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COCKERMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Annual Report

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

ANTONY HARGREAVES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

FOR THE YEAR 1968

Together with the Summary of Work
of the Public Health Inspector



Urban District Council of
Cockermouth

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
COCKERMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my third annual report as Medical Officer of Health to the Cockermouth Urban District Council.

My appointment is a combined one held also with the Keswick Urban District Council, the Cockermouth Rural District Council and the Cumberland County Council.

The population of Cockermouth is steadily increasing. The birth rate, however, continues to be slightly below the national average and the death rate slightly above the national average, as will be seen from the figures quoted below.

	B	(BR)	D	(DR)	Population
1964	94	15.6	77	12.8	6,030
1965	98	16.0	90	14.8	6,080
1966	106	17.3	85	13.8	6,140
1967	113	18.1	61	9.8	6,240
1968	106	16.6	80	12.6	6,370
1964-8	(517)	16.8	(393)	12.7	(30,860)
England and Wales					
1964-8	—	17.6	—	11.5	—

We therefore must conclude that the population of Cockermouth is gradually ageing.

The town was visited with dysentery during the early part of the year — some 203 cases being notified. “Visited” is perhaps not only a somewhat medieval term but also strictly inaccurate, as dysentery is unfortunately an endemic disease in England and Wales — only too prone to flare up into epidemic proportions when our generally poor standard of hygiene becomes even more abominable than usual. One can only emphasise yet again the necessity for scrupulous personal hygiene on the part of each and every one of us — if we ever achieve this happy situation, diseases of this kind will become unknown.

The community also experienced the biennial outburst of measles in the last three months of the year. One hopes that the newly introduced measles vaccine will shortly put paid to this phenomenon.

I am still convinced that there is a real need for more council housing in this town -- unfortunately the economic rent of new housing would appear to be beyond the means of many would-be tenants.

The second part of this report has been prepared by Mr. Simpson, and shows the work undertaken and being carried out by his department during the year. I would record my appreciation of the co-operation and help which I have received from him at all times.

I would like to express my thanks for the invaluable assistance given to myself by Mrs. K. Nairn of the Health Department, and for the help given me by the Clerk and his staff, and for the kindness and helpfulness shown to me by the members of the Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentleman,

Your Obedient Servant,

ANTONY HARGREAVES,

Medical Officer of Health.

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STAFF OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health :

A. HARGREAVES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

COCKERMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area : Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,040
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1968)								6,370
Number of inhabited houses (end 1968) according to Rate Books								2,328
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1968	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	201,721
Sum represented by Penny Rate (1/4/68 — 31/3/69)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£800 17 11

POPULATION

The population figure of 6,370 is given for the year 1968 by the Registrar General and called by him the "Home Population." On this figure the birth and death rates and the incidence of notifiable diseases are based.

The population figure for 1967 was 6,240.

CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS

Cockermouth is an old market town (its Royal Charter having been granted in the year 1221). For many years Saw-Mills, Building Contractors, a Brewery and the Railway (now closed) have employed a considerable number of persons (mainly male) and between 1939 and 1951 five new works of employment were commenced; one of these, a Blood Manure factory, has ceased; the other four are made up of a Shoe and Slipper factory, a Clothing factory, a light engineering works and a Precast Concrete works, employing altogether 1,100 persons including a large number of female labour, particularly at the two first-named, which also have workers from outside the Urban area. There are as well of course, those individuals absorbed by the usual businesses and trades of a small country town. A few find employment about the large cattle Mart, whilst a few are engaged in agriculture, and in coal mines, quarries and steelworks outside the district.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

The Tables of vital statistics are set out in the following pages.

The crude birth and death rates are corrected by means of an Area Comparability Factor supplied each year by the Registrar General. They allow for varying age and sex distribution of the population in different areas and enable comparisons to be made with figures for other areas.

This year the factor for births is 1.00 and for deaths 1.09.

The total live births was 106. This gives a birth rate of 16.6 per thousand of the population, compared with 113—18.1 per thousand of the population in 1967. Illegitimate live births in 1968 numbered 1 (0.9% of all live births).

There were no still births during the year; and only one death among infants under one year of age as a result of Congenital Maldevelopment. This caused an infant mortality rate of 9.4 per thousand live births. The perinatal mortality rate was also 9.4 per thousand live and still births.

The number of deaths at all ages was 80, giving a death rate of 12.6 (13.2 corrected) per thousand of population, compared with 9.8 (9.2 corrected) for 1967.

There were no maternal deaths during the year, nor any deaths from tuberculosis.

Cancer deaths during 1968 were 19. The cancer death rate per thousand of population was 3 (1967—2). Approximately one death in four was due to cancer.

Senile deaths (deaths occurring over age 65) were 58—72.5% of all deaths. (62% in 1967).

There were 2 deaths from violence in 1968 (3 in 1967) — one was accidental, and one by suicide.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population of the Urban District is 6,370.

