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RURAL DISTRICT OF CHELTENHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

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CHEL TENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for 1971, on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District. The report is prepared as required by Circular 1/72 of the Department of Health and Social Security.

I am again indebted to Mr. F. H. Lewis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, for the section of the report contributed by him.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population 40,870 is the census figure and compares with his mid-year estimate of 43,090 for 1970, which is a decrease of 2,220.

There were 620 Births, 39 more than the previous year, the rates being 15.5 compared with 13.8 the previous year.

369 people died during the year; the Death rate being 11.4 per 1,000 population. 6 Infants died in the first year of life, thus the Infantile mortality is at the rate of 10 such deaths per 1,000 Live Births.

The incidence of all forms of infectious disease was extremely low due, in no small measure, to the success of schemes for immunisation and vaccination. Parents readily make use of the facilities available and nearly every child is protected against common infectious diseases.

I wish to thank most sincerely the members of the Council and the staff for the help and support I have received during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. KNOX

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (acres)	81,948	
Population (1961 Census)	30,849	
Population (Registrar General's 1971 mid-year estimate)	40,870	(Census)
Number of Domestic Dwellings (as at 31st March, 1972)	14,073	
Number of Council Houses and Flats (as at 31st March, 1972)	1,838	
Number of Housing Association Dwellings:		
Bishop's Cleeve Housing Association	566	
Postlip Hall Housing Association	6	
Percentage of Council and Housing Society Houses and Flats (as at 31st March, 1972)	17.1	
Rateable Value (31st March, 1972)	£1,799,990	
Actual product of 1p. rate 1971 - 72	£ 17,477	

The Chief Trades carried on in the District are:

Garages

Shops

Light Industry of which the main are:-

 Smiths Aviation, Clock and Watches

 and

 Dowtys

Caravans

Rainfall:

The annual rainfall for 1971 for the Cheltenham area was 627.4 mm. This compares with the annual average rainfall for the period 1916 - 1950 of 668 mm.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA (Continued)

VITAL STATISTICS

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

MOTHERS and INFANTS

1. <u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number:	Legitimate	597	308	289
	Illegitimate	23	8	15
	TOTAL	620	316	304
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population		15.2		
Area Comparability Factor (Births)		1.02		
Local adjusted rate		15.5		
Ratio of local adjusted Birth Rate to National Rate		.97		
2. <u>ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS</u>(per cent of Total Live Births)		4		
3. <u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number:	Legitimate	3	2	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
	TOTAL	3	2	1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births		5		
4. <u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>		623		
5. <u>INFANT DEATHS</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(i) Deaths of infants under 1 year				
Number:	Legitimate	5	2	3
	Illegitimate	1	1	---
	TOTAL	6	3	3
(ii) Neo-natal Deaths under 4 weeks				
Number:	Legitimate	3	2	1
	Illegitimate	1	1	---
	TOTAL	4	3	1
(iii) Early Neo-natal Deaths of infants under 1 week				
Number:	Legitimate	3	2	1
	Illegitimate	1	1	---
	TOTAL	4	3	1

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

	<u>TOTAL</u>		
6. <u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	10		
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000			
Legitimate live births	8		
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000			
Illegitimate live births	43		
7. <u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	6		
8. <u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	6		
9. <u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	11		
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	370	181	189
Death rate per 1,000 of the population	9.1		
Area Comparability Factors (Deaths)	1.25		
Local adjusted rate	11.4		
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to National rate	.98		

POPULATION

The population according to the census figure of 40,870 shows a decrease from the Registrar General's estimate for 1970 of 2,220.

BIRTH RATE

There were 620 Live Births compared with 581 the previous year, the rates being 15.5 compared with 13.8 the previous year.

DEATH RATE

370 people died during the year, the death rate being 11.4 per 1,000 population.

INFANT MORTALITY

6 infants died under one year of age compared with 7 the year before. The Infant Mortality Rate being 10 per 1,000 Live Births compared with 18 for England and Wales and 14 for the County.

VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued)

CANCER

Death Rates from Cancer per 1,000 population

	<u>England & Wales</u>		<u>Cheltenham Rural District Council</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Cancer of the Lung	1.060	0.224	0.6	0.1
Other Cancer	1.596	1.924	1.5	1.7

Thirteen men and three women died from 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 (B List) of International Statistical Classifications:

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B 18	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
B 19 (2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-
B 19 (3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	3
B 19 (4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	9	9
B 19 (6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	13	3
B 19 (7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	9
B 19 (8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	4
B 19 (9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	-
B 19 (10)	Leukaemia	2	-
B 19 (11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	13	10
B 21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	3
B 46 (3)	Mental Disorders	-	1
B 46 (5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2
B 27	Hypertensive Disease	6	5
B 28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	49	39
B 29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	12	22
B 30	Cerebrovascular Disease	14	24
B 46 (6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	16
B 31	Influenza	-	2
B 32	Pneumonia	13	16
B 33 (1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	2
B 33 (2)	Asthma	-	1
B 46 (7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	3
B 34	Peptic Ulcer	1	1
B 36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1
B 37	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
B 46 (8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	1
B 38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-
B 39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-
B 46 (9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1
B 42	Congenital Anomalies	3	2
B 45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	3
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1
BE48	All other Accidents	3	1
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1
BE50	All Other External Causes	-	1
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>180</u>	<u>189</u>

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

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

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
<u>Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	17.9	16.8	14.8	13.5	15.2
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	8.4	8.5	9.3	8.6	9.1
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births) (deaths of infants under 1 year)	17.0	4	22	12	10
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births) (deaths of infants under 1 month)	10	3	14	12	6

COMPARISON WITH THE BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES ETC., FOR 1971

	<u>England & Wales</u>	<u>County of Glos.</u>	<u>Cheltenham R.D.C.</u>
<u>Live Birth Rate</u>	15.0	16.2	15.2
<u>Still Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	12	10	5
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 year)	18	14	10
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 month)	12	10	6
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live Births) (Deaths under 1 week of age)	10	8	6
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live and Still Births - Still Births and Infants Deaths under 1 week)	22	17.7	11
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	11.6	10.3	9.1

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1971
(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	-	-	3	1	1	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	5	6
Whooping Cough	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3
Poliomyelitis, paralytic, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	3	2	69	48	54	50	-	1	-	-	1	2	127	103
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Under</u> <u>5 years</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 44</u>		<u>45 - 64</u>		<u>68 and</u> <u>over</u>				<u>Total</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Encephalitis, infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			1	-

Scarlet Fever:

Eleven cases were notified compared with seven the previous year.

Diphtheria:

No cases were notified.

Whooping Cough:

Seven cases were notified compared with Nil the previous year.

Measles:

230 Cases were notified compared with 251 the previous year.

Poliomyelitis:

No cases were notified

Food Poisoning:

Two cases were notified compared with Nil the previous year.

Dysentery:

No cases were notified during the year.

Infective Jaundice:

One case was notified compared with Nil the previous year.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER

INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1971 (Continued)
(excluding Tuberculosis)

Food Poisoning:

(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>
	---	2	---	---	2
(b) CASES OTHERWISE ASCERTAINED			NIL		
(c) SYMPTOMLESS EXCRETORS			NIL		
(d) FATAL CASES			NIL		

Causative Agent	No. of Outbreaks		No. of Cases		Total No. of Cases
	Family Outbreaks	Other Outbreaks	Sporadic Cases Notified	Otherwise Ascertained	
	---	1	---	2	2
S typhimurium	---	1	---	2	2

These two cases occurred as a result of an outbreak at a function in a different district.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

State of protection of children against Diphtheria

Born in year:	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number and percentage of children vaccinated	129 (21%)	482 (86%)	536 (92%)

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

State of protection of children against Smallpox

Born in year	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number and percentage of children vaccinated	7 (1%)	49 (9%)	249 (43%)

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

	<u>Children</u> <u>0 - 4 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>	<u>All persons</u>
Respiratory	---	---	<u>1</u>
Meninges and C.N.S.	---	---	<u>1</u>
Other forms	---	---	<u>1</u>
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u><u>2</u></u>

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, 1971 was as follows:-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>All forms</u>
	<u>Female</u>			<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>
36	12	<u>48</u>	1	12	<u>13</u>	<u>61</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Clean Food and Food Hygiene

Regulations are in force for securing hygiene methods in the handling, wrapping and delivery of food for sale.

Food shops and similar establishments (including vehicles) are inspected regularly to ensure that food is wholesome and that the premises and vehicles 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.

Old People's Welfare Committee

The Old People's Welfare Committee continued to operate successfully during the year and proved most useful. The Day Centre is still proving a boon to people who would otherwise be housebound.

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels scheme continued to operate during the year and proved a very useful service.

