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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1965

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Clevedon.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clevedon Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1965.

There have been no epidemics and the number of measles cases was unexpectedly low.

A survey of basement and garden flats commenced late in 1964, and by the end of 1965, two thirds had been inspected. Visits revealed that about one third of these flats are unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost.

The number of improvement grants, both standard and discretionary, continue to be approved at a fairly high level.

The adjusted birth rate for Clevedon is just above the national average. The number of deaths rose considerably in 1965, but the area comparability factor for deaths is lower than ever, 0.51, so that although the crude death rate is 19.2, when adjusted to allow for the high number of elderly people in Clevedon, the adjusted rate is 9.8, below the national average of 11.9.

My thanks are given to members and officers for the cooperation given, and in particular, the Public Health Inspectors.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

V. N. BAKER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics - 1965

Area	3,467 acres
Population (mid year estimate)	12,200
Area comparability factors	Births - 1.19 Deaths - 0.51
Rateable Value, 1st April 1965	£431,602
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,648

Vital Statistics for 1965

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000</u> <u>of the estimated</u> <u>resident population</u> <u>= 15.7</u>
Legitimate	95	89	184	
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	
	99	93	192	
<u>Stillbirths</u>				<u>Rate per 1,000</u> <u>(live and still) births</u> <u>= 20.4</u>
All legitimate	3	1	4	
Deaths	96	138	234	<u>Death rate per 1,000 of the</u> <u>estimated resident population</u> <u>= 19.2</u>

Illegitimate live births

Rate per cent of total live births = 4.2

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - 0

Death rate of Infants under one year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births	(total = 5) - 26
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	(total = 5) - 27.2
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	(total = 0) - 0
Neonatal mortality rate, deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	(total = 4) - 20.8
Early neonatal mortality rate, deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births	(total = 4) - 20.8
Perinatal mortality rate, stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	(total = 8) - 40.8

Vital Statistics 1962 - 65

Live Births

Year	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		Total	Rate per 1,000 of the		
	Male	Female	Male	Female		<u>Estimated Resident Population</u>		
						<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>& Wales</u>
1962	81	85	7	7	180	15.0	16.2	18.0
1963	97	87	4	0	188	16.3	20.5	18.2
1964	92	94	6	1	193	16.5	20.8	18.4
1965	95	89	4	4	192	15.7	18.7	18.0

The adjusted birth rate, is the crude rate multiplied by the area comparability factor, which adjusts the age and sex distribution of the population to correspond with those of England and Wales. The same applies to the adjusted death rate.

Stillbirths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and	
				<u>stillbirths</u>	
				<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1962	2	1	3	17.7	18.1
1963	0	1	1	5.4	17.3
1964	1	1	2	10.2	16.4
1965	3	1	4	20.4	15.7

Deaths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 of the		
				<u>Estimated Resident Population</u>		England & Wales
				<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	
				Crude		
1962	88	108	196	15.9	11.1	11.9
1963	78	102	180	15.9	10.0	12.2
1964	86	112	198	16.8	10.6	11.3
1965	96	138	234	19.2	9.8	11.9

	<u>Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births</u>		<u>Death Rate under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 total live births</u>		<u>Death Rate of infants under one week of age & stillbirths per 1,000 total live & still births</u>	
	<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1962	24.1	21.6	12.05	15.1	23.7	30.8
1963	27.2	20.9	10.9	14.2	10.9	12.1
1964	5.2	20.0	5.2	13.8	5.2	28.2
1965	26.0	19.0	20.8	13.0	40.8	26.9

CLEVEDON - 1965

CAUSES OF DEATH

	SEX	Total All ages	Under 4 4 weeks	4 wks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+
Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	9	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	3	2
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	6
Diabetes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9
	F	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	5	33
Coronary disease, angina	M	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	8	14
	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	14
Hypertension with heart disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other heart disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	16
Other circulatory disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
Pneumonia	M	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Bronchitis	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
	F	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total all causes	M	96	2	1	-	-	1	1	2	6	9	23	51
	F	138	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	7	25	100

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>
Measles	41
Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever)	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	3
Whooping cough	18
Food poisoning	3
Tuberculosis - respiratory	1

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in Clevedon are supplied by mains water from the Bristol Waterworks Company. The water has been satisfactory in quality and quantity and no form of contamination has been detected.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Whilst sewage from Clevedon is still discharged, untreated, into the Bristol Channel, much work has been done in forwarding the Yeo Valley Main Drainage Scheme, in which it is hoped to have a full treatment disposal works. The works will be sited at Kingston Seymour and detailed plans of the Clevedon sewers have been made. Difficulties have arisen over the size of the works, because of lack of agreement on population growth between Clevedon and the Planning Authority.

Provided no delays are encountered in obtaining ministerial approval and loan sanction, and no further delays by a credit squeeze or public inquiries, it seems probable that a fully integrated sewerage and sewage disposal system could be in operation in two to three years time.

Work was carried out during the year in the West End. 780 feet of defective trunk sewer was replaced from the rear of Westbourne Crescent to the new southern ring road; a new 12 inch public sewer was constructed from Tennyson Avenue to connect with the above, allowing for the abandonment of 1,000 feet of defective public sewer.

Provision was made for a new public sewer for the north western side of the urban district to connect with the new trunk sewer first mentioned, to replace the existing outfalls between Ladye Bay and Pier beach.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is removed weekly, in two vehicles and tipped at Clapton Wick. Trade refuse from shops is collected weekly at a charge of 24/- per annum. A large proportion of business premises use this service.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Cesspools are emptied free of charge twice per year. If additional visits are necessary, then the owner is charged in accordance with the time involved.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>			<u>Agricultural</u>	
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. council houses)	All other (including business premises)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	14	3894	702	4610	33
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	4	63	6	73	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by					
Common rat					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	4	42	3	49	2
Ship rat					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House mouse					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	21	3	24	-
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	24	91	6	121	4

One formal notice under Section 4 of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act was served during the year, requiring treatment against rats at an agricultural premises.

