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COSFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

- including the -

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

- for the Year -

1971

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Municipal Offices,  
Belle Vue,  
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Sudbury,  
Suffolk, CO10 6RG

January, 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Cosford Rural District Council

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year 1971.

The statistics for your district show an increased birth rate (20 more babies, than last year), a reduced death rate ( 7 fewer deaths), although 5 of the deaths were unhappily in the age group 15-24 years); and a low incidence of notifiable infectious diseases.

To Councillor G.R.Armitage, the Chairman of the Council, to Councillor F.G.Gales, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all other Members of the Council, may I express my thanks for their consideration to me during the year.

I am grateful to Mr. C.A. Durrant, the Clerk to the Council, to Mr. J.D. Hackford, the Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector, and to all other Council Officials for their assistance to me.

Your Obedient Servant,

E. KINNEAR

Medical Officer of Health

Washington, D.C.  
Bellevue  
New York  
Boston  
Chicago

January, 1977

To the Chairman and Members of the  
National Board of Health

I have the honor to present the Annual Report of the Public Health  
Services for the year 1977.

The statistics for your district show an increased birth rate  
(50 more babies, than last year), a reduced death rate (7 fewer deaths),  
although 2 of the deaths were probably in the age group 15-24 years;  
and a low incidence of communicable diseases.

To Councilman W.E. Santiago, the Chairman of the Council, in  
Councilman F.D. Gomez, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and  
all other Members of the Council, my I express my thanks for their  
consideration in so doing the year.

I am grateful to Mr. C.A. Brown, the Clerk to the Council, to  
Mr. J.P. Santiago, the Supervisor and Senior Public Health Inspector,  
and to all other Council Officials for their assistance in so.

Your obedient servant,

E. FERRER

Medical Director of Health



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY DURING

1971

(a) Medical

Medical Officer of Health - Dr.E.Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B.,D.P.H., M.F.C.M.

This officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health - Borough of Sudbury  
Hadleigh U.D.C.  
Melford R.D.C.  
Thedwastre R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer      West Suffolk County Council  
School Medical Officer      "      "      "      "

(b) Other Public Health Officers

J.D.Hackford, M.A.P.H.I., M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H.,  
Incorporated Public Health Engineer, Surveyor and  
Senior Public Health Inspector.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor -  
D.P.Carpenter, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.;

Additional Public Health Inspector,  
N.A.Shutes, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillor F.D.Gales - Chairman  
Councillor T.C.Dawson - Vice Chairman

COUNCILLORS

G.R.Armitage	N.S.Lewis
Mrs.D.M.Arthey	Mrs. C.N. McGeorge
T.C.Clark	E.J. Partridge
W.A.K.Crockatt	R.Partridge
E.J.Hart	A.G.P. Powell
D.H. Hodge	G.A. Riddleston
J.L. Sharpe	Miss G.R. Steed
G.F.N. West	

Councillor G.R.Armitage - Chairman of the Council

Councillor A.G.P. Powell- Vice-Chairman of the Council

Mr. C.A. Durrant - Clerk of the Council

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

## General Statistics

Area 48,530 acres

Register General's estimate	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
of the resident population	9990	9670	9620	9500	9180	9120

## Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year

(Figures in parentheses refer to the previous year)

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	148 (130)	68 (72)	80 (58)
Illegitimate	10 (8)	7 (4)	3 (4)
Total:	<u>158 (138)</u>	<u>75 (76)</u>	<u>83 (62)</u>

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude) 15.8 (14.3)

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) 18.5 (16.7)

Comparability factor 1.17

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 16.0 (16.0)

<u>Stillbirths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	<u>2 (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>2 (-)</u>

## Infant Mortality      Death of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (2)	1 (-)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Total	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>1 (1)</u>	<u>1 (2)</u>

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total live births 13.0 (22.0)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total live births 18.0 (18.0)  
(England and Wales)

The cause of the infant deaths were as follows:-

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Cause of death</u>
M	7 hours	Prematurity
F	4 months	Accidental asphyxia

## Stillbirths

F	40 weeks gestation	Foetal anoxia (cord round neck)
F	40 weeks gestation	Placental insufficiency (cord round neck)



Illegitimate birth rate (per cent of total live births)	6%
Maternal death (including abortions)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	Nil

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	127 (134)	65 (77)	62 (57)

Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	12.7	(13.9)
Death rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	10.2	(11.1)
Comparability factor	0.80	
Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	11.6	(11.7)

#### COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Birth rate (adjusted)	18.0	18.6	18.9	18.4	16.7	18.5
Death rate (adjusted)	10.0	9.4	12.1	11.7	11.1	10.2
Infant mortality rate	49.6	6.8	24.6	20.0	22.0	13.0
Number of infant deaths	7	1	4	3	3	2

#### Age distribution of deaths

	<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1-</u>	<u>5-</u>	<u>15-</u>	<u>25-</u>	<u>35-</u>	<u>45-</u>	<u>55-</u>	<u>65-</u>	<u>75+</u>
Male	1	1	-	4	1	1	3	7	17	30
Female	1	1	-	3	-	1	1	7	14	34
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>64</b>

Of the deaths in the 15-24 age group, 5 were due to motor vehicle accidents and one in the classification of suicide and self-inflicted injuries.

#### The distribution of certain deaths by age groups

		<u>Age groups</u>	<u>35 -</u>	<u>45-</u>	<u>55-</u>	<u>65-</u>	<u>75-</u>
Cancer of lung	M				1	3	2
	F				-	2	-
Cancer of breast	F			1	-	-	-
Coronary heart disease	M			3	3	5	7
	F			-	1	2	9
Cerebro-vascular disease	M				-	2	8
	F				1	2	9



The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1971.

<u>ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>127</u>	<u>MALE</u> <u>65</u>	<u>FEMALE</u> <u>62</u>
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	5	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	6	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	10	5	5
Diabetes mellitus	1	1	-
Anaemias	1	-	1
Mental disorders	2	-	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	-	2
Hypertensive disease	1	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	30	18	12
Other forms of heart disease	5	2	3
Cerebrovascular disease	22	10	12
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	1	-
Pneumonia	7	4	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	4	4	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	2	1	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	2	1	1
Congenital anomalies	1	1	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	6	3	3
All other accidents	4	1	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	3	1	2

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Scarlet Fever	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
Measles	63 (103)	37 (46)	26 (57)
Whooping cough	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, respiratory	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Food poisoning	- (2)	- (1)	- (1)
Infectious Hepatitis	2 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)
Total:	<u>67 (106)</u>	<u>41 (48)</u>	<u>26 (58)</u>

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

<u>NEW CASES</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Pulmonary	-	-	1	1	-	1	2
Non-pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mortality

During 1971 there were no deaths from tuberculosis

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE IN THE AREA

### a) Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory Service, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. P.K. Fraser, provides help and advice, always willingly given, on matters concerning bacteriology and epidemiology and the supply of vaccines and sera in special cases.

### b) Ambulance Facilities

These services since July, 1953, have been provided directly by the County Council, under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

### c) Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives, carry out these duties.

### d) National Assistance Act 1948 - Section 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection.

No proceedings were taken under this Section during the year.



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Area (Acres)	48,530
Population - 1971 Census	9,766
Number of habitable houses	4,011
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1971	£257,267
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£988

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48,230	Area (Acres)
3,766	Population - 1971 Census
4,011	Number of habitable houses
237,287	Rateable Value at 1st April, 1971
2988	Sum represented by Penny Rate

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The Cosford Rural District is entirely agricultural in character with arable farming predominating, and with no heavy industries. Some light industries are established in the larger villages and these, together with farming, building work and one civil engineering firm, provide employment within the District, but a large proportion of the working population commutes to the neighbouring towns of Sudbury, Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, and Colchester.

The continued Government emphasis on reconditioning of substandard dwellings since the passing of the Housing Act, 1969 has resulted in considerable additional work arising from applications for grant aid, which have increased by 66% during the year.

Further impetus and additional incentive has been given to the improvement of older houses by the Council's decision to terminate the pail closet emptying service in September, 1971. This service has been operating throughout the district since 1961 and it is worthy of note that Cosford is the only district, in this locality at any rate, where such a comprehensive service has been provided.

Sewerage schemes are being proceeded with as quickly as the Council's Consulting Engineers are able to prepare schemes and at the end of December, 1971, half the houses in the Rural District were served by public sewers.

#### Private Supplies

During the year, 24 samples of water were taken from private supplies for bacteriological examination. Of these 13 were satisfactory for drinking purposes and 11 were unsatisfactory.



## WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the Rural District is served by a public water supply operated by the West Suffolk Water Board, Linden House, 147 Kings Road, Bury St. Edmunds. (Tel No: Bury St. Edmunds 2261).

The supply serving most of the Cosford Rural District is derived from boreholes 400 feet deep in the chalk substrata at Semer. All water is chlorinated at the pumping station to give a chlorine residual of 0.15 parts per million after which it is pumped to the Nedging Tye water tower from whence it is piped into the distribution mains.

A sample of water taken from the supply from Semer Pumping Station prior to chlorination and submitted for chemical analysis was reported as follows:-

Nitrate	0.2 parts per million.
Nitrite	0.1 parts per million.
Chlorine	106 parts per million.
Hardness	
Temporary	265 parts per million.
Permanent	75 parts per million.
Total	340 parts per million.
Dissolved solids	580 parts per million.
Iron	0.36 parts per million.
Lead, copper, zinc	Nil parts per million.
Flouride	0.8 parts per million.

Analyst's Remarks:- "This water is of a very good organic quality and there is no evidence of any chemical pollution. After the iron has been removed this water should be well adapted to the purposes of a public supply".

A detailed report of the activities of the West Suffolk Water Board is made annually by that Authority.

### Private Supplies

During the year, 24 samples of water were taken from private supplies for bacteriological examination. Of these 13 were satisfactory for drinking purposes and 11 were unsatisfactory.



The following table shows the number of properties connected to

the mains in each parish.

Parish	Total No. of houses	Houses connected to mains	Dependent of Public Standpipe	On Route but not connected	Not on Route of Mains
Aldham	58	56	-	-	2
Bildeston	321	319	-	2	-
Boxford	422	414	-	-	8
Brent Eleigh	62	54	-	2	6
Brettenham	105	105	-	-	-
Chelsworth	53	49	-	2	2
Cockfield	284	270	-	8	6
Edwardstone	124	114	-	-	10
Elmssett	189	171	-	8	10
Groton	81	75	-	3	3
Hitcham	230	215	6	1	8
Kersey	160	154	-	-	6
Kettlebaston	24	23	1	-	-
Lavenham	657	652	-	-	5
Layham	228	204	-	7	17
Lindsey	64	58	3	-	3
Milden	47	47	-	-	-
Monks Eleigh	182	172	-	2	8
Nedging-with-Naughton	110	105	5	-	-
Polstead	255	229	-	6	20
Preston St. Mary	73	63	-	-	10
Semer	55	50	-	1	4
Thorpe Morieux	89	89	-	-	-
Wattisham	44	44	-	-	-
Whatfield	94	93	-	-	1
Totals:-	4,011	3,825	15	42	129
Caravans 33		33			



# SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

I have appended hereto various schedules which give a complete picture of the details in respect of all the parishes in the district.

It will be noted from these schedules that schemes where construction commenced during the year include Aldham and Elmsett, Back Lane and Swingleton Green, Monks Eleigh whilst schemes to serve Polstead Heath, Hadleigh Heath and Whatfield were completed.

The scheme to serve Whatfield was prepared and supervised by your own staff.

A scheme to serve Preston St. Mary is also being prepared by your own staff.

Other schemes have been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs Lemon and Blizard.

Routine maintenance of all the works, both main works, and small works, and ancillary pumphouses, has been carried out by 5 men under the supervision of the Sewage Works Superintendant and it is to the credit of these men that the works have been well maintained and produce effluents which keep relations with the River Authorities at a highly satisfactory level. In addition to normal maintenance the men are prepared willingly and without complaint to carry out various structural works to improve the efficiency of the sewage works and I am more than pleased to have such men working with me.

It is also of interest to note the proposals for the reorganisation of the Bildeston Sewage Works will incorporate provision for dealing with cesspool contents and a sludge pressing plant. This will alleviate the difficulties encountered in the disposal of cesspool contents and the handling of the partially dried sludge from the present drying beds.