LIVE BIRTHS :—

		Males	Females	Total	Grand Total	Rate per 1000 pop. Uncor.	Rate per 1000 pop. Cor.
1963	Legitimate	40	47	87			
	Illegitimate	4	1	5	92	15.5	15.5
1964	Legitimate	38	48	86			
	Illegitimate	7	1	8	94	15.6	15.6
1965	Legitimate	47	40	87			
	Illegitimate	6	5	11	98	16.0	16.0
1966	Legitimate	47	56	103			
	Illegitimate	1	2	3	106	17.3	17.3
1967	Legitimate	60	48	108			
	Illegitimate	1	4	5	113	18.1	19.0
1968	Legitimate	56	49	105			
	Illegitimate	—	1	1	106	16.6	16.6

STILL BIRTHS :—

		Males	Females	Total	Grand Total	Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births
1963	Legitimate	0	1	1		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	10.7
1964	Legitimate	1	0	1		
	Illegitimate	0	1	1	2	20.8
1965	Legitimate	2	2	4		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	4	39.2
1966	Legitimate	0	3	3		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	3	27.5
1967	Legitimate	0	1	1		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	9.0
1968	Legitimate	0	0	0		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0

DEATHS :—

Year	Males	Females	Total	Rate per 1000 pop. Uncorrected	Rate per 1000 pop. Corrected
1963	40	30	70	11.7	12.7
1964	38	39	77	12.8	13.9
1965	52	38	90	14.8	15.0
1966	41	44	85	13.8	14.9
1967	30	31	61	9.8	9.2
1968	41	39	80	12.6	13.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY :—

Year	Deaths	Rate per-1000 (live & still births)
1963	0	—
1964	0	—
1965	0	—
1966	0	—
1967	0	—
1968	0	—

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES :—

Year	Deaths of Infants under 1 year	All Infants per 1000 live births	Legitimate Infants per 1000 live Legitimate Births	Illegitimate Infants per 1000 live Illegitimate Births
1963	0	—	—	—
1964	2	21.3	23.3	—
1965	0	—	—	—
1966	3	22.3	9.7	667.0
1967	3	26.6	27.7	—
1968	1	9.4	9.4	—

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATES :—

Year	Still births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week	Rate per 1000 live and still births
1963	1	10.8
1964	4	41.7
1965	4	39.2
1966	3	27.5
1967	3	26.3
1968	1	9.4

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RATES (Uncorrected) :—

BIRTH RATE

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
England and Wales	18.2	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.9 (corr.)
County of Cumberland	17.7	18.4	17.4	16.3	16.0	15.1
Urban Districts of Cumberland	16.8	18.8	18.2	16.8	17.0	15.8
Cockermouth Urban	15.5	15.6	16.0	17.3	18.1	16.6

DEATH RATE

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
England and Wales	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9
County of Cumberland	12.5	11.8	12.0	12.3	11.3	12.4
Urban Districts of Cumberland	11.7	11.5	12.3	12.2	11.4	12.7
Cockermouth Urban	11.7	12.8	14.8	13.8	9.8	12.6

INFANTILE MORTALITY

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
England and Wales	20.9	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0
County of Cumberland	22.0	18.3	16.9	21.0	16.9	19.4
Urban Districts of Cumberland	15.0	20.5	11.5	21.7	16.3	16.7
Cockermouth Urban	0.0	21.2	0.0	28.3	27.0	9.4

CAUSES OF DEATHS, 1968

Causes of Death					Males	Females
	All Causes	41	39
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	0	0
2. Tuberculosis, Other	0	0
3. Syphilitic Disease	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0
6. Meningo-coccal Infections	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8. Measles	0	0
9. Other infective and Parasitic diseases	0	0
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1
14. Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	6
15. Diabetes	1	1
16. Anaemia	1	0
17. Cerebrovascular Disease	6	3
18. Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	12
19. Hypertensive Disease	2	0
20. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	0	1
21. Other circulatory disease	2	1
22. Influenza	0	2
23. Pneumonia	0	3
24. Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1
25. Other Diseases of the Respiratory system	0	0
26. Peptic Ulcer	0	0
27. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	0	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	0
30. Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	0
31. Congenital malformations	0	0
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	0	0
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
34. All other accidents	0	1
35. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	0
36. Homicide and operations of war	0	0

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths under 1 year showing varying causes and ages

Cause of Death		Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Congenital											
Maldevelopment	M		1			1					1
	F										
			—			—					—
	Total		1			1					1

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Site of Cancer	Males	Females	Totals
Bronchus	2	0	2
Lung	1	1	2
Stomach	0	1	1
Pancreas	1	0	1
Colon	1	2	3
Rectum	0	2	2
Breast	0	3	3
Ovary	0	2	2
Uterus	0	1	1
Prostate	1	0	1
Unknown	1	0	1
	—	—	—
	7	12	19
	—	—	—

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

(a) STAFF

The appointment of Dr. A. Hargreaves as Medical Officer of Health for the area commenced on the 1st September, 1966.

(b) LABORATORY SERVICES

All microbiological work is carried out in the Carlisle Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service. I am most grateful to Dr. D. G. Davies, the Director of the Laboratory, for his help during the year.

(c) LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

Medical services provided under Part III of the National Health Services Act, and Welfare Services provided under the National Assistance Act are the responsibility of the Cumberland County Council. Information about these services, including the provision of Home Helps, Immunisation Services, Accommodation for the Physically Handicapped, assistance for the Unmarried Mother, assistance and advice in connection with Family Planning, Accommodation for the Aged, may be obtained from the Area Health Office, Stoneleigh, Park End Road, Workington.

Home Nursing and Maternity Services are now an integral part of the Family Doctor Service, together with the Health Visiting Service, and enquiries should accordingly be addressed to the Family Practitioners. The local clinic is at Harford House, Cockermouth. The times, places and services are as follows:—

Cockermouth	Child Welfare — Mondays 2-00 p.m.
	School Clinic — By appointment.
	Dental Clinic — By appointment.
	Speech Therapy — By appointment.

The services include specialist advice on the assessment and correction of vision and hearing defects.

