .....	Nil .....	



## OVERCROWDING IN DWELLING HOUSES

Three new cases of statutory overcrowding were either reported or discovered during 1963. Two cases were rehoused by the Local Authority and two cases were abated by persons finding own alternative accommodation. Six cases of overcrowding remained outstanding at the end of the year.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

### Discretionary Improvement Grants under Section 30, Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

#### Conversions:-

Number of dwellings* concerned in APPLICATIONS RECEIVED							
during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of dwellings* in APPLICATIONS APPROVED							
during year - (a)	owner/occupied	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	other	...	...	...	...	...	4

\* The number which will result from the completion of the work.

Amount of grant which the Council have decided to pay on applications approved during year	...	...	£855
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#### Improvements:-

Number of dwellings concerned in APPLICATIONS RECEIVED									
during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of dwellings in APPLICATIONS APPROVED									
during year - (a)	owner/occupied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
(b)	other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Amount of grant which the Council have decided									
to pay on applications approved during year								...	£4,268/5/2d

### Standard Improvement Grants under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

Number of dwellings concerned in APPLICATIONS RECEIVED							
during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Number of dwellings in APPLICATIONS APPROVED							
during year - (a)	owner/occupied	...	...	...	...	...	18
(b)	other	...	...	...	...	...	9
Grants paid this year (i.e. after completion of improvements):-							
Number of dwellings concerned							26
Amount paid							£2,893/6/8d

#### Number of amenities provided:-

Fixed baths or showers	...	...	...	...	21
Wash basins	...	...	...	...	22
Hot water supplies	...	...	...	...	22
Water closets	...	...	...	...	23
Food storage facilities	...	...	...	...	19



## RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The land known as Nithen Quarry, Manchester Road, is the only licensed site within the Borough for the stationing of caravans. The site proprietor appealed against certain conditions contained in a licence granted by the Buxton Corporation. The matter came before the court by virtue of Section 7 of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. The appellant was aggrieved in respect of the following conditions specified by the Council.

1. Each caravan standing shall be provided with at least 30 sq. ft. of covered storage space. The structure shall be separate from the caravans they serve and not less than 15 feet from any other caravan.

2. Every caravan stationed on the land shall be not less than 15 feet from any other caravan so stationed or covered storage space, provided in accordance with these conditions and not less than 10 feet from the carriageway of a road provided in compliance with these conditions.

At the hearing the Court decided that the conditions contained in the licence were unduly burdensome and they were subsequently amended to read -

1. The Licensee shall at the request of the occupier of any caravan standing on the site provide at least 30 square feet of covered storage space. The structure shall be separate from the caravan they serve and not less than 15 feet from any other caravan.

2. All words after "Conditions" be deleted. The conditions will then read as follows:- "Every caravan stationed on the land shall be not less than 15 feet from any other caravan so stationed or covered storage space provided in accordance with these Conditions."

Routine inspections were carried out during the year. Additional ablutions and sanitary accommodation were provided and other works included the resurfacing of parts of roadways and paths, and extensions and improvements to the drainage system.

No individual applications for the stationing of caravans in the area were received during the year.

The following Caravan Clubs held rallies in the Pavilion Gardens on the dates shown:-

South Yorkshire Caravan Club	-	3rd - 5th May
Cheshire and North Western Caravan Club	-	17th - 19th May
East Midland Motor Caravan Club	-	5th - 7th July
Castleton Owners Club	-	6th - 8th September

During the rallies the area was inspected. The rallies were well organised and conducted. Previous liaison between the Entertainments Department and Public Health Department ensured there being sufficient facilities for the provision of a wholesome supply of water, sanitary accommodation and the storage and disposal of refuse etc.

## SEWERAGE, DRAINAGE AND SANITATION

No. of manholes in main foul sewers ...	...	...	...	...	1,090
No. of houses in the Borough connected to sewers	...	...	...	...	5,894
No. of houses not connected to sewers	...	...	...	...	66
No. of connections made during the year:-					
(a) Existing houses	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) New houses	...	...	...	...	53
(c) Other premises	...	...	...	...	2
No. of conversions of pail closets to W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	Nil

Where drains were found to be defective owners were requested to carry out works of repair. Details of work carried out are given in the summary of nuisances abated.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION

Details of work done during the year are as follows:-

Number of rooms disinfected ... ..	17
Number of articles of clothing, bedding etc. disinfected ...	1
Library books disinfected ... ..	-
Number of visits paid by Public Health Inspectors to premises in connection with infectious disease and disinfections ... ..	28

## FACTORIES

The provisions of the Factories Act, 1961 which your Council has to administer chiefly relates to the following matters:-

- (1) Factories where mechanical power is used.
  - (a) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes.
- (2) Factories where mechanical power is not used.
  - (a) Cleanliness
  - (b) Overcrowding
  - (c) Temperature and ventilation
  - (d) Drainage of floors
  - (e) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes.
- (3) Basement bakehouses.
- (4) Home Work.