## Summary of Sewerage Details as at 31/12/70

Parishes served by Public Sewers	-	10	(Bildeston, Boxford, Edwardstone, Kersey, Lavenham, Layham, Whatfield, and parts of Groton, Polstead and Monks Eleigh).
Parishes where sewers are in course of construction	-	3	(Aldham, Elmsett, and parts of Monks Eleigh).
Parishes where schemes in course of preparation	-	4	(Chelsworth, Hitcham, part Polstead, Preston St. Mary).
Parishes where outline schemes in course of preparation or instructions given for preparation.	-	5	(Cockfield, Brent Eleigh, Brettenham, Nedging-with-Naughton, Wattisham).
Parishes where no proposals have yet been made	-	5	(Kettlebaston, Lindsey, Milden, Semer, Thorpe Morieux).
Parishes where existing works are to be reconstructed and schemes in course of preparation	-	2	(Lavenham, Bildeston).
Parishes where schemes approved and ready to commence	-	1	(Lavenham extension).



Summary of Sewerage details of Parishes as at 31/12/71

<u>ALDHAM</u>	Scheme to serve Aldham and Elmscott commenced in April 1971 and is expected to be completed in September, 1972.
<u>BILDESTON</u>	Existing sewage works. Scheme in course of preparation by consulting engineers to enlarge works to serve Hitchen, Chelsworth, Mildon, Wattisham, Nedging-with-Naughton, to include facilities for dealing with cesspool contents and sludge pressing plant - construction expected to commence late 1972.
<u>BOXFORD</u>	Served by adequate works.
<u>BRENT ELEIGH</u>	Consulting engineers instructed to prepare details for commencement of scheme in 1974.
<u>BRETENHAM</u>	Programmed for commencement in 1975 - no details prepared.
<u>CHELSWORTH</u>	Scheme in course of preparation by consulting engineers in conjunction with enlargement of Bildeston works - expected to commence late 1972.
<u>COCKFIELD</u>	Consulting engineers instructed to prepare outline proposals for commencement in 1974.
<u>EDWARDSTONE</u>	Served by Boxford Sewage Works except for outlying houses.
<u>ELMSOTT</u>	Scheme commenced in April, 1971, completion anticipated September, 1972.
<u>GROTON</u>	Sewered, except for outlying houses, to Boxford Sewage Works.
<u>HITCHAM</u>	Scheme in course of preparation by consulting engineers in conjunction with enlargement of Bildeston Works - expected to commence late 1972.
<u>KERSEY</u>	Main village sewered. No proposals for outlying properties.
<u>KETTLEBASTON</u>	No proposals.
<u>LAVENHAM</u>	Scheme to include Bury Road, Frogs Hall Road, and part of Brent Eleigh Road, and enlargement of works expected to commence January, 1972.
<u>LAYHAM</u>	Sewered and served by Hadleigh Sewage Works except for outlying properties.
<u>LINDSEY</u>	No proposals.
<u>MILDEN</u>	No proposals.
<u>MONKS ELEIGH</u>	Scheme to serve Back Lane and Swingleton Green in course of construction, completion expected early 1972.
<u>NEDGING-with-NAUGHTON</u>	Programmed for commencement 1974/5.
<u>POLSTEAD</u>	White Street Green and Calais Street are served by sewers discharging to Boxford Sewage Works. Sewers to serve Polstead Heath and Hadleigh Heath completed March 1971. A scheme to serve Polstead village has received approval and is expected to commence in April 1973.
<u>PRESTON ST. MARY</u>	A scheme is in course of preparation and commencement expected in October, 1972.
<u>SEMER</u>	No proposals.



THORPE MORIEUX

No proposals.

WATTISHAM

Programmed for commencement 1974/5. Bildeston sewage works reconstruction allows capacity for inclusion.

WHATFIELD

Scheme completed March, 1971.

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Schedule of Sewerage Details

Parish	No. of Houses	Served by Main Sewage Works		Connected to small Sewage Works	Served by Septic Tank or Cesspool	Remainder No adequate means of disposal
		Served	Connected			
Aldham	58	-	-	-	57	1
Bildeston	321	311	311	-	8	2
Boxford	422	399	395	-	27	-
Brent Eleigh	62	-	-	8	54	-
Brettenham	105	-	-	12	68	25
Chelsworth	53	-	-	-	35	18
Cockfield	284	-	-	68	187	29
Edwardstone	124	77	74	-	42	8
Elnsett	189	-	-	60	116	13
	8 Caravans	-	-	-	8 Caravans	-
Groton	81	17	14	12	53	2
Hitcham	230	-	-	21	168	41
	25 Caravans	-	-	-	25 Caravans	-
Kersey	160	97	95	4	49	12
Kettlebaston	24	-	-	-	18	62
Lavenham	657	608	604	-	53	-
Layham	228	159	155	-	59	14
Lindsey	64	-	-	11	39	14
Milden	47	-	-	8	33	6
Monks Eleigh	182	125	123	-	41	18
Nedging-with-Naughton	110	4	4	20	66	20
Polstead	255	78	59	43	125	28
Preston St. Mary	73	-	-	-	59	14
Semer	55	-	-	-	43	12
Thorpe Morieux	89	-	-	14	68	7
Wattisham	44	-	-	-	28	16
Whatfield	94	78	69	-	23	2
	4,011	1,953	1,903	281	1,519	308
	33 caravans				33 caravans	