A scheme for the screening of women for the prevention of cancer of the neck of the womb is in operation — one session each week at Cockermouth, on Tuesdays at 2-00 p.m. by appointment.

Immunisation procedures are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinics and at schools by arrangement, including B.C.G. vaccination.

(d) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No enforcement action was taken during the year to secure proper care and attention for the elderly and chronic sick.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of cases of Infectious Disease notified in 1968 was 270.

There were 2 cases of Tuberculosis notified, but no deaths from this disease.

One case of Puerperal pyrexia was notified.

IMMUNISATION

SMALLPOX

Age when vaccinated or re-vaccinated	Number Vaccinated	Number Re-vaccinated
Under 1 year	1	—
1 year—23 months	47	—
2 — 4 years	8	—
5 —14 years	3	—
15 or over	—	—
	—	—
	59	—
	—	—

Statistics relating to smallpox vaccination complications have shown that the safest age at which to perform this process is around two years.

DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/WHOOPING COUGH

The figures in the table show the number of triple antigen immunisations performed during the year, both primary courses and booster doses.

In all, 90 children completed a primary course and 155 had booster doses.

Children over five do not have the whooping cough component.

POLIOMYELITIS

103 people received a primary course of oral vaccine in 1968, of which 97 were children under the age of five.

MEASLES

164 children received measles vaccination in 1968. This consisted of one dose of living attenuated virus by injection.

B.C.G. TUBERCULOSIS

Mantoux Testing and B.C.G. vaccination was continued in 1968, the age groups concerned being those born in 1955 plus a few older ones not previously tested.

Of 133 children attending schools in Cockermouth who were tested 20 proved to be positive reactors, who had not previously been vaccinated.

CASES ON THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	Males	Females	Totals
Pulmonary	4	10	14
Non Pulmonary	2	0	2
	—	—	—
Totals	6	10	16
	—	—	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION UNDERTAKEN DURING 1968

Year of Birth	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	Total
Primary	27	57	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	90
Booster	—	26	34	4	4	20	46	1	3	12	5	—	—	155

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Numbers Vaccinated during 1968

Year of Birth	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	Total
Primary Course	20	69	7	1	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	103
Booster	—	1	4	—	2	20	55	4	2	—	—	—	—	88

MANTOUX TESTING AND B.C.G. VACCINATION

Children born 1955

No. Eligible for Tests	No. Mantoux Tested	Positive	Negative	No. given B.C.G. vaccination	Positive but known to have had B.C.G.	Positive and Unsatisfactory X-Ray Chest
183	133	25	108	108	5	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION, 1968

Total Cases	Age Distribution						Monthly Incidence of Disease						Deaths of Cases							
	Under 1 year	1—2 years	3—4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 and over	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Scarlet Fever																				
Whooping Cough																				
Acute Poliomyelitis																				
Paralytic																				
Non-Paralytic	65	2	10	18	33	2		1		1				27	4	4	32			
Measles																				
Diphtheria																				
Acute Pneumonia																				
Dysentery	203	10	22	24	62	24	12	49		67	76	49	7	2						
Smallpox																				
Acute Encephalitis																				
Infective																				
Post-Infectious																				
Enteric or Typhoid																				
Fever																				
Erysipelas																				
Meningococcal																				
Infection																				
Food Poisoning																				
Puerperal Pyrexia																				
Ophthalmia																				
Neonatorum																				
Tuberculosis																				
Respiratory	2																			
Meninges																				
and C.N.S.																				
Other forms																				
Totals	270	12	32	42	95	26	13	50		2	67	76	50	7	3	2	27	4	32	0

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR
W. R. SIMPSON, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., A.M.I.P.H.E.
For the Year 1968.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my third annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

The year has been a memorable one from the public health point of view as the Council saw fit to appoint Mr. G. J. Nagle as assistant Public Health Inspector and Surveyor. This appointment is very welcome as it enables us to carry out the large amount of public health work which has never been satisfactorily enforced. During the latter half of this year a comprehensive survey of shops and offices has been begun under the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960 and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. This initial survey has shown that apart from very few and notable exceptions the hygienic standards of food premises in the urban area fall far below those standards required by legislation and can only be described as unsatisfactory. It is anticipated that next year will show an improvement in these standards. The enforcement of these hygienic standards has met a large amount of opposition in the town and it is assumed that this is due to the fact that the present work in this field represents a new and unwelcome intrusion into a hitherto neglected area of work.

I wish to record my appreciation of the help and co-operation given to me by Dr. A. Hargreaves, the Clerk and his staff, Mr. G. J. Nagle, Mrs. K. Nairn and my foreman Mr. C. Wilson.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. SIMPSON,

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

WATER SUPPLY

The following information has been kindly supplied by Mr. C. P. Coates, B.Sc. (Tech.), M.I.C.E., M.I.W.E., Water Engineer to the West Cumberland Water Board, who are responsible for water supplies to the area. I am indebted to Mr. Coates for his assistance in compiling this part of the Report.

Water which is supplied in the area of the Cockermouth Urban District comes from Crummock Water via a 15 inch diameter cast iron trunk main. The water is delivered by gravity into the Moor Reservoir which has a capacity of 300,000 gallons and is situated at an elevation of 265 feet above ordnance datum. From this reservoir a proportion of the water is pumped to the Sunscles Service Reservoir with a capacity of 60,000 gallons at an elevation of 350 feet and which supplies the higher parts of town.

Both service reservoirs are covered.

