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RURAL DISTRICT OF CHELTENHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967.

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CHEL TENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for 1967 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the District.

I am indebted to many officers of the Council 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 trend in the growth of the population continued, there being 1,330 more persons than in the previous year raising the mid year total to 40,360.

The number of births fell by 31 to 721 and the Birth Rate from 19.3 to 17.9. This fall is in keeping with that noted at National and County levels.

Generally the health statistics are favourable to the Rural District and are those to be expected of a thriving healthy community.

Except for measles there were only a few cases of infectious disease. Freedom from outbreaks of infections is due in no small measure to the success in the Rural District of the various immunisation campaigns.

Rushy House, Prestbury was opened during the year and comprised 36 two bedroom flats. Work was in progress on the erection of 6 dwellings to replace the substandard accommodation adapted from a war time hostel building at Alderton.

The Council were able to acquire a row of deteriorating cottages at Winchcombe and prepare a scheme for improvement and modernisation of the dwellings. The scheme is being carried out with the aid of an improvement grant. The dwellings will be used to rehouse the original tenants who are elderly people and the facilities being provided are equivalent to those of new dwellings for the elderly.

I am glad to have this opportunity of thanking members of the Council for their support and my colleagues for their help during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

STEPHEN KNIGHT.

Medical Officer of Health.

CHELtenham RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	81,918
Registrar-General's estimate of mid-year population (including members of the Armed Forces)	40,360
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1967)	12,460
Rateable Value (at 31.12.67)	£1,534,547
Sum represented by a penny rate (at 31.3.67)	£ 6,112. 17. 9.

VITAL STATISTICS.

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

MOTHERS and INFANTS.

1. <u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Number: Legitimate	686	363	323
Illegitimate	35	16	19
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>342</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population 17.9
Area Comparability Factor (Births) 1.02
Ratio of locally adjusted rate to national rate 1.06

2. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per cent of Total Live Births) 4.8

3. <u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Number: Legitimate	8	3	5
Illegitimate			
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total
(live and still) Births 11

4. TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS. 729

5. <u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
(1) Deaths of infants under 1 year:			
Number: Legitimate	12	10	2
Illegitimate			
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>

(2) Neo-natal Deaths under 4 weeks			
Number: Legitimate	7	6	1
Illegitimate			
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>

VITAL STATISTICS. (Contd.)

MOTHERS and INFANTS (Contd.)

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
(3)	Early neo-natal Deaths of Infants under 1 week			
	Legitimate	6	6	
	Illegitimate			
	TOTAL	6	6	
6.	<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES.</u>			
	Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births		17	
	Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births		18	
	Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births		Nil	
7.	<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)		10	
8.	<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)		8	
9.	<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)		19	
10.	<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including abortion)			
	Number of Deaths		None.	
	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		Nil.	
11.	<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	Number	340	186	154
	Death Rate per 1,000 of the population			8.4
	Area Comparability Factors (Deaths)			1.23
	Ratio of locally adjusted rate to national rate			0.92

POPULATION.

The population estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1967 is 40,360 as compared with 39,030 for the previous year, the annual increase in population is 1330.

The order of increase in the population continues to be more than 1,000 persons per year.

BIRTH RATE.

Live births numbered 721, the Birth Rate being 17.9 per 1,000 population, which is somewhat higher than the national average of 17.2.

DEATH RATE.

340 people died during the year, the Death Rate being 8.4 per 1,000 population, considerably below that of 11.2 for England and Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Twelve infants died under one year of age as compared with six during the previous year. Even so the infantile mortality rate at 17 per 1,000 Births is below that for the country as a whole of 18.3. Many of the deaths occur in the neonatal period in most instances the causes of death being given as prematurity and congenital deformities.

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

CANCER.

Death Rates from Cancer per 1,000 population:-

	<u>England & Wales.</u>		<u>Cheltenham Rural District.</u>	
	<u>Persons.</u>		<u>Persons.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cancer of the Lung	0.999	0.189	0.65	0.1
Other cancer	1.531	1.842	0.95	1.1

Thirteen men and two women died of cancer of the lung, even so the deaths from this cause are below the national average.