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

The vehicle employed on refuse collection is a Dennis Paxit 70.

This is a 70 cu.yd. vehicle equipped with hydraulic compression mechanism, and came into use on 1st December, 1971. It is manned by a crew of three

and maintains a collection at a frequency of once per week in the villages of Bildeston, Boxford, Lavenham and Brett Green, Layham, and once per fortnight throughout the rest of the District. Regular overtime is worked by the refuse collection team and amounts to an average of 10 hours per week. Routine servicing of the vehicle is carried out by Messrs B. A. Taylor and Co., Bildeston, every fortnight (at weekends). The Dennis Paxit 111A, a 35 cu.yd. vehicle has been retained as a "stand-by", in case of breakdown.

A kerbside system of collection is worked whereby householders are required to put dustbins at the kerb for collection. In the case of persons who are aged or infirm arrangements are made for the dustbin to be collected from the rear of the premises.

All normal household refuse collected is taken to a Pulveriser Plant at Great Whelnetham owned and operated by Thingoe R.D.C., and, after pulverisation, is disposed of by controlled methods in an old railway cutting adjacent to the plant. Payment is made to Thingoe R.D.C. at the rate of £1.50 per ton.

Bulky items of refuse are taken to a disused gravel pit at Red Hill, Aldham by arrangement with Hadleigh Urban District Council.

It is likely that, in the near future, some difficulty may be encountered in disposing of the bulky items of refuse owing to the lack of disposal facilities in the area.



### Pail Closet and Cesspool Emptying

A weekly pail-closet emptying service operated in those parts of the District not served by a public sewer. The service was carried out under contract by Messrs Purle Waste Disposal Ltd., of Cambridge. This service, however, ceased on 1st September, 1971 and the only collection now taking place is from 15 houses owned by the Council. An attachment to the cesspool emptier has been purchased for this purpose.

The Council also operates a cesspool emptying service. A 1,500 gallon "Yorkshire" emptier on a Leyland Laird chassis is used for this purpose. One "free" emptying per house is allowed, thereafter the service is charged for.

The cesspool emptier is also used for sludge removal from sewage works.

The number of cesspools emptied during the year was:-

<u>No. of cesspools emptied</u>	<u>No. of loads removed</u>	<u>No. of loads from sewage works</u>
1,242	909	329

Disposal of cesspool contents is by spreading on agricultural land, but sites suitable for all-the-year round use are scarce, and the number of farmers who are prepared to accept this material on their land gets fewer. In consequence, the Council has given instruction to their Consulting Engineers that when the works are enlarged to cater for the villages of Hitcham and Chelworth the new sewage disposal works at Bildeston shall also make provision for the reception and treatment of cesspool contents.

Various experiments on septic tank liquor have been carried out during the year to ascertain the best method to be adopted to achieve this objective. It is my opinion that this form of disposal should be made available with the minimum of delay in order to avoid breakdown of the cesspool emptying service.



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1968.

The Cosford Rural District Council has limited delegated powers only, and the West Suffolk County Council, Shire Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, (Tel No: Bury St. Edmunds, 63141) is the Local Planning Authority under the Act. All applications for development within the Rural District are submitted to the Cosford Rural District Council and are considered by the Council's Planning Committee whose recommendation is taken into account by the County Planning Department. Contraversial applications are referred to the Southern Area Planning Committee which meets monthly. During 1971, 339 applications were made for Planning consent, of these 250 were approved, 72 refused and 17 were either withdrawn or no decision was issued. (see table below).