At present the water is treated at Lorton where lime is added to reduce the acidity of the water and the water is chlorinated to kill any bacteria which may be present. A new Treatment Works is at present under construction near Cornhow Farm, which is about one mile north of Crummock Water, it is anticipated that these works will be in operation in the spring of 1969. The water is very soft and has an action on iron and steel pipes.

During 1968 the average consumption in the town was 318,000 gallons per day.

Regular bacteriological analysis of the water were carried out, the results being of excellent quality.

The results of samples taken for bacteriological analysis are given below :—

Month	No. of samples taken	Classification	
		Excellent	Unsatisfactory
January	—	—	—
February	2	2	—
March	2	2	—
April	2	2	—
May	4	4	—
June	2	2	—
July	2	2	—
August	—	—	—
September	—	—	—
October	2	2	—
November	2	2	—
December	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	18	18	—
	—	—	—

RAINFALL

1968						inches of rain
January	...	...	...	...	...	3.82
February	...	...	...	...	...	2.08
March	...	...	...	...	...	4.37
April	...	...	...	...	...	3.19
May	...	..	...	...	...	2.59
June	...	...	...	...	...	2.09
July	...	...	...	...	...	4.07
August	...	...	...	...	...	2.77
September	...	...	...	...	...	8.05
October	...	...	...	...	...	5.82
November	...	...	...	...	...	4.90
December	...	...	...	...	...	2.71
Totals						46.46

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewage disposal works continued to operate and results were achieved which satisfied the requirements of the Ministry of Health for the discharge of sewage effluents into watercourses.

The sewage disposal works continue to be overloaded and it is now known that the settlement tank is no longer operating as such but appears to be operating as a form of septic tank. The overloading of the works by surface water has now rendered the syphons inefficient and the filter beds require renewing. Money was made available for the renewal of the filter media this year but this money had to be spent in the cleaning of the sewer which lies below the Bitter Beck.

Occasional flooding of the River Derwent causes the outlet level to rise above the humus tanks and flood the filter beds.

It is obvious that consideration will have to be given to major improvements in the early future.

With the exception of 44 houses and a caravan site which have private sewage disposal facilities, all properties in the district are connected to the public sewers.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

There is a weekly collection of both domestic and trade refuse from all parts of the town. The refuse is collected by a kerbside bin collection, but in view of the report of the working party, appointed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, on refuse collection the kerbside collection must be regarded as a bad system of collection and the Council should once again give serious thought to adoption of some other system as soon as practicable. The paper sack system is recommended.

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping at the Lorton Road tip and was carried out satisfactorily, although the life of the tip is now measured in months. The Council will have to find alternative tipping space in the immediate future and it is recommended that an approach should be made to the Cockermouth Rural District Council with a view to the use of the Papcastle tip.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

There are 54 factories in the area as follows :—

Business	Powered	Non-Powered
Engineering	2	
Shoe Manufacturing	2	
Clothing Manufacturing	1	
Baking	4	3
Joinery	6	
Joinery and Sawmilling	4	
Concrete Products	1	
Printing	2	
Gas Storage	1	
Brewing	1	
Motor Vehicle Repairs	11	1
Agricultural Machinery Repairs	3	
Panel Beating	1	
Slaughterhouses	1	1
Building Sites	4	
Water Filtration	1	
Monumental Masons	1	
Grist Crushing	1	
Egg Grading	1	
Fruit Machine Repairs	1	

The following table shows the position under the Factories Acts, 1937 to 1961, in this district at the end of 1968 :—

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	4	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	2	0	0
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	2	0	0
Total	52	8	0	0

Number of cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	1	—

(NOTE—Section 1 refers to cleanliness; 2 to overcrowding; 3 to temperature; 4 to ventilation; 6 to drainage of floors; 7 to sanitary conveniences).

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

297 visits were made to 104 premises for the treatment of rodent infestation. Two of these infestations were for mice. The techniques of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food were employed and the poisons used were Warfarin and Zinc Phosphide.

FOOD

Apart from Slaughterhouses, 270 visits were made to various food premises.

Inspection of foodstuffs resulted in the following foods being condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

- 3 — 13 lb. 1 oz. tins Boneless Ham.
- 1 — Shoulder Bacon.
- 7 — 11 lb. tins Cooked Ham.
- 2 — 12 lb. tins Cooked Ham.
- 3 — 4 lb. Chickens.
- 4 — 7 lb. 1 oz. tins Grapefruit Segments.

SERVICES UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Milk Supplies — *Brucella Abortus*.

3 samples of raw milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. No positive samples were found.

Ice Cream Samples.

4 samples of ice cream manufactured in the town were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination.

The results are as follows :—

Sample	Type of ice cream	Methylene Blue Test Grade	Result
1/68	Heat Treated	4	Fail
2/68	Complete Cold Mix	2	Fail
3/68	Heat Treated	4	Fail
4/68	Complete Cold Mix	4	Fail

Follow up action on the poor samples was taken.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

No. of Food Premises	76	
No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (Provision of wash hand basin)	15	This figure is estimated and will be subject to detailed inspection next year
No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies (Provision of sinks)	68	
No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 (Provision of sinks)	65	

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is one private licensed slaughterhouse in the area and one public abattoir operated by Mitchell's Auction Co. Ltd. Both slaughterhouses continued to operate satisfactorily. The private slaughterhouse has not been used at all during the year, the owners relying upon the public abattoir in Lorton Street.

The accommodation at the public abattoir in Lorton Street comprises two large off loading bays for the delivery of animals, Lairage, Slaughterhall, Cooling and Hanging Hall, Suspect Holding Bay, Hide and Skin Room, Gut Room, Mess Room, Wash Room with W.C., shower and changing facilities, Office and two separate out loading bays, one for fresh meat and one for hides, skins and waste products.