CAUSES OF DEATH:

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

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	---
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	1	---
10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach	4	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	13	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	---	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	---	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	12
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
16. Diabetes	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	19	38
18. Coronary disease, angina	48	31
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
20. Other heart disease	21	21
21. Other circulatory disease	7	11
22. Influenza	---	---
23. Pneumonia	9	7
24. Bronchitis	11	1
25. Other disease of the respiratory system	---	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	---
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	---
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	---	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	---
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	---	---
31. Congenital malformations	4	---
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	16	14
33. Motor vehicle accidents	5	---
34. All other accidents	2	---
35. Suicide	2	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	---	---
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>154</u>

VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued)

BIRTH, DEATH and INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES in the
DISTRICT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
<u>Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	21.1	20.47	21.89	19.3	17.9
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	9.2	8.6	8.6	9.6	8.4
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 live births) (Deaths of infants under 1 year)	12.5	17.7	16.97	8.0	17
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 live births) (Deaths of infants under 1 month)	9.7	10.9	13.3	2.7	10
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 live and Still Births - Still Births and infant deaths under 1 week)	18.0	14.8	20.4	7.9	19

COMPARISON WITH THE BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES ETC. FOR 1967.

	<u>England & Wales.</u>	<u>County of Glos.</u>	<u>Cheltenham R.D.C.</u>
<u>Live Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 Population)	17.2	18.2	17.9
<u>Still Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	14.8	12	11
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 year)	18.3	15	17
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 month)	12.5	11	10
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live and Still births - Still births and Infant deaths under 1 week)	25.4	22	19
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live births) (Deaths under one week of age)	10.8	9	8
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	11.2	10.1	8.4

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1967.
(excluding Tuberculosis)

	<u>Under</u> <u>1 year</u>		<u>1 - 4</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 24</u>		<u>25 and</u> <u>over.</u>		<u>Age</u> <u>Unknown</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Poliomyelitis, para- lytic, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	7	4	85	62	46	46	-	1	-	-	4	1	142	114
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>Under</u> <u>5 years</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 44</u>		<u>45 - 64</u>		<u>65 and</u> <u>over.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Encephalitis, infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

Scarlet Fever.

Nine cases of scarlet fever were notified. The disease continued to be light in incidence and mild in character.

Diphtheria.

The District continued to be free from diphtheria. No case has occurred since 1949.

Whooping Cough.

One case was notified, vaccination against this disease is proving most successful.

Measles.

256 cases were notified. The Rural District is extensive and has widely scattered centres of population so that an epidemic of measles occurs in one part or another each year.

Poliomyelitis.

The District was free from the incidence of Poliomyelitis.

Food Poisoning. Notifications(corrected)as Returned to Registrar General - NIL.

As in the previous year no case of food poisoning occurred, freedom from such outbreaks reflects on the high standard of cleanliness in all branches of the food trade.

Dysentery.

No cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1967.

Immunisation against Diphtheria during 1967 was as follows:-

<u>Age at 31.12.67</u> <u>i.e. born in year</u>	<u>Under 1 yr.</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>1 yr.</u> <u>1966</u>	<u>2 - 4 yrs.</u> <u>1965-63</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u> <u>1962-53</u>	<u>Under 15 yrs.</u>
Primary Immunisation	118	280	16	22	436
Re-inforcing injection					1,194

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

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

	<u>Under 1 yr.</u>	<u>1 yr.</u>	<u>2 - 4 yrs.</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u>	<u>15 +</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Vaccination	24	299	98	12	1	434
Re-Vaccination	--	1	7	72	1	81

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES.