The following table shows the list of factories on the Register:-

Abrasive Compound Manufacturers	...	...	...	1
Agricultural Engineers	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses	...	...	...	10
Bicycle Repairs	...	...	...	2
Blacksmiths	...	...	...	1
Boot Repairing	...	...	...	5
Brake Lining Manufacturers	...	...	...	2
Builders and Plumbers	...	...	...	13
Builders Merchants	...	...	...	2
Cabinet Makers	...	...	...	1
Corset Manufacturers	...	...	...	1
Dairies	...	...	...	9
Dry Cleaners	...	...	...	2
Dress Makers and Milliners	...	...	...	6
Egg Cleaning Machine Manufacturers	...	...	...	1
Electrical Engineers	...	...	...	3
Firewood Dealers	...	...	...	2
General Engineers	...	...	...	2
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	1
Joinery	...	...	...	3
Laundries	...	...	...	3
Local Authority	...	...	...	3
Nationalised Industries	...	...	...	6
Monumental Stone Mason	...	...	...	1
Motor Engineer Body Builders	...	...	...	2
Motor Car Body Sprayer	...	...	...	1
Motor Repairs	...	...	...	25
Oatcake Manufacturers	...	...	...	2
Painters Workshops	...	...	...	8
Photographic	...	...	...	1
Printers	...	...	...	2
Sausage, Pie and Cooked Meat Manufacturers	...	...	...	11
Site Operations	...	...	...	16
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	1
Sweet Manufacturer	...	...	...	1
Tailoring	...	...	...	4
Thermostat Manufacturer	...	...	...	1
Undertaker	...	...	...	2
Upholsterers	...	...	...	2
Watch Repairers	...	...	...	4
Welding	...	...	...	1
Wines and Mineral Waters	...	...	...	1
Wireless and T.V. Repairs	...	...	...	6
Wire Badge and Embroidery	...	...	...	1



The number of inspections made of factories by your Public Health Inspectors and action taken is given in the following table:-

Premises (1)	Inspections (2)	Number of Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories (Mechanical power)	45	2	Nil
Factories (Non-mechanical power)	38	Nil	Nil
Factories (Other premises)	50	Nil	Nil

Defects found in Factories are as follows:-

Particulars	Number of Defects		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	4	4	1
Overcrowding	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	4	4	1
Inadequate ventilation	2	2	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	4	4	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(a) Insufficient	-	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-
(c) Separate for sexes	1	1	-
Other offences against the Act	10	10	-

There were no offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.

#### OUTWORK

Number of outworkers in register ... ..	13
Lists of outworkers received from other employers ... ..	3
Lists of outworkers received from other local authorities ...	2
Lists of outworkers sent to other authorities ... ..	-
Inspection of outworkers premises ... ..	13



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Refuse Collection

The method of refuse collection has continued as in previous years. There are three Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft Refuse Collection Vehicles in use, two of which are 18 cu. yard capacity and one of 12 cu. yard capacity. During the year housing development in the Burbage area necessitated the review of collection in that area and it was decided to fit a power-press to the 12 cu. yard vehicle to increase the carrying capacity by 40/50 bins per load. Whilst this vehicle was at the manufacturer's for modification a replacement vehicle was operated on hire.

Another attempt was made to keep open sites clear of rubbish by constant vigilance and removal of accumulations before they reached large proportions. This procedure has in some measure controlled the nuisance.

The Council became associate members of the "Keep Britain Tidy" Group and took part in the National Anti-Litter Campaign held during the summer months.

Since there is no longer a public weigh bridge in the Borough it was not possible to carry out test weighings of refuse. From previous records and loads carried it was estimated that a total tonnage collected per week of all materials amount to:-

Summer period	-	147 tons
Winter period	-	193 tons
Weekly average	-	170 tons

115 visits were made for the purpose of inspecting dustbins. Verbal or written notices were given for dilapidated dustbins to be removed where necessary.

### Refuse Disposal

Refuse disposal is carried out by means of controlled tipping. As the hotels, factories, hospitals and other large establishments converted their methods of heating, waste ashes used as covering materials became less available. The Muledozer had given 10 years of service but replacement of worn parts were becoming difficult and the machine was limited in its operation. Many tons of suitable covering materials were having to be dumped with the refuse. The muledozer was replaced by a Bray Loader Model BL 430, Series IV, Loading Shovel. As a result greater compaction of the tipped refuse is obtained and loads of suitable covering materials can now be stock piled and subsequently collected, spread and compacted by this machine. In addition, greater use can be made of the Tip side-loading vehicle for augmenting the refuse collection service.