Although provision has been made for the future installation of a pig dehairing machine and a refrigerated Cold Room, this work has not yet been carried out.

426 visits were made to the Slaughterhouses for meat inspection purposes.

SUMMARY OF SLAUGHTERING, 1968

	Bulls	Bullocks	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Total number inspected	0	444	47	341	12	3496	1143
Total number killed	0	444	47	341	12	3496	1143
(a) All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticercus Bovis							
(1) Whole carcasses condemned	0	1	2	0	2	9	0
(2) Part carcasses or organs condemned	0	120	17	68	0	185	58
(3) Percentage affected with diseases other than T.B. and C. Bovis	0	27.02	40.42	19.64	16.66	5.29	5.07
(b) Tuberculosis only							
(1) Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Part carcasses or organs condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
(3) Percentage affected with T.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.43
(c) Cysticercus Bovis only							
(1) Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Whole carcasses consigned to cold store	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(3) Part carcasses or organs condemned	0	10	0	12	0	0	0
(4) Percentage affected with C. Bovis	0	2.25	0	3.52	0	0	0

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION

BULLOCKS :	Cirrhosis of Liver	100	
	Abcess of Liver	15	
	Abscess of Lungs	2	
	Actinobacillosis of Head and Tongue	2	
	Cysticercus Bovis — Heart and Diaphragm	5	
	Cysticercus Bovis — Head and Tongue	5	
	Bone Taint	1	
COWS :	Cirrhosis of Liver	8	
	Abscess of Liver	4	
	Telangectasis of Liver	3	
	Pyæmia	1	
	Oedema and Emaciation	1	
HEIFERS :	Cirrhosis of Liver	56	
	Abscess of Liver	11	
	Actinobacillosis of Head and Tongue	1	
	Cysticercus Bovis — Head and Tongue	5	
	Cysticercus Bovis — Heart and Diaphragm	7	
CALVES :	Faecal Calf	2	
	Ascaris Lumbricoides in Liver	5	
PIGS .	Tuberculosis of Head	5	
	Peritonitis of Liver	1	
	Abscess of Liver	2	
	Hydatid Cyst of Liver	16	
	Pyæmia	1	
	Pleurosy, Pericarditis and Perintonitis of Pluck	21	
	Pleurosy and Pericarditis of Heart and Lungs	6	
	Swine Erisipelas	1	
	Corini Bacterium Equi	5	
SHEEP :	Cirrhosis of Liver	174	
	Pyæmia	1	
	Emaciation and Oedema	5	
	Pleurosy, Pericarditis and Peritonitis of Pluck	2	
	Broken Foreleg	1	
	Broken Pelvis	1	
	Cysticercus Ovis — Heart	2	
	Luekaemia	1	

Total Weight of Condemned meat and offal : 5,250 lbs.

Three Slaughtermen are licensed in the district.

HOUSING

48 Private Houses were erected during the year.

During the past 24 years 589 Council and 456 Private houses have been built in the district.

HOUSING APPENDIX

STATISTICS

- 1 Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year :—
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) 12
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purposes 23
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925 & 1932) 0
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 0
 - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 5
 - (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 7
- 2 Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 6
- 3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—
 - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 29 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair 0
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners 0
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0
 - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 0
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) by Owners
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

(c) Proceedings under Section 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0
(e) Number of families rehoused from property previously closed	0

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

4 applications for Discretionary Grants were received and 4 were approved. In 7 cases the works were completed and Grants paid.

4 applications for Standard Grants were received and 4 were approved. In 3 cases the works were completed and Grants paid.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY OF VISITS, NOTICES, ETC., 1968

Complaints Received	51
Total Visits	2121
Informal Notices Served	12
Informal Notices Complied with	3
Works Outstanding	9

Nature of Visits or Inspection :—

Fair Stalls, etc.	54
Water Supply	2
Drainage	80
Stables and Piggeries	0
Offensive Trades	0
Petrol Installations	49
Pet Shops	2
Common Lodging Houses	2
Caravan Sites	2
Hairdressers and Barbers	2
Fried Fish Shops	15
Dangerous Buildings	11

Demolitions	8
Planning	153
Factories, Mechanical	2
Factories, Non-Mechanical	4
Workplaces	2
Outworkers	0
Bakehouses	1
Public Conveniences	40
Scrap Metal Dealers	2
Theatres and Places of Entertainment	0
Refuse Collection	41
Refuse Disposal	44
Pest Control	89
Smoke Observations	0
Schools	1
Shops	39
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	8
Lighting	134
Roads	157
Churches	0
Public Houses	11
Housing Sites — Council	0
Housing Sites — Private	20
Other Building Sites	16
Sewage Works	47
Sewerage	96
Car Parks	15
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	53

Under Public Health Acts :—

No. of Houses Inspected	5
Visits Paid to above Houses	5

Under Housing Acts :—

No. of Houses Inspected	9
Visits Paid to above Houses	18

Overcrowding :—

No. of Houses Inspected	0
Visits Paid to above Houses	0

Improvement Grants	26
Verminous Premises :—	
No. of Houses Inspected	7
Visits Paid to above Houses	16
Disinfested	1
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	14
Inquiries in Cases of Infectious Diseases	178
Visits re Disinfection	0
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	4
Inspection of Meat and Other Foods :—	
Visits to Slaughterhouses	426
Visits to Shops and Stalls	11
Visits to other Premises	0
Visits to :—	
Butchers	14
Fishmongers and Poulterers	7
Grocers	24
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	10
Cowsheds	0
Dairies and Milkshops	8
Ice-Cream Premises	9
Food Preparing Premises	22
Market Stalls	16
Restaurants	9
Canteens	3
Street Vendors and Hawkers' Carts	39
Wholesalers	4
Confectioners	17
Bakers	19
Licensed Premises	30
Visits in connection with Sampling :—	
Milk-Bacteriological	24
Ice-Cream	10
Water	0
Miscellaneous Food Visits	15