	<u>Children.</u> <u>0 - 4 yrs.</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u>	<u>All persons.</u>
Respiratory	---	---	3
Meninges and C.N.S.	---	---	1
Other forms	---	1	---
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>4</u>

DEATHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Respiratory	1	---
Meninges and C.N.S.	---	---
Other forms	---	---

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

The number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1967 was as follows:-

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u> <u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary.</u> <u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>All forms</u> <u>Total.</u>
47	20	67	3	13	16	83

One person died of respiratory tuberculosis and four new cases were notified. Nowadays treatment of the disease is effective and patients are not ill for long periods. Every effort is made to find the source of the infection and to trace all the contacts of new cases. By such means together with full support of the Mass Radiography Service and B.C.G. Vaccination, tuberculosis could be eradicated.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Food & Drugs Act 1955 - Clean Food and Food Hygiene.

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, 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 not necessary to make any application to the Court during the year.

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

Old People's Welfare Committee.

An Old People's Welfare Committee operates in the area. The Committee helps to co-ordinate local Services, both voluntary and statutory, for the elderly. This Committee has proved most useful and members act as visitors in their own area. Mr. W. A. G. Acocks is the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Rural Districts Old People's Welfare Committee.

Meals on Wheels:

A meals on wheels scheme operates in the Rural District. The service is developing and it is expected to extend to supply all those in need of the meals.

The W.R.V.S. act as agents of County Welfare in promoting the Scheme through the local organiser, Mrs. S. Dagley-Morris. The deficit on the service is met by equal contribution.

Families at Risk.

The scheme agreed between the County Council and District Council for the rehabilitation of Families at Risk 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.

40 families were referred to this officer and investigated under the scheme.

In order to co-ordinate the efforts of the various social agencies working for the welfare of families the Divisional Medical Officer of Health calls a meeting of representatives to discuss the problems of a family whose circumstances are a matter for concern.

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, Gloucester. 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 examinations 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.

Apperley
Ashchurch
Bishops Cleeve

Dumbleton
Leckhampton
Prestbury
The Reddings
Shurdington

Last Thursday
Alternate Tuesdays
Each Wednesday
1st Thursday(Toddlers)
4th Friday
Each Friday
Each Tuesday
2nd. & 4th. Thursday
1st., 3rd. and 5th Wednesday
(Toddlers)

Stanway
Twynning
Warden Hill

Winchcombe
Witcombe & Bentham
*Gotherington
*Swindon Village

2nd Friday
2nd Thursday
Each Tuesday
4th Monday(Toddle
1st. & 3rd. Tuesd
1st. & 3rd. Tuesd
1st. Wednesday
2nd. and 4th. Mon

*MOBILE UNIT.

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.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

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 Water Undertaking. 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.

The supply in the district was satisfactory in quantity and quality throughout the year. All the supplies are chlorinated.

Samples were taken for bacteriological analysis from public and private supplies.

None of the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Estimated population.</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied direct into houses.</u>	<u>Population supplied direct into houses.</u>	<u>Population supplied by means of standpipe.</u>
Alderton	212	627	212	627	
Ashchurch	771	2,797	771	2,797	
Badgeworth	655	2,102	655	2,102	
Bishops Cleeve	1,945	6,580	1,945	6,580	
Boddington	94	301	94	301	
Buckland *	81	238	81	238	
Coberley *	84	306	84	306	
Cowley	100	314	100	314	
Deerhurst	189	602	184	586	
Dumbleton *	164	535	161	525	
Elmstone Hardwicke	71	263	71	263	
Gotherington	282	876	282	876	
Great Witcombe *	34	108	34	108	
Hawling	50	171	50	171	
Leckhampton	1,462	4,535	1,462	4,535	
Leigh	91	285	91	285	
Oxenton *	56	166	56	166	
Prescott *	26	87	26	87	
Prestbury	1,643	5,213	1,643	5,213	
Shurdington	686	2,156	686	2,156	
Snowhill	64	221	64	221	
Southam	235	688	235	688	
Stanton	100	282	100	282	
Stanway	132	409	132	409	
Staverton	254	714	254	714	
Stoke Orchard	96	308	96	308	
Sudeley *	38	143	38	143	
Swindon	350	1,165	350	1,165	
Teddington	87	255	85	253	2
Toddington	121	411	121	411	
Twynning	290	927	283	905	
Uckington	116	386	116	386	
Up Hatherley	391	1,129	391	1,129	
Walton Cardiff	20	60	20	60	
Winchcombe	1,335	4,105	1,334	4,103	2
Woodmancote	516	1,658	516	1,658	
TOTALS	12,841	41,123	12,823	41,071	4

