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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

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FOR THE YEAR 1964

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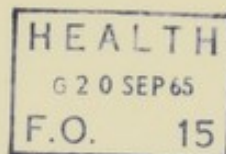
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CHELTENHAM.

15th September, 1965

The Secretary,
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Alexander Fleming House,
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ACKD. BY
[Signature]

Sir,

Annual Report of Medical Officer of
Health - 1964

In accordance with the instructions
contained in the Ministry of Health Circular No.1/65,
I enclose herewith four copies of the above report.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Stephen Knight

Medical Officer of Health

CHELTHENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1964

To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheltenham Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report for 1964 on the health, environmental, hygiene and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District. The Report is prepared as required by the Public Health Officers Regulations 1955 and Circular 1/65 of the Ministry of Health.

I am again indebted to other officers for much of the material from which the Report is compiled and especially to Mr. L. Grogan, the Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector for sections dealing with the work of his department.

The health of the District was well maintained: the birth rate, death rate and infantile mortality comparing favourably with the national average.

The estimated population for mid-1964 is 35,900, showing an annual increase of 1,870 persons. This expansion is one of the largest yet recorded and is due to extensive housing development in the District, since the natural increase in population, i.e. excess of births over deaths, is only 424.

The incidence of all forms of infectious disease except measles, was again low; people make full use of the facilities for immunisation and vaccination, and so prevent many outbreaks occurring.

Water mains were extended to serve a number of housing development sites, and lengths of main at Woodmancote and Gretton replaced with mains of greater capacity, in order to improve the supply. Piped water supplies have been extended to all the villages and hamlets in the District.

A main sewerage system was provided at Up Hatherley; and at Toddington the scheme for main sewers and treatment works was nearing completion.

Twenty-five of thirty-six parishes in the District now have main sewerage extending to whole or part of the parish.

Mr. E. H. Rosser retired during the year; he had been Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector since the formation of the Council in 1935, and did much to promote the Council's comprehensive housing, water supply and sewerage schemes in the District, for a population which increased from 15,835 to 35,900 during his tenure of office.


In conclusion, may I offer my sincere thanks to members of the Council for their kind consideration, and to the staff for their continued help during the period.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

STEPHEN KNIGHT.

Medical Officer of Health.



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CHELTEMHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	81,940
Registrar-General's estimate of mid-year population		
(Including members of the Armed Forces)	35,900
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1964)	11,546
Rateable Value (at 31.12.64)	£1,264,387
Sum represented by a penny rate	£5,302

VITAL STATISTICS

These statistics give particulars of the births and deaths in the Rural District.

1. LIVE BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number: Legitimate	697	352	345
Illegitimate	38	28	10
Total:		735	380	355

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population	20.47
Area Comparability Factor (Births)	0.94
Corrected Birth Rate (20.47 x 0.94)	19.24

2. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per cent of Total Live Births)

5.1

3. STILL BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number: Legitimate	5	5	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total:		5	5	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births:	6.8
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4. TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS 740

5. INFANT DEATHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(i) Deaths of infants under 1 year				
Number: Legitimate	11	7	4
Illegitimate	2	2	-
Total:		13	9	4

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(ii) Neo-natal Deaths under 4 weeks				
Number: Legitimate	7	4	3
Illegitimate	1	1	-
Total:		8	5	3

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(iii) Early neo-natal Deaths of infants under 1 week				
Number: Legitimate	5	3	2
Illegitimate	1	1	-
Total:		6	4	2

6. INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	17.7
Legitimate " " " " Legitimate live births		15.8
Illegitimate " " " " Illegitimate live births		52.6

7. NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 4 weeks
per 1,000 total live births) 10.9

8. EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week
per 1,000 total live births) 8.2

9. PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1
week combined per 1,000 total live and
still births) 14.8

10. MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of Deaths	None
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil

11. DEATHS

Number	<u>Total</u> 311	<u>Male</u> 171	<u>Female</u> 140
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population		8.6	
Area Comparability Factors (Deaths)		1.24	
Corrected Death Rate (8.6 x 1.24)		10.6	

POPULATION

The population estimated by the Registrar General for mid-1964 is 35,900, as compared with 34,030 for the previous year; the annual increase in population is 1,870.