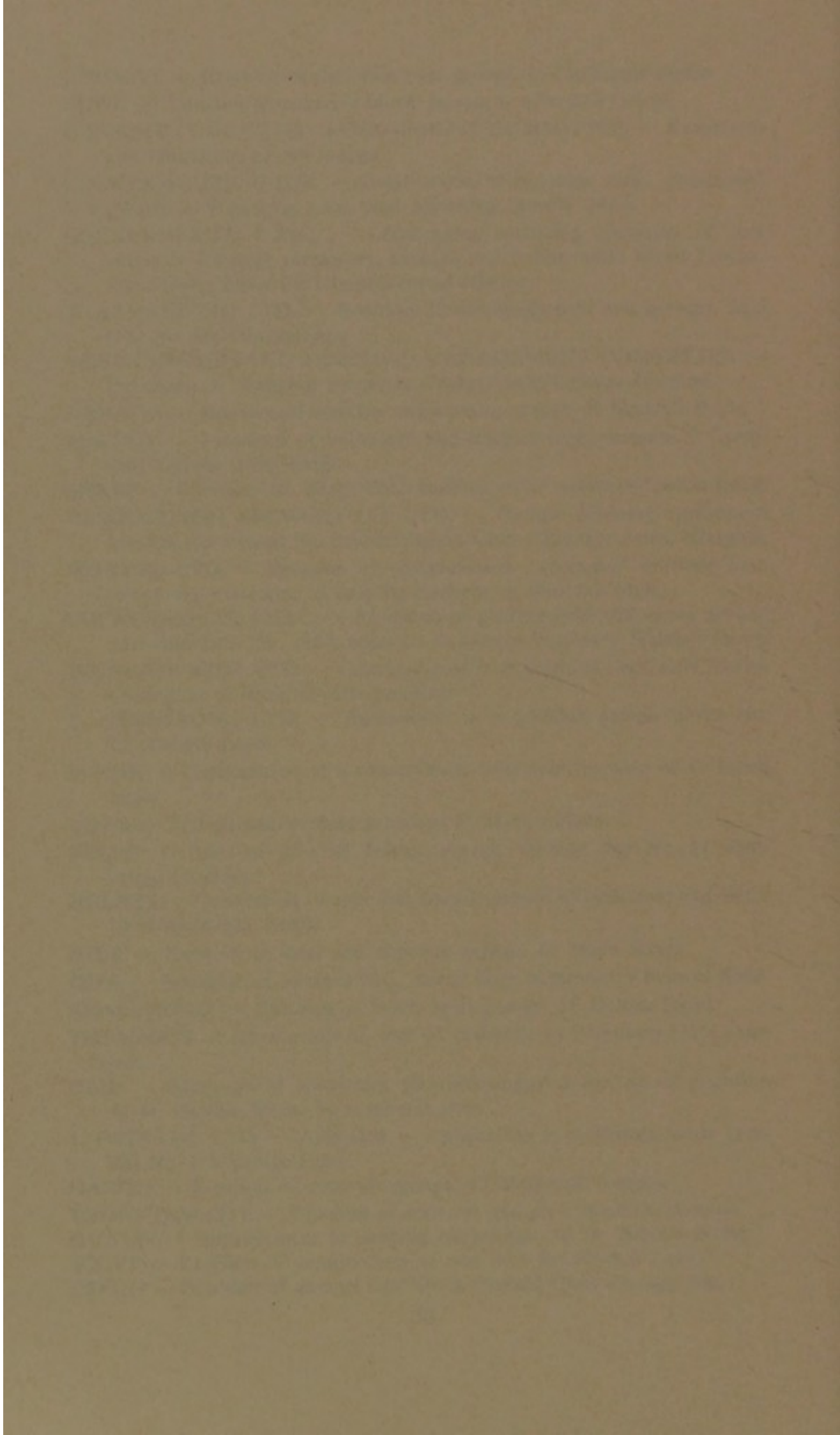
LIST OF BUILDING PLANS APPROVED, 1968

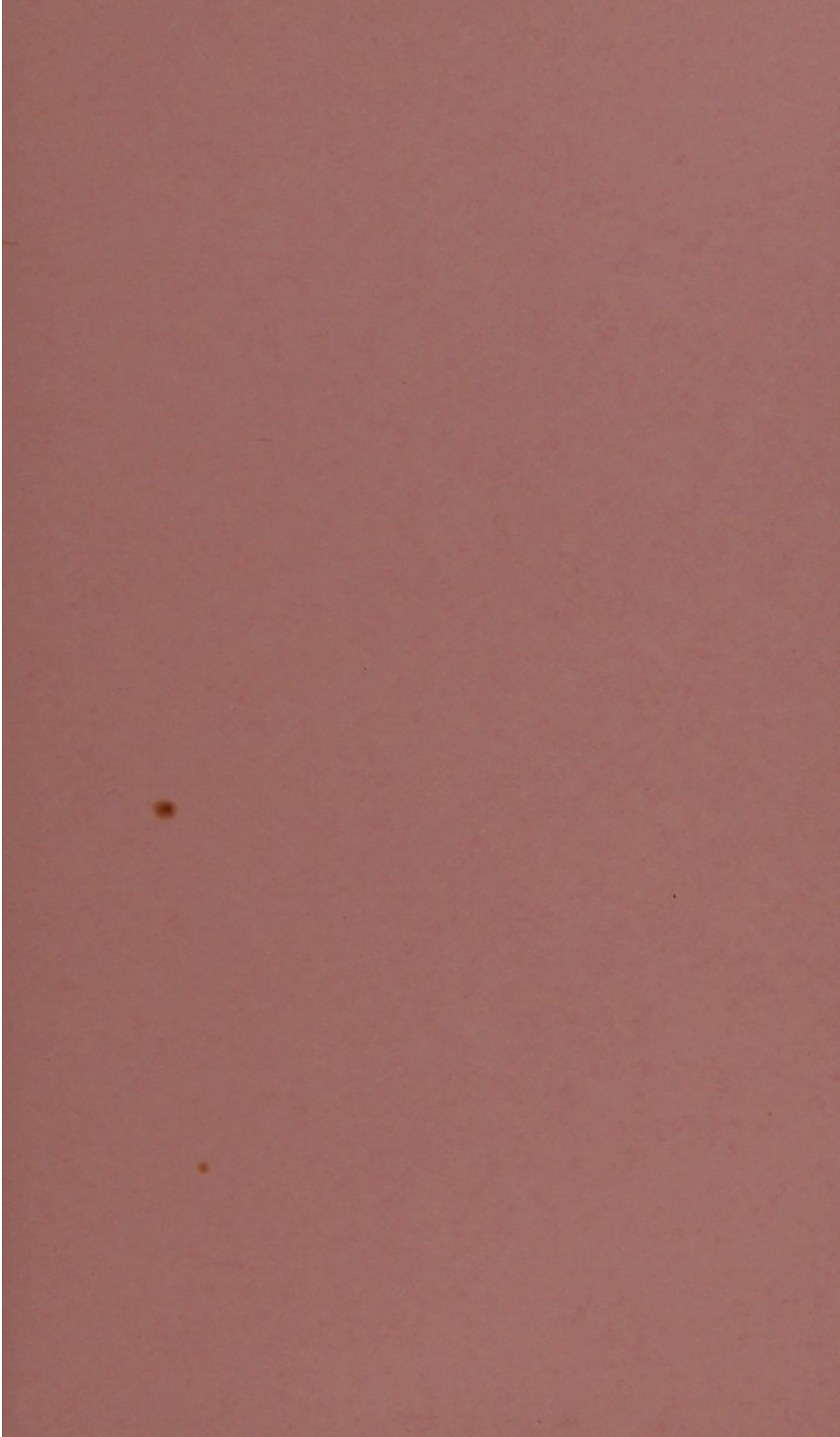
- VASSALLI — Erection of additional bathroom and double garage, 'Swinside', Lamplugh Road.
- FRENCH — Erection of private Garage, 11 Crown Street.
- JACKSON & BLISS — Provision of toilet and washing facilities, 3 Challoner Street.
- J. TWINAME LTD. — Amended — Erection 2 detached houses and 1 pair semi-detached houses, sites 71, 72/3, 69 and 70 Evening Hill Estate.
- TIMOTHY WHITES & TAYLORS — Installation of new shop front, 56-58 Main Street.
- CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL — Erection of temporary classroom at the Grammar School.
- COCKERMOUTH U.D.C. — Demolition of existing gents' toilet and erection of new gents' and ladies toilet block at Fairfield Car Park.
- LEE — Change of use from Builders' Merchant to a laundrette, Lorton Street.
- GRISDALE — Erection of reinforced concrete sectional garage, 3 Evening Hill Drive.
- WILKINSON — Erection of private garage, 1 Kirkfell Avenue.
- ABBOTT — Conversion of bedroom to bathroom and improvement of kitchen facilities, 5 Cromwell Terrace, Fitz Road.
- BULMAN — Erection of private garage, 5 Princes Road.