* 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 1967.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the work of my department, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for the kindness and consideration which they have extended to me when dealing with the work of the Department.

I would also thank all members of the Council's staff for the friendly and close co-operation which has prevailed throughout the year.

The activities of the department have continued to increase due to the growth of the district, the need for increased services and new legislation.

The following report deals with the principal sections, but during the year there were other fields of activity such as dangerous structures, Milk and Dairies Regulations, Street Numbering, inspection of housing sites, Licensing, Betting, Gaming and Lotteries, Pet Animals, Animal Boarding Acts, etc. and these add to the work of the Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. GROGAN.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

HOUSING.

The number of new dwellings completed in the district during the year totalled 432, of these 368 were erected by private enterprise. The Council completed 36 flats at Prestbury.

Taking a figure of slightly over 3 persons per dwelling, it is estimated that accommodation was provided for a population of approximately 1,400, with consequent increase in the demand for services, such as sewerage and refuse collection.

The Council has continued 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 thirteen men upon this work(not including the Foreman). The following figures show the work carried out:-

	<u>Year ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.66.</u>	<u>31.12.67.</u>
No. of houses repairable by the Council at the end of the year (others will be released from Contractors from time to time).	1,603	1,745
No. of Garages repairable by the Council	342	408
No. of repair orders completed by the Council's staff (an order may contain several items).	1,318	1,512
No. of repair orders completed by Contractors including electricity and gas	760	481
	<u>Completed</u> <u>1960-1966</u>	<u>Completed</u> <u>1967</u>
Number of Pre-war Council Houses improved	103	8
	<u>In Progress.</u>	<u>Outstanding.</u>
	49	84
	<u>Year ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.66</u>	<u>31.12.67</u>
No. of houses overhauled and re-decorated externally (by contract)	311	322
No. of tiled surround fireplaces fitted	13	10
No. of defective draining boards replaced	38	35
No. of defective firebaskets/bottom bars replaced	58	46
No. of Hot water cylinders	12	19
No. of defective sinks replaced	4	4
No. of W.C. pans replaced	27	27
No. of defective taps replaced	12	10
No. of defective flush boxes replaced	10	19
No. of defective chimney pots replaced	18	5
No. of defective lavatory basins replaced	16	17
No. of gate-posts renewed	30	25
No. of roofs repaired	128	110
No. of eaves gutters and/or downpipes repaired	106	119

HOUSING. (Continued)

<u>Repairs to Council Houses. (Continued)</u>	<u>31.12.66</u>	<u>Year ending:</u>	<u>31.12.67.</u>
No. of visits to Council houses for various purposes	4,431		3,944
No. of cases where damage has been repaired at the tenant's expense	33		46

Other activities in housing:

Housing Act, 1957 - 1961.

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 16 or Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 10

Unfit houses closed under section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957, and section 26 Housing Act, 1961 Nil

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:

After informal action	34
After formal notice under sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	4
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	Nil
After determination of a demolition order, under section 24, Housing Act, 1957	6
After determination of a closing order under section 27, Housing Act, 1957	8
No. of housing inspections or re-visits:	225

Improvement Grants.

During the year 17 applications for Discretionary Grants affecting 18 properties and 15 applications for Standard Grants affecting 17 properties were approved. The total number of Discretionary Grants approved since the Council became the authority for dealing with these cases has risen to 571 cases affecting 656 properties and the amount of grants approved totals £209,056 up to the end of 1967. The total number of Standard Grants so far approved affected 189 properties and the estimated amount of grants involved was £29,537.