The personnel employed at the Controlled Tip consist of the Foreman/Tip Attendant, who also drives the Bray Loader, and a Driver and Mate for the S. & D. Side-loader.

### Salvage

The collection of waste paper was continued but recovery from the set backs of the previous year was slow. Paper merchants were only able to accept a slight increase in tonnage but prices paid by the merchants remained low, approximately 254 tons. 9 cwts. of paper was salvaged for an income of £1,795, 17, 3d.

### Vehicle Maintenance

The practice of taking a vehicle off the road for one day in every six weeks for detailed checking has continued. The hire of the vehicle from Shelvoke and Drewry whilst the 12 cu. yard Fore and Aft Tipping Refuse Vehicle was at the factory for modification was extended for



a further 3 weeks. During this period all the major items of repair and maintenance on the remaining refuse vehicles were carried out. Mr. B. Goldstraw, the Foreman/Mechanic and the staff of the Council's Maintenance Depot have given of their best and the time lost through vehicle breakdowns was, therefore, greatly reduced.

#### Refuse Collection and Disposal Staff

Come rain, hail or snow and Bank Holidays, the ratepayers expect their bins to be emptied at least once in every week. This is a standard the refuse collection teams have endeavoured to maintain but on the odd occasion the system has for one reason or another failed to function. Every endeavour was made to rectify mistakes as soon as possible after a justifiable complaint had been received in the Department.

A majority of the refuse collection and disposal employees have been with the Corporation a sufficient length of time to enable them to claim the full entitlement of annual holiday and this has meant a re-adjustment of working from time to time.

Mr. L. Wood, the Foreman/Tip Attendant has allocated the duties and arranged the holiday in an efficient manner and has satisfactorily smoothed out the duty rota when owing to sickness or holiday replacements were not always available.

The vehicle drivers were again entered in the National Safe Driving Competitions and three drivers received awards.

During the year an application was received from the District Organiser of the National Union of General and Municipal Works for the Council to introduce an incentive bonus scheme for refuse collectors. After considering the proposals the Council decided not to introduce a bonus scheme but to review the position and consider what action should be taken as and when circumstances arise necessitating the refuse collection staff undertaking extra work.

An outline of the cost for the year ending 31st March, 1964 is given below:-

1. <u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>REFUSE COLLECTION</u>
	£
(i) Labour	10,706
(ia) Wages of driver of salvage vehicle	723
Total	<u>11,429</u>
(ii) Transport	2,770
(iia) Vehicle costs salvage collection	426
Total	<u>3,196</u>
(iii) Plant, equipment, land and buildings	<u>76</u>
(iv) Other items	<u>23</u>
Total gross expenditure	<u><u>14,724</u></u>

<u>Gross Expenditure</u>		<u>REFUSE DISPOSAL</u>
		£
(i) Labour		2,277
(ia) Labour Salvage, less Salvage Driver's wages		1,419
Total		3,696
(ii) Transport		1,405
(iii) Plant, equipment, land and buildings etc.		
(a) Refuse disposal Controlled Tip		246
(b) Tools, equipment etc.		88
(c) Loan charges		199
(d) Salvage building repairs etc.		9
(e) Salvage equipment		91
Total		633
(iv) Other items		
(a) Controlled Tip, Income Tax		46
(b) Salvage, Insurance, Income Tax and other expenses		150
Total		196
Total Gross Expenditure		5,930
<u>2. GROSS INCOME</u>		
(a) Tipping fees and rents (Controlled Tip)		269
(b) Motor vehicle hire		173
(c) Income salvage and rents (Salvage)		2,075
Total		2,517
<u>3. NETT COST</u>		
	<u>Refuse Collection</u>	
Gross Expenditure		14,724
Gross Income		24
Nett Cost		14,700
	<u>Refuse Disposal</u>	
Gross Expenditure		5,930
Gross Income		2,493
Nett Cost		3,437
<u>4. Capital expenditure met from revenue included above</u>		
		-



REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

COSTING RETURNS

Acreage:	6,337
Estimated Population - June 1963:	19,400
Weight per 1,000 Population per day (365 days to year)	24,952 cwts.
Estimated	

ANNUAL UNIT NETT COSTS

Per ton	{ Collection	33s. 3d
	{ Disposal	7s. 9d
Per 1,000 Population	{ Collection	£758
	{ Disposal	£177
Per 1,000 Premises	{ Collection	£2,062
	{ Disposal	£482

TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE

Collection:	£14,724
Disposal:	£5,930

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE

Labour:	73.23%
Transport:	22.28%
Plant, Equipment, Land and Buildings:	3.43%
Other Items:	1.06%
Capital Expenditure met from Revenue:	Nil
Total Income from Salvage:	£2,075
Total Income from Trade Refuse Charges, Vehicle Hire and Rents:	£442
Average Haul to Final Disposal Points:	2.5 miles.
Percentage of Premises from which collection made at least once weekly:	100%
Kerbside Collections Percentage of total collections:	Nil

METHOD OF DISPOSAL

Crude Tipping:	Nil
Controlled Tipping:	100%
Direct Incineration:	Nil
Separation Incineration:	Nil
Miscellaneous:	Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL INCLUDING SALVAGE -  
ANALYSIS OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND RUNNING COSTS

Cumulative figures from 1st April, 1963 to 31st March, 1964.

Vehicle	Labour Charges			Replacements			Petrol			Diesel Oil			Total Expenditure			Estim. Vehicle Mileage
	£:	s:	d	£:	s:	d	£:	s:	d	£:	s:	d	£:	s:	d	
VNU 665 May 1954	132	18	2	169	2	11	-			149	13	10	451	14	11	3855
577 GNV Aug. 1956	187	5	8	76	13	8	-			157	13	0	421	12	4	4154
112 LRB Sept. 1959	100	4	0	81	14	7	-			195	18	6	377	17	1	6127
PRA 80 Jan. 1951	186	0	4	99	12	6	234	2	9	-			519	15	7	4050
Muledozer 1953	60	1	9	62	5	3	-			11	17	6	134	4	6	-
Brayloader 1963	20	12	7	7	1	2	-			17	18	1	45	11	10	-
775 GRB June 1958	120	14	10	29	4	7	-			90	8	3	240	7	8	5095



SALVAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Salvageable Material	1961			1962			1963		
	T.	C.	Q. lbs.	Weight T. C. Q. lbs.	Income £: s: d	Weight T. C. Q. lbs.	Income £: s: d	Weight T. C. Q. lbs.	Income £: s: d
Mixed Waste Paper	277.	8.	1. 0	176. 6. 0. 0	1678. 19. 8	124. 19. 9	1247. 14. 5	196. 15. 0. 0	1247. 14. 5
Container Waste	61.	12.	3. 0	69. 17. 1. 0	616. 18. 0	681. 18. 3	548. 2. 10	57. 14. 0. 0	548. 2. 10
Cullett	2.	7.	0. 0	-	5. 17. 6	-	-	-	-
Mixed Rags	13.	2.	20	-	9. 19. 5	-	-	-	-
Scrap	1.	10.	0. 0	-	12. 0. 0	-	-	-	-
String	15.	2.	26	-	2. 8. 4	-	-	-	-
Woollens	10.	0.	0	-	7. 10. 0	-	-	-	-
Carpets	8.	1.	11	-	1. 5. 0	-	-	-	-
Flocks	9.	3.	20	-	1. 9. 9	-	-	-	-
Newsprint	17.	7.	3. 0	-	104. 6. 6	-	-	-	-
Cartons	(197)			-	1. 12. 6	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	363.	3.	1. 21	246. 3. 1. 0	£2442. 6. 8	£1926. 18. 0	£1795. 17. 3	254. 9. 0. 0	£1795. 17. 3



## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The following Conveniences are controlled by the Public Health Department:-

Ladies:- Ashwood Park, Bridge Street, Burbage, Cote Heath,  
Fairfield, George Street, Market Place, Harpur Hill.

Gentlemen:- Ashwood Dale, Bridge Street, Burbage, Cote Heath,  
Fairfield, Market Place, Terrace Road, Harpur Hill.

Free washing facilities, with hot and cold water supply, soap and paper towels are provided at the Conveniences in the Market Place, Bridge Street, George Street and Terrace Road.

There are no Conveniences fitted with turnstiles.