- PRAUS — Erection of private garage, 5 Lonsdale Terrace, Mayo Street.
- J. TWINAME LTD. — Erection of detached bungalow on site No. 74A Evening Hill Estate.
- CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL — Construction of a lay-by at Derwent School.
- CHAZAUD — Erection of conservatory, 12 Beech Lane.
- HALL — Erection of private garage, 4 Allerdale Grove.
- TAYLOR — Erection of private garage, 39 Kirkfell Avenue.
- DENHAM — Erection of 3 bedroom detached house and garage, Fitz Road.
- BARON, REV. T. V. — Erection of garage in yard of St. Joseph's Church and alteration and improvement to access to St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Crown Street.
- McMATH — Change of use of 59 Kirkgate to a dentist's surgery.
- NATIONAL UNION OF BOOT & SHOE OPERATIVES — Erection of new office premises, Lorton Street.
- MOFFAT — Erection of private garage on site No. 17 Pinfold Close Garage Site.
- CRAMNER — Extension to provide extra kitchen space at rear of 12, Brackenhill Lane.
- JACKSON — Internal improvements to dwellinghouse, 7 High Sand Lane.
- PENNINGTON — Erection of dwellinghouse and garage, Tweedmill Lane.
- FIDDLER — Erection of cedar wood conservatory, 5 Brackenhill Lane.
- WOOSEY — Extension to existing bedroom, 20 Parkside Avenue.