The results have in all instances been very satisfactory and there is no doubt that this scheme has enabled accommodation to be retained and thus avoided the Council having to provide more houses.

Building Regulations.

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

	<u>31.12.66.</u>	<u>Year ending:</u>	<u>31.12.67.</u>
<u>New houses completed:</u>			
Council houses/flats	97		36
Private Enterprise	350		368
Cheltenham Corporation	---		28
	<u>447</u>		<u>432</u>
No. of dwellings provided by conversion of existing buildings and dwellings	7		9

Building Regulations. (Continued)

		Year ending:	
No. of houses in course of erection:		31.12.66.	31.12.67.
Council	36		6
Private Enterprise	222		362
Total number of plans received and considered	709		881
Total number of plans approved permanent	691		803
Total number of plans approved temporary	2		---
Total number of plans disapproved	130		78
Temporary approvals renewed	22		6
Plans declared of no effect	191		134
Number of informal notices sent	5		7
No. of recommendations to Area Planning Officer	481		655
No. of visits to properties and sites	3,232		3,458

Each plan when received is checked 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.

Inspection of Foodstuffs		The following foodstuffs have been condemned:-	
Condensed Milk	2	23	34
Condensed Meat	1	1	1
Tomatoes (canned)	1	1	1
Condensed Fruit	1	1	1
Fruit Pie Filling	1	1	1
Canned Vegetables	1	1	1
Spiced Macaroni	1	1	1
Raw Meat	1	1	1
		10	10
		2	2
		3	3
		4	4

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Under this heading has been included the work in connection with milk supply, infectious diseases, water supply, nuisances, disinfestations, 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>31.12.66</u>	<u>31.12.67.</u>
No. of complaints received or nuisances discovered	105	83
Nuisances abated	65	48
Complaints not justified	40	35
Informal notices sent	20	41
Statutory notices served	Nil	1
No. of premises disinfested	3	1
No. of visits in connection with the above items	428	325
No. of new drainage systems installed	34	61
Visits to new drainage systems	167	259
Number of visits to public conveniences	23	29
Infectious disease visits	18	24
Visits in connection with street numbering.	77	38
Other Public Health Visits, i.e. Clean Air Act, Farm drainage, etc.	427	349

Inspection of Foods:

The following foodstuffs have been condemned:-

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Canned Fish				3½
Canned Meat		2	23	---
Tomatoes (tinned)			6	9
Canned Fruit		1	--	--
Fruit Pie Filling			6	4
Canned Vegetables		3	12	6
Spaghetti Macaroni			1	---
Raw Meat			10	---
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6½</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH (Continued)

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	104	6	793	273	----
Number inspected	104	6	793	273	----

All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticerci:

Whole carcases condemned	---	---	---	---	----
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	---	43	35	----
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	10.6%	---	5.4%	12.8%	----

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcases condemned	---	---	---	---	----
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	---	---	---	---	----
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	---	---	---	---	----

Cysticercosis:

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	---	---	---	---	----
Generalised and totally condemned	---	---	---	---	----
Percentage of number inspected affected with Cysticercosis	---	---	---	---	----

Total amount of meat condemned: 2 cwt. 0 gr. 26 lbs.

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 arrangement with the adjoining Public Health Authority.