Families at Risk

The "Prevention of Homelessness" Scheme continued to operate and some 74 cases were referred to the Director of Social Services for inclusion in the Scheme. Supervision of these families was undertaken by the Social Services Department.

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 Department of Health & Social Security, 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 & City Analyst, Worcester.

HOME HELP SERVICE

This Service has now gone over to the Social Services Department area office at Idmiston House. Appeals for assistance from or further information about the Home Help Service should be directed to:-

Mrs. J. Williams
Area Home Help Organiser
Idmiston House
307 - 309 High Street,
Cheltenham.

Telephone:- Cheltenham 32481

Nursing in the Home

The area is under the control of the County Council. Information is available from the Divisional Health Office, Charlton Kings.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Apperley	Last Thursday of alternate months	+Starway	3rd Friday
Ashchurch	Alternate Tuesdays	+Swindon Village	2nd & 4th
Bishop's Cleeve	Each Wednesday and 1st		Monday
	Thursday (Toddlers)	Twynning	2nd Thursday
+ Dumbleton	3rd Friday		Alternate
+ Gotherington	1st Wednesday		months.
Leckhampton	Each Friday	+Uckington	4th Friday
Prestbury	2nd & 4th Tuesday	Warden Hill	Each Tuesday &
The Reddings	2nd & 4th Thursday		2nd Monday
Shurdington	1st., 3rd. & 5th		(Toddlers)
	Wednesday (Toddlers)	Winchcombe	1st & 3rd
			Tuesday
		Witcombe &	
		Bentham	1st Tuesday
		+Woodmancote	1st Tuesday

+ MOBILE UNIT

These Clinics 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 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 public and some of the private supplies are chlorinated and none of the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

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

The table below shows the number of houses served by a public water main direct into the houses. The remainder are served by private supplies the majority being piped direct into the house.

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Estimated Population.</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied direct into houses by public water.</u>	<u>Population supplied direct into houses by public water.</u>	<u>Population supplied by means of standpipe.</u>
Alderton	245	729	245	729	
Ashchurch	907	3,221	907	3,221	
Badgeworth	810	2,590	790	2,526	
Bishop's Cleeve	2,011	6,782	2,011	6,782	
Boddington	94	301	94	301	
Buckland	89	263	88	260	
Coberley	87	315	63	238	
Cowley	100	314	100	314	
Deerhurst	197	627	188	598	
Dumbleton	184	597	155	504	
Elmstone Hardwicke	71	263	71	263	
Gotherington	303	940	298	924	
Great Witcomb	34	108	23	73	
Hawling	49	168	36	126	
Leckhampton	1,593	4,937	1,587	4,918	
Leigh	92	288	91	285	
Oxenton	58	172	58	172	
Prescott	27	90	12	42	
Prestbury	2,173	6,826	2,153	6,762	
Shurdington	711	2,231	700	2,195	
Snowhill	64	221	44	157	
Southam	241	707	223	649	
Stanton	104	294	104	294	
Stanway	136	421	117	360	
Staverton	265	746	263	740	
Stoke Orchard	103	329	102	326	
Sudeley	41	152	3	10	
Swindon	375	1,244	375	1,244	
Teddington	113	338	112	335	2
Toddington	125	423	117	397	
Twynning	377	1,194	352	1,114	
Uckington	120	399	119	396	
Up Hatherley	393	1,135	393	1,135	
Walton Cardiff	20	63	20	63	
Winchcombe	1,525	4,697	1,495	4,601	2
Woodmancote	533	1,712	533	1,712	
TOTAL	14,370	45,837	14,042	44,766	4

REFUSE COLLECTION and DISPOSAL

The Surveyor reports that an incentive bonus scheme prepared by the County Management Services was brought into operation which enabled weekly collections to be made throughout the district. Refuse was tipped at the Cheltenham Corporation Tip, situated at Elmstone Hardwicke in the rural district, by joint agreement.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Surveyor reports that the sewers and pumping stations to serve Uckington and Haydon were completed and made ready for connection to the Cheltenham Corporation system which was under construction.

The enlargement of Alderton Sewage Works was completed.

The following works were in progress:-

Provision of main sewerage at Apperley, Deerhurst.

Enlargement of Brockhampton Sewage Works.

Provision of relief sewers for Bishop's Cleeve, Woodmancote and Southam.

Tenders were being invited for provision of sewers at Ashchurch and for the installation of a storm pump at Staverton.