- JENKINSON — Demolition of outbuildings, provision of W.C. in existing bathroom and modernisation of existing kitchen, 3 Derby Villas, South Street.
- J. TWINAME LTD. — Amended — Erection of pair semi-detached houses, sites 74A and 74B Evening Hill Estate.
- TYSON — Change of use of part premises from dwellinghouse to Hairdresser's Salon, 21 Challoner Street.
- J. TWINAME LTD. — Erection of detached bungalow on land comprising part fields O.S. Nos. 181 and 176 Vicarage Lane.
- McMATH — Change of use of part 16 Challoner Street from a dwellinghouse to a dentist's surgery and waiting room.
- ORME — Alterations and improvements to Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 9 Cocker Lane to form two houses.
- BROWN — Extension of kitchen and bathroom, Elmhurst, Parkside Avenue.
- SKILLEN — Erection of detached garage at rear of 13 Melbreak Avenue.
- HARDING — Erection of detached garage, 38 Henry Street.
- ROBINSON — Erection of garage adjoining gable end of 1 Willow Lane.
- HILL — Erection of detached garage, 1 Castlegate Drive.
- PLATT — Alterations and kitchen extension at Kirkgate House.
- COCHRANE — Erection of garage, 6 Harrot Road.
- CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL — Erection of two terrapin classrooms at Derwent School.
- WILD, R. & SON — Structural alterations to garage facing Sullart Street.
- STEWART — Extensions to provide bathroom, 18 Challoner Street.
- BECKET — Internal alterations to shop, 98/100 Main Street.
- WALSH — Erection of conservatory at rear of 10 Briar Bank.
- LOWTHER — Provision of bathroom and kitchenette, 17 Challoner Street.
- BROWN — Erection of car port extension to garage, 26 Rose Lane.
- STUDHOLME — Renewal of temporary planning permission for lock-up shop, 11 Melbreak Avenue.
- J. TWINAME LTD. — Erection 1 pair semi-detached bungalows and 1 detached bungalow, sites Nos. 54, 55 and 53 Evening Hill Estate.
- WALKER BROS. LTD. — Amended — Erection of bungalow and garage, Tweedmill Lane.
- START — Erection of bungalow extension and garage at the Bungalow, field 14, Simonscales Lane.
- TOMLINSON — Renewal of temporary change of use of dwellinghouse to store, 1 High Sand Lane.
- DERWENT MANUFACTURING CO. — Change of use of former egg packing station at Station Road to manufacturing premises including sales and service departments.
- MARSH — Erection of asbestos garage at site No. 7, Pinfold Close Garage Site.
- STEAD — Conversion of bedroom to bathroom, 7A Castlegate.

- LINDSAY — Erection of detached steel garage, 10 Castlegate Drive.
- BOWE — Erection of concrete block garage, 8 Allerdale Grove.
- CONSERVATIVE CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE — Extensions and alterations to the lounge.
- COCKERMOUTH U.D.C. — Construction of riverside walk, ornamental gardens and parking area, land adjoining Market Street.
- COCKERMOUTH U.D.C. — Landscaping including provision of rear access to frontage properties, parking and public walk, Flood Prevention Works, Bitter Beck Improvement Scheme.
- T. ARMSTRONG LTD. — Erection 26 dwellinghouses and garages, field O.S. No. 69, Towers Lane.
- WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE — Extension to changing rooms at Cockermouth Cottage Hospital.
- KENNON — Erection of wooden and asbestos garage, 50 Slatefell Drive.
- McAVOY — Provision of bathroom and kitchen improvements, 7 Cromwell Terrace, Fitz Road.
- SHARP — Provision of indoor W.C. and hot water system, 8 Lorton Road.
- WORKINGTON BREWERY CO. LTD. — Outline planning application to alter and extend the British Legion Club, Skinners Arms, Kirkgate.
- MILLERS LTD. — Erection of prefabricated "Terrapin" building as a temporary extension to existing tearoom at Derwent Mills.
- COCKERMOUTH U.D.C. — Provision of playing field and sports ground part field O.S. No. 1464, adjacent to eastern boundary Slatefell Drive.
- JENNINGS BROS. LTD. — Conversion of front room of the Castle Vaults, Castlegate, to form off-sales premises.
- T. ARMSTRONG LTD. — Application to re-position garage at site No. 22, Towers Lane.
- IVISON — Construction of a conservatory over rear entrance of 11 Beech Lane.
- ROWE — Enlargement of shop premises, 15 Market Place.
- RELPH — Erection of steel framed garage, Garage Site No. 43, Bellbrigg Lonning.
- HOLMES — Conversion of rear first floor bedroom to bathroom and W.C., 14 Rubbybanks Road.
- HINE — Erection of steel and concrete garage, 14 Mayo Street.
- BELL — Provision of internal W.C. in first floor bathroom, 9 Princes Road.
- SMALLWOOD — Erection of brick built garage, 19 Dalton Street.
- THOMPSON — Conversion of part of bedroom to bathroom, 32 Crown Street.
- REID — Extension of temporary planning approval for use of premises, 41 St. Helen's Street, as a general store.
- J. TWINAME LTD. — Amended — Application to substitute house type, site No. 1, Vicarage Lane.
- DAVIES — Erection of concrete garage, 43 Melbreak Avenue.
- THORNTHWAITE — Erection of concrete garage, 6 Whinfell Avenue.
- HILTON — Improvement to existing workshops, 18 St. Helen's Street.
- SCOTT — Erection of conservatory at rear of 9 Brackenhill Lane.
- DIXON — Erection of garage, site No. 8, Pinfold Close Garage Site.







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