BIRTH RATE

Live births numbered 735, the Birth Rate being 20.47 per 1,000 population, which compares favourably with the national average 18.4.

DEATH RATE

311 people died during the year, the Death Rate being 8.6 per 1,000 population, considerably lower than 11.3 for England and Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY

Although thirteen infants under one year of age died during the year, the Infant Mortality is at the rate of 17.7 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, and is below the national average 20.0.

CANCER

Death Rates from cancer per 1,000 population:

	<u>England & Wales</u>		<u>Cheltenham R.D.</u>	
	<u>Persons</u>		<u>Persons</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cancer of the Lung	0.93	0.16	0.83	0.05
Other cancer	1.51	1.83	1.17	1.58

Fifteen men died of cancer of the lung; even so, it will be noted that the mortality for males from this disease is below that for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH

The causes of death in the following table are classified under the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification:

	Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
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	3	-
10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach	4	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	15	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	8
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	15
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	1
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	26
18. Coronary disease, angina	52	15
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
20. Other heart disease	21	25
21. Other circulatory diseases	6	7
22. Influenza	-	1
23. Pneumonia	5	5
24. Bronchitis	7	1
25. Other disease of the respiratory system	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	16
33. Motor vehicle accidents	7	-
34. All other accidents	2	7
35. Suicide	3	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Total:	171	140

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	19.8	18.8	19.1	21.1	20.47
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.2	8.6
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) (Deaths of infants under 1 year)	23.5	20.5	29.0	12.5	17.7
Neonatal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) (Deaths of infants under 1 month)	18.5	15.3	22.5	9.7	10.9

COMPARISON WITH THE BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES ETC. FOR 1964

	England & Wales	County of Glos.	Cheltenham R.D.
Live Birth Rate	18.4	19.48	20.47
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	16.4	11.87	6.8
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of infants under 1 year)	20.0	17.04	17.7
Neonatal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of infants under 1 month)	13.8	11.91	10.9

	England & Wales	County of Glos.	Cheltenham R.D.
Perinatal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births - Still Births and Infant Deaths under 1 week)	26.8	-	14.8
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	11.3	10.18	8.6

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1964
(excluding Tuberculosis)

	Under 1 year		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24		25 and over		Age unknown		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	3	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	6
Whooping Cough	-	3	1	3	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	10
Poliomyelitis, para- lytic, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	3	103	98	98	81	-	1	3	2	1	4	211	189
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

	Under 5 years		5 - 14		15 - 44		45 - 64		65 and over		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	3	1
Encephalitis, infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3

Scarlet Fever Only thirteen cases were notified. Scarlet fever continues to be light in incidence and mild in character.

Diphtheria No case has occurred in the District since 1949.

Whooping Cough Only sixteen cases were notified, a tribute to the success of the vaccination campaign.

Measles 400 cases of measles were notified, about the number usually notified each year.

Poliomyelitis No case of poliomyelitis occurred.

Food Poisoning One isolated case of food poisoning was notified, drawing attention to the need for scrupulous cleanliness in the handling food.

(a) Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected) as Returned to Registrar General

<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Total</u>
-	-	1 (F)	-	1 (Staphylococci)

(b) CASES OTHERWISE ASCERTAINED Nil

(c) SYMPTOMLESS EXCRETORS Nil

(d) FATAL CASES Nil

	No. of Outbreaks		No. of Cases		Total No. of Cases
	Family Outbreaks	Other Outbreaks	Notified	Otherwise Ascertained	
Agent identified	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1

Dysentery There were no cases of dysentery during the year.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the number of children immunised against diphtheria during 1964:

Age at 31.12.64 i.e. born in year	Under <u>1 yr.</u> 1964	<u>1 year</u> 1963	<u>2-4 yrs.</u> 1962-60	<u>5-14 yrs.</u> 1959-50	Under <u>15 yrs.</u> Total
Primary Immunisation	330	248	37	74	689

Table of comparison showing the number of children immunised in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964, and the number of births in 1964:

No. of Live Births <u>1964</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>Primary Immunisation</u>		<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
735	504	608	<u>1962</u>		573	689
			499			

The response to the immunisation campaign is excellent, the number of immunisations being more than 90% of the number of births.

VACCINATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

Primary Vaccination

Age at 31.12.64 i.e. born in year	Under <u>1 yr.</u> 1964	<u>1 year</u> 1963	<u>2-4 yrs.</u> 1962-60	<u>5-14 yrs.</u> 1959-50	Under <u>15 yrs.</u> Total
	330	244	37	12	623

Protection against whooping cough is of the greatest importance in early infancy.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The following table sets out the details of the records of vaccination received during the year:-

	Under <u>1 yr.</u>	<u>1 yr.</u>	<u>2-4</u> <u>yrs.</u>	<u>5-14</u> <u>yrs.</u>	<u>15 or</u> <u>over</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vaccination	28	234	27	6	2	297

Acceptance of vaccination against smallpox compares favourably with other areas.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases

	<u>Children</u>		<u>All persons</u>
	<u>0-4 yrs.</u>	<u>5-14 yrs.</u>	
Respiratory	-	-	8
Meninges and C.N.S.	-	-	-
Other forms	-	-	2
Total:			10

Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Respiratory	-	-
Meninges and C.N.S.	-	-
Other forms	-	-

Tuberculosis Register

The number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1964, was as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary</u>			<u>Non-pulmonary</u>			<u>All forms</u>
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
55	34	89	2	10	12	101

There were no deaths from either respiratory or other forms of tuberculosis, but ten new cases were notified, so sources of infection in the community do exist. Treatment today is rapid and effective; tuberculosis could be eliminated if the preventive measures were fully implemented. Full support for Mass Radiography, tracing contacts and B.C.G. vaccination is essential.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Food and Drugs Act 1938 - Clean Food and Food Hygiene

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, are in force for securing hygienic methods in the handling, wrapping and delivery of food for sale in the open air. The Food Hygiene Regulations require that clean food should be dealt with only by clean persons in clean premises, using clean equipment.

Food shops and similar establishments are inspected regularly to ensure that food is wholesome and that the premises comply with requirements.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in need of care and attention

National Assistance (Amendment) Act 1951 - Section 1

These Acts give local authorities power to apply to the Courts for the compulsory removal of aged or sick persons who are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to provide for themselves and are not receiving from other people, proper care and attention. It was necessary to apply to the Court for an Order to remove to hospital one old lady, bed-ridden and living alone, suffering from heart failure and gangrene of the foot. She made no demur when the time came.

The Home Help Service and Old People's Welfare Committee have been of great assistance to many elderly people, enabling them to carry on in their own homes.

Old People's Welfare Committee

The Council have set up an Old People's Welfare Committee to co-ordinate the efforts of voluntary workers on behalf of old people in the Rural District. This Committee has proved most useful; it meets quarterly and is attended by representatives from each parish, who report on the local situation.

Problem Families

The scheme agreed between the County Council and District Council for the rehabilitation of problem families, continued to operate during the year. Under the scheme, the County Council guarantee 75% of the rent if the case is accepted. When arrears of rent are such as to render a family liable to eviction from a Council house, the circumstances are reported to the County Social Welfare Officer.

At 31st December, 1963, thirty-three cases were within the Rent Guarantee Scheme. During 1964, a further forty-six cases were referred; fourteen cases were withdrawn from the Scheme; no action was taken in nineteen cases after the initial visit, as it was felt that the case had been resolved; and in one case, the family was admitted to temporary accommodation. Of the forty-five cases remaining, forty-two were in the Rent Guarantee Scheme on 31st December, 1964; two other families were under supervision, although not within the Scheme and one family was under consideration.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Laboratory Facilities

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream and pathological specimens are sent for bacteriological analysis to the Public Health Laboratory, Walton Street, Oxford. The laboratory is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Ministry of Health and no charge is made for making use of its services.

Specimens for chemical examination are submitted to the City Analyst, Bristol, or to the County and City Analyst, Worcester.

HOME HELP SERVICE

This service is organised by the County Council and a charge is made according to a scale of assessment.

The Home Help takes over the running of the home where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated through illness. As noted elsewhere, the Service is very useful to old people who can no longer manage because of infirmity.