No. of Special Examinations of a Stock or Consignment of food Nil

No. of visits to Slaughterhouses 71

PUBLIC HEALTH (Continued)

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Food shops and catering establishments are inspected to ensure that food is wholesome and to verify compliance with the Act. The number of premises are as follows:

<u>Trade.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Regulation 16.</u>	<u>Regulation 19 applicable.</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Regulation 19.</u>
Bakers	8	8	8	8
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Cafes	10	10	10	10
Confectioners	9	7	8	8
Fishfriers	2	2	2	2
General Stores	54	50	53	50
Greengrocers	7	5	7	7
Sweet Retailers	2	2	1	1
Hotels	13	13	13	13
Public Houses	49	46	47	47
Factory Canteens	11	11	11	11
Clubs	11	9	11	11
Wet Fish	1	1	1	1
	<u>189</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>181</u>
Mobile General Stores:		5		
Mobile Butcher's Stores:		1		
Mobile Fish Frier:		1		
Mobile Cafe:		1		
Mobile Wet Fish:		1		
Mobile Greengrocers:		2		
Informal Notices sent:		5		

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

During the year 8 complaints were received as to the condition and quality of food purchased by members of the Public. Action was taken as follows:-

Not justified:	1
Warning letters sent to offending firms:	7
Prosecutions:	Nil

Section 16 (1)

Number of premises registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream:	98
Number of applications considered and licences issued during the year:	3
Number of premises registered for the preparation of preserved foods intended for sale:	5
Total number of visits in connection with the Food and Drugs Acts:	293

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.

During the year a further 4 premises were registered.
Total number of registered premises:

144

PUBLIC HEALTH (Continued)

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963. (Continued)

Detailed general inspections were continued during the year, although the majority of registered premises in the Rural District had received a general inspection in 1966 and were cleared as being satisfactory.

Minor infringements only were found to contravene the Act and in the majority of cases it was found that only a verbal notice was necessary and on follow up visits the various premises complied with the Act.

No serious contraventions were found during the year.

One non-fatal accident was notified and upon investigation it was found that this was caused by an employee not adhering to the firm's instructions. No further action was necessary other than to give informal advice to the staff concerned to ensure that the firm's instructions, which were adequate, be carried out.

No. of informal notices sent:	4
No. of visits:	144

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

At the end of the year, the number of licenced sites in use totalled 126, covering 762 (including 152 seasonal) caravans. Comparison with the 1966 figure shows an increase of 8 sites, covering 38 caravans, 30 of which are seasonal.

Inspections of the larger sites, none of which have closed down, have not revealed any serious contraventions of the site licence conditions.

Applications were dealt with as follows:

New Sites	8 relating to 8 caravans.
New Sites (seasonal)	Nil
Additions to existing sites	1 relating to 14 caravans.
Additions to existing sites (seasonal)	2 relating to 16 caravans.
Renewal of site licences	19 relating to 19 caravans.

No. of visits to sites:	406
No. of informal notices served:	6

Factories Act, 1961:

	<u>31.12.66</u>	<u>Year ending:</u> <u>31.12.67</u>
Number of visits to factories:	238	221
Number of informal notices served:	1	Nil

See also additional information annexed to this report.

Sewage Disposal:

The following works were completed during 1967:-

- Improvements to Great Washbourne S.D.W.
- Reconstruction of sludge beds, Brockhampton S.D.W.
- Installation of clarifiers, Ashchurch S.D.W.

Works in progress:-

Provision of sewers, Works and pumping stations:

- Twyning (nearing completion)
- Relief sewer Winchcombe.
- Enlargement of Winchcombe S.D.W.
- Provision of sewers and S.D.W., Teddington.
- Extension to Gotherington S.D.W.
- Provision of sewer to Henley Bank, Badgeworth.

Tenders were invited for the diversion of sewers to facilitate construction of the M. 5 Motorway.

No. of visits to Sewage Works: 2,505.

Water Supplies.

The number of new connections made to the mains during the year totalled 646

Number of visits to supplies, etc. 98

Refuse and Salvage.

Built-up areas receive two collections and the remainder of the district one collection every fortnight. The volume of household refuse is increasing and changing in nature due to the growing tendency to prepack commodities, and this is causing difficulty in disposal.

The controlled method of tipping is undertaken and refuse was tipped at Shurdington, Winchcombe and Twyning. The Shurdington Tip expired during the year and arrangements were made for refuse from the South of the district to be tipped at the Cheltenham Corporation Tip.