Specific Improvements were carried out at Cote Heath Ladies and Gents Conveniences and Fairfield Ladies and Gents Conveniences. Free washing facilities were provided at Harpur Hill Ladies and Gents Conveniences. A new type of fluorescent lighting was introduced in the Conveniences with the exception of Harpur Hill which had recently been completed.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES - MEAT INSPECTION

Haslin Slaughterhouse situated at Harpur Hill continues to be the only licensed Slaughterhouse within the Borough.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963 came into operation on 1st October, 1963 and were put into operation from that date. The maximum of the scale of permitted charges for meat inspection was adopted and every carcass inspected in accordance with the Regulations carried the stamp of the inspecting officer. Discussions were held with the person having control of the Slaughterhouse to arrange the hours of slaughter and the agreed hours still required the Meat Inspectors to continue meat inspection outside normal working hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Every endeavour was made to see that slaughtering was carried out in accordance with the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Details of the animals inspected are set out in the following tables:-

No. of carcasses inspected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,226
Cattle excluding cows	...	...	...	...	...	...	425
Cows	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Calves	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Sheep and lambs	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,421
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,330

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	425	30	20	2421	1330
Number inspected	425	30	20	2421	1330
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	2	2	4	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	73	14	-	43	103
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	17.176	46.67	10.0	1.776	7.74
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	11
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.118
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



## UN SOUND FOOD

The following is a detailed list of the diseased or unsound meat and other food examined by your Inspectors in slaughterhouses and shops and subsequently destroyed:-

### Tuberculosis

<u>Pigs</u>	Heads and Tongues	11
	Carcase and Organs	1

### Conditions other than Tuberculosis

#### Bovine

Carcase and Organs	Oedema and Emaciation	2
Livers	Distomatosis	38
Livers	Abscess	9
Livers	Telangiectasis	9
Heads and Tongues	Cysticercus Bovis	1
Lungs	Congestion	7
Lungs	Abscess	6
Hindquarter Beef	Bruising	40 lbs.
Kidneys	Hydronephritis	2

#### Calves

Carcase and Organs	Immaturity	2
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#### Sheep

Livers	Fascioliasis	30
Livers	Bacillus Necrosis	4
Carcase and Organs	Dropsy and Emaciation	4
Carcase and Organs	Moribund	2
Liver	Cysticercus Tenuicollis	2
Liver	Abscess	4

#### Pigs

Carcase and Organs	Septicaemia	4
Livers	Ascaris Lumbricodes	38
Livers	Fatty Infiltration	3
Livers	Abscess	12
Plucks	Pneumonia and Pericarditis	24
Kidneys	Nephritis	12
Legs	Bruising	4
Hearts	Pericarditis	10

### Meat, Poultry, Fish and Miscellaneous Foods

Smoked Gammon	-	7lbs. 8ozs.	Cooked Ham	-	20lbs. 4ozs.
Chicken	-	3lbs. 13ozs.	Bacon	-	220lbs. 0ozs.
Hinds of Lamb	-	52lbs. 0ozs.	Roast Pork	-	8lbs. 0ozs.
Cheddar Cheese	-	83lbs. 0ozs.	Hindquarter	-	40lbs. 0ozs.
1 Carton Hares			2 doz. Turkey Croquettes		
2 doz. Chickens			22 pkts. Pork Sausages		
22 pkts. Beef Sausages			42 bottles Fruit Juice		

## UN SOUND FOOD (continued)

### Tinned Meats

26 tins - 133lbs. Oozs

### Tinned Ham

15 tins - 145lbs. 7ozs.

### Tinned Tongues

13 tins - 38lbs. 9ozs.

### Tinned Food other than Meats

Marmalade - 1 tin

Pilchards - 1 tin

Salmon - 1 tin

Tomatoes - 33 tins

Rice - 1 tin

Vegetables - 5 tins

Soup - 2 tins

Fruit - 20 tins

Molly Cream - 1 tin

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The milk supply of Buxton is derived from 30 sources as follows:-

Producer/retailers : within the Borough	7
Producer/wholesalers : within the Borough	9
Producer/retailers : from without the Borough	-
Producer/wholesalers : from without the Borough	14
Total	30

Several of the producers within the Borough sell their surplus milk wholesale to dairies in Manchester, and in addition there are about 6 producers who sell all their milk wholesale at Manchester.

The number of registered premises in the Borough and visits made during the year are as follows:-

No. of Registered Dairies ... ..	9
No. of Registered Milk Distributors ... ..	24
No. of Inspections made ... ..	55
No. of Visits - Milk Sampling ... ..	61

## BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food sample all designated raw milk supplies once per quarter for the methylene blue reduction test (keeping quality), but they do not carry out any biological tests. Samples of raw milk are taken to the Public Health Laboratory at Derby for statutory, biological and bacteriological examination. Where the presence of brucella abortus was found in bulk samples submitted for bacteriological examination, further sampling was undertaken at the place of production in an endeavour to isolate cows proved to be infected. In each case of a positive report the area Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was notified. Raw milk from cows found to be infected was diverted for pasteurisation.