Appeals for assistance from the Home Help Service should be made to the Divisional Health Office, Council Offices, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. (Telephone No. Cheltenham 25746 and 25747.)

Nursing in the Home

The area is covered by the District Nursing Association under the control of the County Council. Information is available from the Council Offices or the Divisional Health Office, Charlton Kings.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

Gloucestershire County Council

Apperley	2nd Wed. & last Thurs.	Stanway	2nd Fri.
Ashchurch	Alternate Tues.	Twynning	2nd Thurs.
Bishops Cleeve	Each Wed.	Warden Hill	Each Tues.
Dumbleton	4th Fri.	Winchcombe	1st & 3rd Tues.
Leckhampton	Each Fri.	Witcombe & Bentham	1st & 3rd Tues.
Prestbury	Each Tues.	Gotherington	1st Wed.) Mobile
The Reddings	2nd & 4th Thurs.	Swindon Village	2nd Tues.) Unit
Shurdington	1st & 3rd Wed.		

These centres are under the administration of the County Council. Nearly all mothers and babies attend. The bulk of the work falls upon the ladies of the local Voluntary Committees and the thanks of the community are due to them for their devotion to this work.

Stanton Open-air Pool

This concrete lined pool has a capacity of 70,000 gallons and is situated a few hundred yards to the east of the village. During the summer months it is in constant use, not only by bathers from Stanton and the surrounding villages, but also by visitors to the Gloucestershire Education Authority's Summer Youth Camp, close by.

While the pool is maintained and administered by the Parish Council, the water is supplied by the Rural District Council, at a reduced rate. Chlorination is carried out by means of sulphate of ammonia and chloros and the pool is emptied, thoroughly cleansed and re-filled at approximately fortnightly intervals. Samples for bacteriological examination are taken periodically.

WATER SUPPLY

A considerable part of the Rural District is within the statutory supply area of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Corporations' water undertakings. The Council's supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality throughout the year. All these supplies are chlorinated. Twelve samples were taken for bacteriological analysis from public supplies and eleven from private supplies. None of the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action. Contamination did not occur in any form.

	No. of houses	Estimated population	No. of houses supplied direct into houses	Population supplied direct into houses	Population supplied by means of standpipe
Alderton	193	566	193	566	-
Ashchurch	641	2,380	641	2,380	-
Badgeworth	578	1,855	576	1,849	-
Bishops Cleeve	1,872	6,346	1,872	6,346	-
Doddington	84	269	84	269	-
* Duckland	77	225	77	225	-
Coberley	84	306	84	306	-
* Cowley	99	311	99	311	-
Deerhurst	178	567	167	532	-
* Dumbleton	159	509	156	500	-
Elmstone Hardwicke	66	247	66	247	-
Gotherington	221	680	221	680	-
* Great Witcombe	34	108	34	108	-
Hawling	49	168	49	168	-
Leckhampton	1,314	4,062	1,314	4,062	-
Leigh	89	279	89	279	-
Oxenton	53	157	50	148	9
* Prescott	27	90	27	90	-
Prestbury	1,525	4,836	1,525	4,836	-
Shurdington	543	1,698	543	1,698	-
Snowhill	64	221	64	221	-
Southam	199	573	197	567	-
Stanton	93	262	93	262	-
Stanway	132	409	132	409	-
Staverton	247	692	247	692	-
Stoke Orchard	86	276	86	276	-
* Sudeley	36	137	36	137	-
Swindon	288	967	288	967	-
Teddington	74	216	73	213	3
Toddington	117	398	117	398	-
Twynning	280	895	267	853	-
Uckington	114	380	114	380	-
Up Hatherley	327	925	327	925	-
Walton Cardiff	19	57	19	57	-
Winchcombe	1,162	3,551	1,159	3,539	12
Woodmancote	422	1,357	422	1,357	-
Totals:	11,546	36,975	11,508	36,853	24

* Private or part-private supplies

CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor on the Work of his Department for the year 1964

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Department for which I am responsible to the Council.