No. of visits to tips, etc. 370

Vehicles:

- 3 Shelvoke & Drewry 35 cu. yd. Pakamatic
- 1 Shelvoke & Drewry 50 cu. yd. Pakamatic.
- 1 Eagle Compressmore 12/24 cu. yd.
- 2 Karrier 12 cu. yd. side loading tippers.

Year ending:

	31.12.66	31.12.67
No. of Dwellings	12,422	12,841
Distance travelled by vehicles(miles)	62,889	63,216

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Number of visits 134
Number of informal notices sent Nil.

CAR PARKS.

Work commenced on the provision of a car park at Bull Lane, Winchcombe there being a great need for this facility in the locality.

Number of visits 105

PETROLEUM(REGULATION)ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

No. of informal notices served: 26
No. of licences issued to store petroleum: 83
No. of visits 191

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	<u>Non-Agricultural:</u>	<u>Agricultural:</u>
1. No. of properties in District	13,216	809
2.(a) Total number of properties(including nearby premises)inspected following notification	382	108
(b) Number infested by Rats	281	93
" " " Mice	70	12
3.(a) Total Number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	124	162
(b) Number infested by Rats	31	28
" " " Mice	Nil	Nil
No. of visits by Pest Operator	2,044	
" " " " other members of Staff	70	
TOTAL	2,114	

Treatment of Sewers:

The Council's sewers were test baited and treated in May/June as follows:-

	<u>Manholes</u> <u>Tested:</u>	<u>Infested Manholes:</u> <u>Treated:</u>
Alderton	6	---
Ashchurch	5	---
Badgeworth	2	---
Bishops Cleeve	17	1
Dumbleton	4	---
Gotherington	5	---
Laverton	2	---
Leckhampton	15	---
Prestbury	17	3
Shurdington	8	1
Staverton	2	---
Total carried forward	83	5

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Treatment of Sewers: (Continued)

	<u>Manholes Tested</u>	<u>Infested Manholes Treated:</u>
Total brought forward	85	5
Southam/Woodmancote	6	1
Stanton	2	---
Swindon	6	---
Toddington	5	---
Up Hatherley	5	---
Winchcombe	13	3
Witcombe	3	---
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TOTAL	<u>123</u>	<u>9</u>

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

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 21 cases, these totalling £39,915.

Number of visits:

46.

SUMMARY of VISITS.

<u>Year ending:</u>	<u>1965.</u>	<u>1966.</u>	<u>1967.</u>
Council House repairs	5,330	4,431	3,944
Housing Act inspections	186	247	225
Improvement Grants	206	204	225
Building Byelaws	5,628	3,232	3,458
<u>Public Health:</u>			
Nuisances, Statutory Notices, etc.	483	428	325
New drainage systems	281	167	259
Public conveniences	41	23	29
Infectious diseases	56	18	24
Street numbering	27	77	38
Other Public Health Visits(Clean Air Act, Farm Drainage, etc.)		427	349
Slaughterhouse	102	85	71
Food and Drugs Acts	292	306	293
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	150	134	144
Caravan Sites	312	627	406
Factories and Workshops Act	210	238	221
Sewage Disposal Works, etc.	1,752	2,112	2,505
Water supplies	76	139	98
Refuse and Salvage	250	312	379
Public Rights of Way	85	90	134
Car Parks	37	203	105
Petroleum Act, 1928 & 1936	170	212	191
Pest Destruction	2,155	2,041	2,114
Loans for House Purchase	81	48	46
Miscellaneous visits	244	367	322
Depot		171	331
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	<u>17,154</u>	<u>16,339</u>	<u>16,227</u>

APPENDIX.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1967 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)
(1)Factories in which sections, 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	35	49	---	---
(2)Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	129	---	---
(3)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	30	43	---	---
TOTAL:	166	221	---	---

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	<u>Referred</u> To H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) (b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	---	1	---

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork.

(Sections 133 and 134)

No. of Outworkers

Nil.

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