Preparatory work was in progress on the provision of sewers at Oxenton, Alstone, Teddington, Buckland and Stoke Orchard (including the hamlet of Hardwicke).

CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector
on the work of the Department for the year 1971

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting 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 consideration and support extended to me during the year.

It is to be noted that applications under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1969 regarding the issue of qualification certificates to landlords of controlled tenancies have been minimal. However improvement of older houses by improvement grants has continued and there has been a slight improvement on last year's figures and it is hoped that this trend will be maintained.

I would like to thank all members of the Council's Staff for the close co-operation given throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

F. H. LEWIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING

The number of new dwellings completed in the district during the year totalled 507, of these 477 were erected by private enterprise. The Council completed 30 dwellings and these consisted of 5 at Ashchurch and 25 Old People's flatlets at Prestbury.

Taking a figure of 3.2 persons per dwelling, it is estimated that accommodation was provided for a population of approximately 1,526 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.

Housing Acts

	<u>Year Ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.70</u>	<u>31.12.71</u>
Houses demolished in Clearance Areas, unfit for human habitation	Nil	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	2	4
Unfit houses closed under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	5	Nil
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:		
After informal action	33	63
After formal notice under Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	11
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
After determination of a clearance order	Nil	Nil
After determination of a demolition order, under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	3	Nil
After determination of a closing order under Section 27, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
Number of housing inspections or re-visits	1,051	842
Number of visits in connection with improvement grant enquiries	324	361
<u>Qualification Certificates:</u>		
a. No. of applications for property which satisfies conditions		1
No. of certificates issued		1
b. No. of applications for property which does not satisfy conditions		Nil
No. of provisional certificates issued		Nil
No. of qualification certificates issued		Nil
Number of visits in connection with qualification certificates		37

Improvement Grants

Conversions

Applications received (dwellings)	9
Applications Approved - owner/occupied (dwellings)	5
Applications approved - other (dwellings)	3
Total Amount Approved	£6,003
Grants Paid (No. of Dwellings)	3
Grants Paid - Total Amount	£3,942

Improvements

Applications Received (dwellings)	54
Applications Approved - owner/occupied (dwellings)	36
Applications Approved - other (dwellings)	27
Total Amount Approved	£53,319
Grants Paid (dwellings)	55
Grants Paid - Total Amount	£39,518

HOUSING (Continued)

Standard Grants:

Applications received (dwellings)	5
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Full Standard (normal limit) (dwellings)	4
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Full Standard (higher limit) (dwellings)	1
Total Amount Approved	£1,005

Standard Grants Paid:

Dwellings	9
Total Amount	£1,897
Amenities Provided:-	
Fixed Baths or showers	6
Wash Basins	8
Hot water supplies at 3 points	6
Hot water supplies at 1 or 2 points	1
Water Closets	5

Higher Limit Grants (included above)

Dwellings	2
<u>Additional Work:-</u>	
No. of bathrooms	1
No. of Septic tank drainage systems	1

Improvement Grants:

The year has shown that there has been an increased trend for applicants to take advantage of the conversion and improvement type grants, whilst there has been a marked decrease in the number of applications received and granted for Standard Improvement Grants.

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, and sewage disposal, etc.

The following figures show the activities during the year:-

	<u>Year Ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.70</u>	<u>31.12.71</u>
Number of complaints received or nuisances discovered	113	116
Nuisances abated	56	68
Complaints not justified	48	48
Informal notices sent	30	27
Statutory Notices served	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Number of premises disinfested	13	22
Number of visits in connection with the above items	870	824
Infectious disease visits	40	82
Number of visits in connection with sewerage survey	321	113
Other Public Health Visits, i.e. Farm drainage, flooding, etc.	106	51

Inspection of Foods:

CONDEMNED FOOD

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Bacon	48	8
Corned Beef	12	0
Hammon	18	8
Mutton	45	0
Smoked Tusk	7	0
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>0</u>