The activities of the Council have continued to increase and in the succeeding part of the report it is proposed to deal with various duties under separate headings, unless they have already been dealt with by the Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSING

The majority of dwellings erected in the district were by private enterprise and these were quickly purchased, contracts for many of them being signed before foundations were completed. The number of new dwellings completed in the district during the year totalled 569, of these 536 were erected by private enterprise, being a record for this district.

Many of the houses erected by private enterprise during the year were purchased and occupied by persons from areas beyond the Rural District and with the increasing number of residents, there follows the increased demand for other services such as water supply, sewerage and refuse collection. With a few exceptions, the houses contained two or three bedrooms and by taking a figure of slightly over three persons per house, this means that approximately 1,800 persons were provided with permanent accommodation.

During the year, the Council completed 10 houses at Ashchurch, also 15 houses and 8 flats at Winchcombe, making a total of 33 dwellings.

The Council has maintained its activities regarding improvement grants and owners of property are encouraged to make applications and every assistance is given to applicants. There are still many properties in need of improvement and it is hoped that in course of time, the majority, if not all, will take advantage of the benefits of the scheme.

Repairs to Council Houses.

Repairs to Council houses are generally carried out by direct labour, and at the end of the year, we employed a total of nine men upon this work (not including part time of the Foremen). The following figures show the work carried out :-

	Year ending: 31.12.63	31.12.64
No. of houses repairable by the Council at the end of the year (others will be released from Contractors from time to time).	<u>1,577</u>	<u>1,593</u>
No. of repair orders completed by the Council's staff (an order may contain several items).	1,571	1,387
No. of repair orders completed by Contractors including electricity and gas	<u>1,637</u>	<u>1,271</u>
	<u>3,208</u>	<u>2,658</u>
No. of Council houses reconditioned (by contract) - 4		
No. of Council houses reconditioned in progress - 4		

Year ending:	<u>31.12.63</u>	<u>31.12.64</u>
No. of houses overhauled and redecorated externally (by contract)	370	304
No. of tiled surround fireplaces fitted	20	18
No. of defective draining boards replaced	41	39
No. of defective firebaskets replaced	51	26
No. of defective sinks replaced	7	5
No. of defective sanitary pails replaced	5	2
No. of W.C. pans replaced	112	24
No. of defective taps replaced	17	20
No. of defective flush boxes replaced	19	8
No. of defective chimney pots replaced	7	23
No. of defective lavatory basins replaced	34	12
No. of defective W.C. seats replaced	52	23
No. of gate-posts renewed	36	16
No. of roofs repaired	123	41
No. of eaves gutters and/or downpipes repaired	249	79
No. of visits to Council houses for various purposes	5,139	5,021
No. of cases where damage has been repaired at the tenant's expense	13	15
No. of applications to erect television aerials dealt with	33	40

Other activities in housing

As a result of the active programme in dealing with unfit houses during the previous years, the number of properties requiring urgent attention was very small, and action was taken against these as follows:-

Demolition Orders	Nil
Closing Orders	2
Undertakings to execute works to render fit for habitation	Nil
Undertakings not to use for human habitation until rendered fit	1

We have now reached a stage where attention should be paid to dwellings previously classified in Category III. Whilst it is appreciated that a number of these have, since their original classification been improved with the aid of grants and consequently upgraded, there remains a fair number ^{some of} which may have deteriorated and these now require re-surveying.

Housing Act, 1957

A. Houses demolished in Clearance Areas, unfit for Human Habitation	Nil
Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas but as a result of formal or informal procedure under section 17(1)	4
B. Unfit houses closed under section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1)	2
C. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied	
(1) After informal action	68
(2) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	Nil
(3) After formal notice under sections 9 & 16	1
(4) Under section 24 Housing Act, 1957	Nil
No. of housing inspections or re-visits	202

Improvement Grants

The provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 have been fully implemented as regards Standard Grants. For a number of years the Council have fully operated the provisions of the regulations regarding Discretionary Grants and there is now a steady flow of applications under both headings.

During the year 35 applications for Discretionary Grants affecting 39 properties and 35 applications for Standard Grants affecting 36 properties were approved. The total number of Discretionary Grants approved since the Council became the authority for dealing with these cases has risen to 516 cases affecting 602 properties and the amount of grants approved totals £188,435 up to the end of 1964. The total number of Standard Grants so far approved affected 111 properties and the estimated amount of grants involved was £13,999.