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES

Designation	No. of Samples	Brucella Abortus		Tubercle Bacilli		Methylene Blue	
		Neg.	Pos.	Satis.	Unsatis.	Sat.	Unsat.
Tuberculin Tested	97	81	15	25	-	49	6



BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES (continued)

The sampling of pasteurised milk is carried out by the County Council Officials.

MILK SAMPLES TAKEN BY COUNTY COUNCIL

Raw Tuberculin Tested Milk			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Biological</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
10	-	13	-

Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
17	-	17	-

Pasteurised Milk			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
15	-	15	-

Sterilised Milk			
<u>Turbidity</u>			
<u>Satisfactory</u>		<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	
4		-	

Total number of samples 52

Pasteurising Plant - R.B. Morten & Son, Green Lane, Buxton.

Pasteurised Milk			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
11	-	11	-

Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk			
<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
22*	-	23	-

\* 1 not done - temperature exceeded 70°F.

Total number of Pasteurising Plant samples 34

Where two successive samples of milk from any one supplier fail to pass the methylene blue reduction test, notification is sent to the County Milk Production Officer with a request for him to visit the farm.



## ICE CREAM

One firm continued to manufacture ice-cream using a small heat treatment plant.

Two new applications were received for the registration of premises making a total of 84 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.

### Ice Cream Sampling

Number of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	Satisfactory Provisional Grade 1	Unsatisfactory under Provisional Grades
22	14	Provisional Grade 2 - 5 3 - 1 4 - 2 <hr/> Total 8

During the month of June four unsatisfactory samples of ice cream were obtained. Two in Provisional Grade 2 and two in Provisional Grade 4. Upon investigation it was discovered that the ice cream originated from one particular manufacturer. This firm had only recently changed hands and the new owner was inexperienced in the production, storage and distribution of ice cream. After advice and guidance the samples submitted for examination were for a while satisfactory until two Provisional Grade 2 samples were obtained during the month of July. Further inspections were followed by discussions with the manufacturer and the following month (August) only one Provisional Grade 2 was reported, the remainder of the samples being satisfactory. A month later (September) a Provisional Grade 3 sample was obtained from the Ageing Vat, other samples being satisfactory. At the end of September, the manufacturer of ice-cream at these premises ceased and it is not anticipated that the premises will again be used for the production, storage and distribution of ice-cream.

### FOOD PREMISES - Food Premises within the Borough

Butchers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Pork Butchers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Grocers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Dairy Produce and Grocery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bread and Flour Confectionery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Sugar Confectioners ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Fried Fish and Chips ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Greengrocers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Restaurants ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
General Stores ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Cheese Factors ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wine and Spirit Merchants ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Licensed Premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Market Stalls for Food ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wholesale Warehouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hotels etc. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Works Canteens ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Shops Canteens ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
School Kitchens ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17



## FOOD PREMISES (continued)

Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Manufacturers of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ice Cream Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Manufacturers of Sausage and Preserved Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	33

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

### Report of County Analyst

77 samples, including 16 Milks, were taken under the above Act in the area of the Borough of Buxton during the year 1963. All samples were classed as satisfactory.

A consumer complaint about a patch of dark coloured material on the surface of canned chicken was received from your Authority and investigated. Analytical tests showed that the material probably consisted of a mixture of fat with altered blood.

## WATER SUPPLY - SAMPLING

No. of houses connected to mains	...	...	...	...	...	5,934
No. of houses supplied from stand pipes on mains	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of houses not supplied from stand pipes on mains	...	...	...	...	...	24

Samples are taken once per month from the town mains water supply.

The bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Derby. The chemical examinations are carried out by the County Analyst at Matlock. The following is a summary of the results of samples taken during the year:-

	Town Mains No. of Samples		Other Sources No. of Samples	
	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.
For bacteriological examinations	43	4	3	2
For chemical examination	-	-	1	1

Where unsatisfactory samples were obtained from cold water taps situated in the premises, immediately the results were received samples were taken from the nearest hydrant on the main serving the premises and the reports in each case were found to be satisfactory. The system in the premises was then checked and in each case it was found that either the washer or the packing to the supply tap was defective.

Following repair, repeat samples were taken and upon examination were found to be satisfactory.

The satisfactory chemical sample was obtained from No. 1 Pool Natural Baths and the unsatisfactory chemical sample from the Ochre Brook, Off Level Lane, Buxton. The samples were taken in order that a chemical analysis could be obtained of two sources which were intended to be used as an emergency supply.



### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

- (a) Public swimming pools and baths - Natural Baths owned by Local Authority
- (b) Privately owned swimming pools or baths open to public - Palace Hotel Swimming Bath
- (c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water - Routine Sampling

14 samples were taken from the Palace Hotel Swimming Baths, 4 proved satisfactory and 10 unsatisfactory.