FOOD CONDEMNED BY REASON OF BREAKDOWN IN REFRIGERATION

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Apple Pie	28	14
Arctic Rolls	1	4
Beefburgers	12	8
Beef in gravy	15	12
Blackcurrant Pie	4	14
Boiled Rice	4	8
Braised Steak	42	3
Broad Beans	1	0
Broccoli Spears	14	1
Chicken	88	14
Chicken Pie	14	12
Cod	9	9
Cod Fries	2	8
Cod Steaks	13	13½
Curried Beef	2	12
Custard Pie	21	6
Duck	43	0
Faggots	2	4
Fish Cakes	4	12
Fish and Chips	2	13
Fish Fingers	34	15
Fruit Tart	13	2
Gooseberry Pie	5	4
Green Beans	52	12
Haddock	13	6½
Hamburgers in gravy	12	8
Kippers	6	14
Lamb in gravy	2	4
Lancashire Hot Pot	21	0

FOOD CONDEMNED BY REASON OF BREAKDOWN IN REFRIGERATION (Continued)

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Macaroni Cheese	15	0
Mincemeat Pies	8	10
Mixed Vegetables	39	8
Mousse	4	2
Pastry	12	13½
Peas	108	0
Plaice	14	13
Pork in gravy	6	0
Potato Croquettes	20	8
Sausage Rolls	3	12
Sausages in gravy	18	12
Saute Kidney	3	0
Savoury Rissoles	3	12½
Shepherds Pie	9	14
Spinach	15	7½
Sprouts	18	0
Steak and Kidney Pie	15	2
Steaklets	8	15
Steak Stew	5	0
Sweet Corn		6
Trifle	7	9
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>9½</u>

TOTAL FOOD CONDEMNED: 8 cwts. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. 9½ oz.

Number of visits made to condemn stock: 15

Condemned food is disposed of by burial in lime at the Council's tips.

THE IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS, 1968

Examination of Imported Foodstuffs.

The two depots situated in this district continued to receive imported food by containerisation service and 95 visits were made during the course of the year by the Public Health Inspectors to ensure that the regulations were being complied with, and that the food concerned was fit for human consumption. The year showed a further increase in the amount of food inspected.

The number of consignments examined are as follows:-

		<u>Approximate Total Weights</u>			
		<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
500 consignments:	Irish Butter	8,744	10	0	0
32 consignments:	Danish Bacon	48	0	0	0
6 consignments:	Ross Frozen Foods (Steakburgers, Beefburgers, etc.)	35	10	2	11½
<u>TOTAL</u> (approx.)		<u>8,828</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11½</u>

It is to be noted that one depot ceased during the year the importation of Irish and Danish bacon by containerisation and the second depot is at the present time receiving Irish butter only by this service.

FOOD HYGIENE (General) REGULATIONS, 1960 and 1971.

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	6	6	6	6
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Cafes	9	9	9	9
Confectioners	14	14	1	1
Fishfriers	2	2	2	2
General Stores	53	53	47	47
Greengrocers	8	8	8	8
Hostels	1	1	1	1
Hotels	11	11	11	11
Public Houses	41	41	41	41
Factory Canteens	9	9	9	9
Clubs	13	13	13	13
Wet Fish	1	1	1	1
Take Away Meals	1	1	1	1
Tea Rooms	3	3	3	3
Restaurants	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>186</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>167</u>

Mobile General Stores	1
Mobile Butchers Stores	Nil
Mobile Greengrocers	1
Informal Notices sent	Nil

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

During the year 29 visits were made in the course of investigating 10 complaints which were received as to the condition and quality of food purchased by the Public.

Two complaints relating to foreign bodies in milk bottles were referred to the County Public Health Officer following reports from the Analyst that the evidence would not substantiate formal action being taken.

In three cases it was found after investigation that no action could be taken as the complaints were not justified and in one other case no action was taken due to the lack of evidence.

Warning letters were sent to manufacturers and retailers in four cases.

Section 16 (1)

Number of premises registered for the sale and storage of icecream:	104
Number of applications considered and licences issued during the year:	2
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:	331

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

One new premises registered during the year and the total number of premises registered is as follows:-

Offices	23
Retail Shops	74
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	6
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	21
Fuel Storage depots	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>125</u>

The number of persons employed in Registered premises at the end of year comprises:-

Offices	269
Retail Shops	257
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	132
Catering establishments open to the public	121
Canteens	13
Fuel Storage depots	6

TOTAL 798

TOTAL MALES 442

TOTAL FEMALES 356

General inspections were continued during the year throughout the Rural District and premises generally satisfied the requirements of the Act.

Only minor contraventions were found to exist and these were dealt with by verbal notice and complied at the time of follow up visits. In no case was it found necessary to follow up with a letter.

Although occupiers have previously been reminded as to their responsibilities under the Act for notifying accidents, none have been reported during the year.