The results have in all instances been very satisfactory and there is no doubt that this scheme has not only enabled properties to be brought up to a good standard, but it has been the means of retaining properties which possess features that are not present in modern houses. In addition, it has enabled accommodation to be retained and thus avoided, the Council having to provide more houses for the occupants.

	Year ending:	<u>31.12.63</u>	<u>31.12.64.</u>
No. of houses in respect of which Discretionary Improvement Grants were approved:-			
(a) Improvements		34	36
(b) Conversions		5	3
No. of houses in respect of which Standard Improvement Grants were approved:-		18	36
No. of inspections regarding Improvement Grants:-		389	384

Building Byelaws

The work in connection with the Building Byelaws is as follows:-

	<u>31.12.63</u>	<u>31.12.64</u>
New houses completed		
Council houses/flats	17	33
Private Enterprise	477	536
Gloucestershire County Council	-	-
Bishops Cleeve Housing Association	28	-
	<u>522</u>	<u>569</u>

	<u>31.12.63</u>	<u>31.12.64.</u>
No. of dwellings provided by conversion of existing buildings and dwellings	7	9
No. of houses in course of erection at:	<u>31.12.63</u>	<u>31.12.64.</u>
Council	33	46
Private Enterprise	300	336
	<u>333</u>	<u>382</u>
Total number of plans received and considered	713	751
Number of plans resubmitted	84	128
Total considered by Committee	797	879
Total number of plans approved - permanent	752	814
Total number of plans approved - temporary	3	-
Total number of plans disapproved	42	65
Temporary approvals renewed	28	15
Plans declared of no effect	-	61
Temporary buildings removed	3	1
Number of informal notices sent	6	1
No. of recommendations to Area Planning Officer	424	392
No. of visits to properties and sites	3,316	4,158

Each plan when received is checked and acknowledged and if there is any discrepancy and time permits, the owner's or architect's attention is drawn to this with a view to the necessary alterations being made prior to consideration by the Committee.

Every endeavour is made to inspect work at the following stages - excavation of foundations; completion of concrete foundations; dampcourse; roofing; testing of drains; installation of fittings; and completion.

In a number of cases, the owners of houses have obtained loans through the Council under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, (as amended), and in such cases more frequent inspections are made and the work is closely checked before certificates are issued for payments.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Under this heading has been included the work in connection with milk supply, infectious diseases, water supply, nuisances, disinfections, tents, vans and sheds, factories and workshops, pollution of streams, inspection of food premises, public conveniences and sewage disposal etc.

The following figures show the activities during the year:-

	<u>Year ending</u>	<u>31.12.63</u>	<u>31.12.64</u>
No. of complaints received or nuisances discovered		68	66
Nuisances abated		57	54
Complaints not justified		11	12
Informal notices sent		32	15
Statutory Notices served		1	1
No. of premises disinfested		14	4
No. of visits in connection with the above items		301	295
No. of new drainage systems installed		50	52
Visits to new drainage systems		182	259
Number of visits to public conveniences		59	80
Infectious disease visits		33	33
Number of visits in connection with street numbering		306	364

Inspection of foods

The following foodstuffs have been condemned:-

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Canned fish			7	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Canned meat	1	-	6	-
Fruit juice		1	5	4
Tomatoes			19	-
Canned fruit	1	2	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vegetables		2	18	6
Semolina and rice			2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ravioli			3	12
Salami		2	12	4
Soup			1	5
Cod fillets		1	15	0
Raw meat		1	18	10
Total:	5 cwts.	1 qr.	1 lb.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.

Tinned milk 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ pints.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	195	1	875	213	-
Number inspected	195	1	875	213	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2.0%	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Cysticercosis	1.0%	-	-	-	-

Total amount of meat condemned: 1 cwt. 1 qr. 15lb.

Methods of disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of as follows :

- (a) By burial in lime.
- (b) In suitable cases by disposal to knackers' yards by arrangements with the adjoining Public Health Authority.