1 sample taken from the Thermal Swimming Bath proved satisfactory.

Following a series of unsatisfactory samples from the Palace Hotel Swimming Bath, consultations were held with the representatives of the firm nominated by the owners, to advise upon the filtration and chlorination plant. As a result of these consultations recommendations were made and carried out, the bath attendants were given additional instruction in the operation of the plant and the correct method of testing the bath water. Subsequent samples were found upon examination to be satisfactory.

### SHOPS ACT - SUNDAY TRADING

Certain shops remained open for the serving of customers on a Sunday on eighteen consecutive Sundays during the period commencing the second Sunday in May in accordance with the Order made by the Council under Section 51 of the Shops Act, 1950.

Number of shops entered in register ...	...	...	...	...	381
Number of inspections of shops made during 1963 ...	...	...	...	...	81

The following is a summary of the improvements and repairs carried out at shop premises during the year:-

Improved ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Cleansed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Defects remedied ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Washing facilities provided ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Additional sanitary accommodation ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

### CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

26 smoke observations were carried out during the year and advice was given on methods to be adopted for eliminating the emission of dark or black smoke

### THEATRES, MUSIC HALLS ETC.

There are four places of entertainment in the Borough viz: The Opera House, The Pavilion Gardens, The Spa Cinema and the Playhouse. All the establishments are well managed.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trade establishments in the Borough.



#### DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL

W. Smith is employed by the Corporation as Rodent Operative/Disinfector. To undertake these duties he is provided with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton Morris Van. In addition to his duties with the Buxton Corporation and by arrangement with Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council he undertakes Rodent Control duties within the area of this neighbouring authority.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was not found necessary to institute any legal proceedings during the year.

# RODENT CONTROL

Summary of work carried out during the year:-

		TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non- Agricultural				Agricultural
		Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All other (incl. business premises)	Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	
I	Number of properties in Local Authority's District	15	5863	1205	7083	37
II	Total number of <u>properties inspected</u> as a result of <u>notification</u>	8	86	32	17	-
	Number of such <u>properties</u> found to be infested by:-					
	Common Rat <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	6	52	12	70	-
	Ship Rat <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	House Mouse <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	1	26	12	39	-
III	Total number of <u>properties inspected</u> in the course of <u>survey under the Act</u>	9	182	51	242	-
	Number of such <u>properties</u> found to be infested by:-					
	Common Rat <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	6	81	20	107	-
	Ship Rat <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	House Mouse <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	1	27	14	42	-
IV	Total number of <u>properties otherwise inspected</u> (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	18	15	22	55	8
	Number of such <u>properties</u> found to be infested by:-					
	Common Rat <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	3	2	4	-	-
	Ship Rat <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	House Mouse <u>Major</u>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Minor</u>	-	-	2	-	-
V	Total Inspections carried out - including re-inspections	32	298	107	437	4
VI	Number of <u>infested properties</u> (in Sections II, III & IV) treated by the L.A.	7	83	23	113	-



		TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
		Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All other (incl. business premises)	Total of Cols (1), (2) & (3)	
VII	Total treatments carried out incl. re-treatments	7	83	23	113	-
VIII	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
IX	Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
X	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 1		TABLE 2	
Year	Sex	Age	Height
1917	Male	18	5' 10"
1917	Female	18	5' 6"
1917	Male	19	5' 11"
1917	Female	19	5' 7"
1917	Male	20	5' 12"
1917	Female	20	5' 8"
1917	Male	21	5' 13"
1917	Female	21	5' 9"
1917	Male	22	5' 14"
1917	Female	22	5' 10"
1917	Male	23	5' 15"
1917	Female	23	5' 11"
1917	Male	24	5' 16"
1917	Female	24	5' 12"
1917	Male	25	5' 17"
1917	Female	25	5' 13"
1917	Male	26	5' 18"
1917	Female	26	5' 14"
1917	Male	27	5' 19"
1917	Female	27	5' 15"
1917	Male	28	5' 20"
1917	Female	28	5' 16"
1917	Male	29	5' 21"
1917	Female	29	5' 17"
1917	Male	30	5' 22"
1917	Female	30	5' 18"
1917	Male	31	5' 23"
1917	Female	31	5' 19"
1917	Male	32	5' 24"
1917	Female	32	5' 20"
1917	Male	33	5' 25"
1917	Female	33	5' 21"
1917	Male	34	5' 26"
1917	Female	34	5' 22"
1917	Male	35	5' 27"
1917	Female	35	5' 23"
1917	Male	36	5' 28"
1917	Female	36	5' 24"
1917	Male	37	5' 29"
1917	Female	37	5' 25"
1917	Male	38	5' 30"
1917	Female	38	5' 26"
1917	Male	39	5' 31"
1917	Female	39	5' 27"
1917	Male	40	5' 32"
1917	Female	40	5' 28"
1917	Male	41	5' 33"
1917	Female	41	5' 29"
1917	Male	42	5' 34"
1917	Female	42	5' 30"
1917	Male	43	5' 35"
1917	Female	43	5' 31"
1917	Male	44	5' 36"
1917	Female	44	5' 32"
1917	Male	45	5' 37"
1917	Female	45	5' 33"
1917	Male	46	5' 38"
1917	Female	46	5' 34"
1917	Male	47	5' 39"
1917	Female	47	5' 35"
1917	Male	48	5' 40"
1917	Female	48	5' 36"
1917	Male	49	5' 41"
1917	Female	49	5' 37"
1917	Male	50	5' 42"
1917	Female	50	5' 38"
1917	Male	51	5' 43"
1917	Female	51	5' 39"
1917	Male	52	5' 44"
1917	Female	52	5' 40"
1917	Male	53	5' 45"
1917	Female	53	5' 41"
1917	Male	54	5' 46"
1917	Female	54	5' 42"
1917	Male	55	5' 47"
1917	Female	55	5' 43"
1917	Male	56	5' 48"
1917	Female	56	5' 44"
1917	Male	57	5' 49"
1917	Female	57	5' 45"
1917	Male	58	5' 50"
1917	Female	58	5' 46"
1917	Male	59	5' 51"
1917	Female	59	5' 47"
1917	Male	60	5' 52"
1917	Female	60	5' 48"
1917	Male	61	5' 53"
1917	Female	61	5' 49"
1917	Male	62	5' 54"
1917	Female	62	5' 50"
1917	Male	63	5' 55"
1917	Female	63	5' 51"
1917	Male	64	5' 56"
1917	Female	64	5' 52"
1917	Male	65	5' 57"
1917	Female	65	5' 53"
1917	Male	66	5' 58"
1917	Female	66	5' 54"
1917	Male	67	5' 59"
1917	Female	67	5' 55"
1917	Male	68	5' 60"
1917	Female	68	5' 56"
1917	Male	69	5' 61"
1917	Female	69	5' 57"
1917	Male	70	5' 62"
1917	Female	70	5' 58"
1917	Male	71	5' 63"
1917	Female	71	5' 59"
1917	Male	72	5' 64"
1917	Female	72	5' 60"
1917	Male	73	5' 65"
1917	Female	73	5' 61"
1917	Male	74	5' 66"
1917	Female	74	5' 62"
1917	Male	75	5' 67"
1917	Female	75	5' 63"
1917	Male	76	5' 68"
1917	Female	76	5' 64"
1917	Male	77	5' 69"
1917	Female	77	5' 65"
1917	Male	78	5' 70"
1917	Female	78	5' 66"
1917	Male	79	5' 71"
1917	Female	79	5' 67"
1917	Male	80	5' 72"
1917	Female	80	5' 68"
1917	Male	81	5' 73"
1917	Female	81	5' 69"
1917	Male	82	5' 74"
1917	Female	82	5' 70"
1917	Male	83	5' 75"
1917	Female	83	5' 71"
1917	Male	84	5' 76"
1917	Female	84	5' 72"
1917	Male	85	5' 77"
1917	Female	85	5' 73"
1917	Male	86	5' 78"
1917	Female	86	5' 74"
1917	Male	87	5' 79"
1917	Female	87	5' 75"
1917	Male	88	5' 80"
1917	Female	88	5' 76"
1917	Male	89	5' 81"
1917	Female	89	5' 77"
1917	Male	90	5' 82"
1917	Female	90	5' 78"
1917	Male	91	5' 83"
1917	Female	91	5' 79"
1917	Male	92	5' 84"
1917	Female	92	5' 80"
1917	Male	93	5' 85"
1917	Female	93	5' 81"
1917	Male	94	5' 86"
1917	Female	94	5' 82"
1917	Male	95	5' 87"
1917	Female	95	5' 83"
1917	Male	96	5' 88"
1917	Female	96	5' 84"
1917	Male	97	5' 89"
1917	Female	97	5' 85"
1917	Male	98	5' 90"
1917	Female	98	5' 86"
1917	Male	99	5' 91"
1917	Female	99	5' 87"
1917	Male	100	5' 92"
1917	Female	100	5' 88"