It was not found necessary to institute any legal proceedings.

No. of visits

199

THE CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

At the end of the year the number of licenced sites in use totalled 93, covering 846 (including 299 seasonal and holiday) caravans.

Inspections of sites were carried out during the year and contraventions were dealt with by a letter to the site owners concerned.

Six cases of unauthorised caravans were dealt with and were subsequently removed.

Applications were dealt with as follows:

New temporary sites	5 relating to 5 caravans
New Sites (seasonal holiday)	1 relating to 45 caravans.
Extension to existing permanent sites	2 relating to 2 caravans.
Extension to seasonal sites	1 relating to 6 caravans.
Renewal of site licences	11 relating to 12 caravans.

No. of visits to sites

363

No. of informal notices served

7

FACTORIES ACT, 1961:

	Year ending:	
	<u>31.12.70</u>	<u>31.12.71</u>
Number of visits to factories and outworkers:	72	74
Number of informal notices served:	1	2

See also additional information annexed to this report.

WATER SUPPLIES:

The number of new connections made to the mains during the year as notified by the North West Gloucestershire Water Board totalled:	523
Number of visits to public and private supplies:	138
Number of samples of private supplies submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination	70
Number of samples submitted for Chemical Examination	Nil

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

Every opportunity has been taken when dealing with alterations to existing installations to bring them to modern standards where this is reasonable and practicable, and I am pleased to report that the standards are improving.

One new petroleum installation was licenced in the year, and one filling station was modernised and brought up to the new model code standard. One small station closed during the year.

Number of informal notices served	12
Number of licences issued to store petroleum	86
Number of visits	321
Number of storage tanks condemned, or taken out of use, and rendered safe	4

PREVENTION of DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. No. of properties in district	14,280	802
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	332	34
(b) Number infested by Rats	263	33
(c) Number infested by Mice	53	2
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	100	53
(b) Number infested by Rats	109	57
(c) Number infested by Mice	28	10
Number of visits by Pest Operator:	2,450	
Number of visits by other members of staff:	<u>124</u>	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,574</u>	

PREVENTION of DAMAGE by PESTS ACT, 1949 (Continued)

Treatment of Sewers:

The Council's sewers were test baited and treated as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>May-Manholes Test Baited</u>	<u>Infested and treated</u>	<u>October-Manholes Test Baited</u>	<u>Infested and treated</u>
Alderton	6	---	---	---
Ashchurch	5	---	---	---
Badgeworth	---	---	---	---
Bishop's Cleeve	17	---	---	---
Buckland	---	---	---	---
Coberley	---	---	---	---
Cowley	3	---	---	---
Deerhurst	---	---	---	---
Dumbleton	4	---	---	---
Gotherington	6	---	---	---
Leckhampton	15	---	---	---
Prestbury	17	---	---	---
Shurdington	8	---	---	---
Snowshill	---	---	---	---
Southam	2	---	---	---
Stanton	---	---	---	---
Staverton	4	---	---	---
Stoke Orchard	1	---	---	---
Swindon	6	---	---	---
Teddington	---	---	---	---
Toddington	5	---	---	---
Twynning	4	---	---	---
Up Hatherley	5	---	---	---
Winchcombe	13	4	4	---
Woodmancote	4	---	---	---

SUMMARY of VISITS

	<u>Year ending:</u>		
	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Housing Act inspections	188	1051	842
Improvement Grants	201	324	361
Qualification Certificate visits	---	---	37
<u>Public Health:</u>			
Nuisances, Statutory Notices, etc.	362	870	824
Sewerage Scheme Survey	302	321	113
Infectious diseases	49	40	82
Other Public Health Visits(Farm drainage, flooding, etc.)	350	106	51
Imported Food Regulations, 1968	68	136	95
Food & Drugs Act	239	246	331
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	234	351	199
Caravan Sites	471	401	363
Factories Act (Including Outworkers)	64	72	74
Water Supplies	39	62	138
Petroleum Act, 1928 & 1936	236	210	321
Pest Destruction	2,490	2,536	2,574
Miscellaneous visits	69	763	328
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5,362</u>	<u>7,489</u>	<u>6,733</u>

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1971 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	1	1	---	---
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	108	50	2	---
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	17	17	---	---
TOTAL:	126	68	2	---

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)	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector (4)	by H. M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences(S 7) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	---	1	---

APPENDIX (Continued)

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part V111 of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
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