No. of Special Examinations of a Stock or Consignment of food - Nil
No. of visits to Slaughterhouses - 110

Food Hygiene Regulations

Inspections are carried out periodically at food premises and no prosecutions were made.

The number of food premises in the District is as follows:

Bakers	8	Sweet Retailers	2
Butchers	12	Hotels	13
Cafes	11	Public Houses	43
Confectioners	9	Factory Canteens	11
Fishfriers	2	Clubs	11
General Stores	45	Mobile General Stores	5
Greengrocers	9	" Butchers	3
Grocers	10		

Informal Notices sent - 1

Food and Drugs Act 1955 (Section 16) (1)

Number of premises registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream	92
Number of applications considered and licences issued during the year	5
Number of premises registered for the preparation of preserved foods intended for sale	4
Total number of visits in connection with the Food and Drugs Acts	328

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

The following figures show the activity during the year:

Number of applications dealt with in respect of :

New Sites	13 relating to 14 caravans
" " (seasonal)	Nil
Additions to existing sites	2 relating to 2 caravans
" " " " } (seasonal)	4 " " 32 "
Reduction to sites	Nil
Renewal of site licences	6 relating to 7 caravans

Action was taken in respect of the following :

Unlicensed sites:	7
Licensed sites - conditions not kept	11

At the end of the year, the number of sites totalled 133 covering 760 (including 98 seasonal) caravans.

No. of recommendations to Planning Officer	12
No. of visits to sites	409
No. of informal notices served	1

Factories Act 1961

	Year ending: 31.12.63.	31.12.64.
Number of visits to factories	202	209
Number of informal notices served	2	1

See also additional information annexed to this report.

Sewage Disposal

The installation of pumps at Dean Farm, Bishops Cleeve, was completed and sewage from this area is now pumped to Brockhampton. The work on enlargement of the works at Brockhampton continues.

Sewers were provided in the Parish of Up Hatherley and the scheme for providing sewers and treatment works at Toddington was nearing completion.

Work was commenced on the provision of sewers and treatment works for the parish of Coberley.

The Ministry agreed to the acceptance of a tender in respect of the Twynning Sewerage Scheme.

Schemes are in course of preparation as follows :-

Teddington	-	Provision of sewers and treatment works.
Badgeworth	}	Enlargement of sewage works
Winchcombe		
Alderton/Gretton		

Number of visits to Sewage Disposal Works etc. 2033

Water Supplies

A section of 4" main, approximately 775 yards, was renewed at Woodmancote, and approximately 300 yards of 2" mains were replaced by 3" mains at Gretton, Winchcombe.

The number of new connections made to the mains during the year totalled 506 and of these, 314 connections were made to the Council's mains, 192 to the Cheltenham Corporation's mains.

Number of visits to supplies mains, etc. 103

Particulars of Water Mains owned by the Council on 31st December, 1964.

Cast Iron and Asbestos

2"	14,665 yards
3"	90,860 yards
	of which 4,700 are supply mains	
4"	86,965 yards
	of which 26,710 yards are supply and pumping mains	
5"	5,895 yards
	of which 1,770 yards are supply and pumping mains	
6"	31,225 yards
	of which 4,820 yards are supply and pumping mains	
7"	11,250 yards
9"	920 yards

Galvanised, Asbestos and Copper

2"	2,405 yards
1½"	5,050 yards
1¼"	4,475 yards
1"	7,370 yards
¾"	15,245 yards

Total: 276,325 yards

= 157 miles, 5 yards

Built up areas receive two collections and the remainder of the district one collection approximately every fortnight. This arrangement is satisfactory and has overcome previous difficulties which had been encountered especially at holiday times.

The controlled method of tipping is undertaken and refuse is tipped at Shurdington, Winchcombe and Twynning.

Number of visits to tips etc. 293

Vehicles: 1 Shelvoke and Drewry 50 cu.yd. Packamatic.
1 Eagle Compressmore 12/24 cu.yd.
3 Shelvoke and Drewry 16/20 cu.yd. fore and aft tippers.
2 Karrier 12 cu.yd. side loading tippers.