No legal proceedings were taken.

No "Block Survey Schemes" have been carried out.

In addition to figures given above, surveys and treatments as required are carried out at the fore-shore, public open spaces, and river banks.

Since the Council employed the services of a contractor to carry out rodent control, the number of complaints received by the department is slowly falling. It should, however, be noted that a good proportion of business premises in the district have entered into private agreements with the contractor. This accounts for the very few premises treated by the Contractor on behalf of the Council.

HOUSING

Number of houses demolished or closed

(a) under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 4
(individual unfits)

(b) for other purposes (road improvements) etc. 3

Number of houses made fit during year 37

Houses in multiple occupation (Housing Act, 1961):

Owners of these properties are encouraged to convert to self-contained flats with the help of improvement grants. This is proceeding satisfactorily and several schemes are in hand at the moment.

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection		Gained from conversion of	Lost from conversion
	For Slum Clearance	For other purposes	For Slum Clearance	For other purposes	large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings	of two or more houses to one
Local Authority	0	0	0	19	1	0
Private Enterprise	0	224	0	not known	19	0

Number of Post-war houses erected from 1st April 1945 to 31st December 1965:

By local authority - 333 By private enterprise - 918

Housing programme 1966 - 71 units of accommodation including 20 old people's dwellings.

(a) Number of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Prefabs - 22
(ii) Huts - 0

(b) Number of houses found overcrowded - 0

Houses required:

- (i) To replace houses scheduled for demolition - 0
- (ii) To abate overcrowding - 0
- (iii) For other purposes - see section IV
- (iv) Applications for council houses at end of year -

- (a) Urgent bona fide cases - 117
- (b) Applications for Old People's Dwellings - 126
- (c) Others - nil

243

(v) Total number of council houses sold during the year - nil

No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.64	Gained from conversions and erected during 1965	Total	Less houses demolished, closed etc. during year	No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.65
Local Authority	470	1	471	0
Private	3396	243	3639	9
Enterprise				
Totals	3866	244	4110	9
				4101

OLD PEOPLE'S DWELLINGS

Number erected to 31.12.65		Number in course of erection	
With County Council Aid	Without County Council Aid	With County Council Aid	Without County Council Aid
20 plus Wardens' bungalows	---	18 plus warden's flat & communal lounge	---

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A. Discretionary

Number of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority during year:

Received		Approved	
Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
15	20	15	20

Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers during year - 11

Average cost per dwelling approved during year - £926

Amount of grant payable by local authority - £7,118

B. Standard

1. Number of applications (a) Received - 18
(b) Approved - 17
2. Number of houses where Standard amenities have been provided - 10

Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers during year - 10

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
(a) Number of single caravans licensed	-	-
(b) Number of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	3	-
(c) Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	80	-
(d) Number of sites closed as a result of above Act	-	-
(e) Camping sites - number of unlicensed sites in use	-	-

FOOD

MILK

- (a) Number of Registered Distributors - 22
- (b) Number of Registered Dairy Premises (other than Dairy Farms) - 4

ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered for retail only - 37

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

46 visits were made to food premises in the course of the year.
No legal proceedings were taken.

THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS (PREVENTION OF CRUELTY) REGULATIONS

The premises comply with regulations. Pre-mortem inspection of animals and lairage is carried out regularly.

THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES (Hygiene) Regulations

Premises are inspected nearly every day during visits for meat inspection. Contraventions are dealt with informally.

Slaughterhouses Act

	<u>Licensed</u>	<u>Operating</u>
(a) Slaughterhouses owned or leased by L.A.	1	1
(b) Private slaughterhouses	Nil	Nil
(c) Number of private slaughterhouses brought up to standard required	nil	nil
(d) Bacon factories	nil	nil

THE MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1963

Qualified staff employed, part-time - 2

Total carcasses inspected	1962	9,148
	1963	11,112
	1964	7,877
	1965	8,941

<u>Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during year:</u>						
	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	512	138	1910	2486	3895	-
Number inspected	512	138	1910	2486	3895	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	14	15	9	7	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	27	22	11	31	162	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.20	24.6	1.42	1.39	4.32	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.2	-	-	-	0.08	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Weight of Meat condemned (in lbs.) for :</u>						
(a) Tuberculosis	27	-	-	-	30	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	463	7944	698	682	2059	-
Total (in lbs.) condemned	490	7944	698	682	2059	-

PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED

Number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955,
(Ice-cream, manufactured meat products, etc.) - 1

AGRICULTURAL (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

A complete survey of premises was made in 1962. No re-visits were made in 1965.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Number of premises registered under Act - 183. 22 premises have been visited, so far.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Number licensed - 2

Inspections are carried out by local authority staff with the assistance of a veterinary surgeon if thought necessary.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

The marine lake is owned by the Council and is filled with sea water. No form of water purification is used.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

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

<u>Part I of the Act</u>					
Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	-	-	-	-	
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority	48	17	3	-	
(iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	10	11 *	-	-	
Total	58	28	3	-	

* Excluding 315 visits to slaughterhouse for meat inspection purposes.

2. No defects of cleanliness, overcrowding, unreasonable temperature, inadequate ventilation or ineffective drainage of floors, were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	1	1	-	1	-
Total	5	4	-	3	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) - Nil