	<u>31.12.62.</u>	<u>31.12.63.</u>	<u>31.12.64.</u>
No. of dwellings	10,273	10,992	11,546
Quantity of Refuse collected (approx. cu.yds.)	45,000	47,388	49,750
Distance travelled by vehicles (miles)	49,358	53,590	61,339

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Number of visits	114
No. of informal notices sent	-

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1928 AND 1936

No. of informal notices served	1
No. of licences issued to store petroleum	88
No. of visits	147

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The visits and treatments made during the year by the Pests Operator are as follows:

	<u>No. of premises treated</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>	<u>No. of Premises inspected (incl. clearing of baits).</u>
Cheltenham R.D.C. Premises ..	139	387	108
Other premises in the ..			
Cheltenham Rural District	427	1130	544
	<u>566</u>	<u>1517</u>	<u>652</u>
Total number of complaints received and visited			106
No. of informal notices served			2
No. of visits by other members of the staff			75

Treatment of Sewers

Treatment of the Council sewers were undertaken during January and August results were as follows :-

Manholes :-	<u>Tested Jan. 64.</u>	<u>Treated Jan. 64</u>	<u>Infested Jan. 64</u>	<u>Treated Aug. 64</u>	<u>Infested Aug. 64</u>
Ashchurch	5	-	Nil	-	-
Bishops Cleeve	15	-	Nil	-	-
Leckhampton	15	1	1	4	Nil
Prestbury	14	-	Nil	-	-
Shurdington	10	10	2	15	Nil
Winchcombe	11	14	2	8	Nil

This is another heading under which there is increased activity. The work involved is first in checking the plans and specifications prior to loan sanction and afterwards inspection of the work to see that it is satisfactory, and certifying payment at the appropriate stages.

During the year advances were made in 153 cases, these totalling £359,775; the total advances to the end of 1964 was 770, the amount loaned being £1,465,389. These figures do not include those relating to the Bishops Cleeve Housing Association and the Dowty Housing Association.

Number of visits - 346

S U M M A R Y

The foregoing report deals with the principal sections, but during the year there were other fields of activity such as dangerous structures, Milk and Daries Regulations, Street Numbering, inspection of housing sites etc. These have entailed many visits and inspections.

The summary of the visits apart from the maintenance of the Council's Water supplies, or the Clerk of Works on Housing, Water or Sewerage Schemes, is as follows:-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Council House repairs	4948	5139	5021
Housing Act inspections	663	245	202
Improvement Grants	444	389	384
Building Byelaws	3810	3316	4158
<u>Public Health</u>			
Nuisances, Statutory Notices etc.	216	301	295
New drainage systems	124	182	252
Public conveniences	63	59	80
Infectious diseases	64	33	33
Street numbering	378	306	364
Slaughterhouse	152	117	110
Food and Drigs Acts	128	223	328
Caravan Sites	510	572	409
Factories and Workshops Act	104	202	209
Sewage Disposal Works etc.	2074	1665	2033
Water supplies	132	151	103
Refuse and salvage	274	511	293
Public Rights of Way	125	115	114
Petroleum Act 1928 & 1936	108	155	147
Pest Destruction	1654	1743	2244
Loans for House Purchase	152	338	346
Miscellaneous visits	409	287	162
	<u>16,614</u>	<u>16,049</u>	<u>17,294</u>

No. of communications despatched from the
office during the year 4730

The year has again been one of considerable activity and I wish to thank all members of the Council's staff for the good work they have done during the year and for the friendly and close co-operation which has prevailed throughout with all departments.

It will be appreciated that this report really belongs to Mr. E.H. Rosser, as he was in charge of the department until the 10th November, 1964. It was my privilege to work with him for many years and I would like to endorse the comments of the Medical Officer of Health regarding the valuable services which Mr. E.H. Rosser rendered to the Council during his long term of office.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for the kindness and consideration which they have afforded when dealing with the work of the Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. GROGAN,
Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1964 for the Rural District
of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucestershire.

Prescribed particulars on the
Administration of the
Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	33	15	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	92	149	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	13	45	1	-
Total:	138	209	1	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	4	4	-	3	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Section 110			Section 111			
Nature of work	No. of out- workers in August list required by section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for not supplying lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
Wearing apparel	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