In January, 1968 a report entitled "Rural Planning in West Suffolk" was issued by the County Planning Officer, Mr. James M. Gorst. This report lays down the principles of Rural Planning as seen by the County Planning Authority and gives details of the likely growth of this, and other Rural Districts in West Suffolk up to 1981. The report is also concerned with the desirability of the preservation and conservation of the character of the countryside of West Suffolk and its historic villages and lays down the Planning principles which must be adopted to achieve this aim. A further comprehensive report "West Suffolk Rural Planning Part 2" has now been issued seeking to classify villages and endeavouring to forecast future growth and development.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Applications</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>No decision or withdrawn</u>
Aldham	9	5	2	2
Bildeston	15	12	3	-
Boxford	44	35	6	3
Brent Eleigh	5	4	1	-
Brettenham	9	6	3	-
Chelsworth	5	4	1	-
Cockfield	18	14	2	2
Edwardstone	12	10	2	-
Elmscott	25	19	6	-
Groton	5	4	-	1
Hitcham	14	10	2	2
Kersey	11	8	3	-
Kettlebaston	5	4	1	-
Lavenham	42	34	8	-
Layham	12	8	3	1
Lindsey	6	3	3	-
Mildon	8	6	2	-
Monks Eleigh	12	10	1	1
Nedging-with-Naughton	18	12	5	1
Polstead	41	26	12	3
Preston St. Mary	9	5	4	-
Sener	3	2	1	-
Thorpe Morieux	4	3	-	1
Vattisham	1	1	-	-
Whatfield	6	5	1	-
<b>Totals:-</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>17</b>



BUILDING REGULATIONS, 1965.

The routine inspection of plans under the Building Regulations is a very time consuming part of the work of the department and I have set out below a table showing the number of applications received and dealt with during the year.

Figures do not give a true picture of the work involved as one application may include several different types of houses on a particular site. The issue of a decision in very many cases involves lengthy discussions or letters to applicants in order to obtain a satisfactory solution to various problems.

In addition to the checking of plans, the Regulations also require repeated visits to the sites whilst work is in progress to check various stages of construction, often at comparatively short notice.

Parish	No. of Applications	Approved	Refused
Aldham	9	8	1
Bildeston	8	8	-
Boxford	40	39	1
Brent Eleigh	4	4	-
Brettenham	9	7	2
Chelsworth	4	3	1
Cockfield	22	17	5
Edwardstone	11	11	-
Elmssett	19	19	-
Groton	6	4	2
Hitcham	5	5	-
Kersey	10	10	-
Kettlebaston	5	4	1
Lavenham	37	35	2
Layham	13	13	-
Lindsey	3	3	-
Milden	2	2	-
Monks Eleigh	15	15	-
Nedging-with-Naughton	12	10	2
Polstead	54	52	2
Preston St. Mary	10	9	1
Semer	2	2	-
Thorpe Morieux	3	3	-
Wattisham	3	3	-
Whatfield	16	16	-
Totals:-	322	302	20

Four applications for relaxation of the Building Regulations have been received, which were dealt with as follows:-

Regulation E.15 (3)	-	1 application. Approved.
Regulation N.17 (3) (b)	-	2 applications. Approved.
Regulation L.13 (c)	-	1 application. Refused.
Total:-		4



# HOUSING

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS Etc.

Applications for Improvement Grants increased by 66% during the year and it becomes increasingly difficult to deal with these applications sufficiently rapidly to avoid unnecessary delay. Seventy-six applications were received which were dealt with as follows:-

### Standard Grants

Applications				Dwellings Improved
Owner/ Occupiers	Other Houses	Approved	Refused	
21	12	33	-	35

Total amount paid in Standard Grants £7,307

Average grant per house improved £180

Amenities provided	(a) Fixed bath or shower	31
	(b) Wash hand basin	32
	(c) Sinks	8
	(d) Hot water supply	32
	(e) Water closet	31
	(f) Bathrooms added	9
	(g) Piped water supplied	2
	(h) Septic tanks installed	16

Additional grant aided work provided.

### Discretionary Grants

Applications			Dwellings Approved	
Received	Approved	Refused	Owner/ Occupier.	Other Houses
43	27	16	19	8

Total amount paid in Discretionary Grants £13,044

(17 dwellings).

Average grant per house £767



# Council House Improvements

Total number of Council houses at 31st December, 1970 866

No. of Council houses requiring improvement at 1st January, 1955 when the Council commenced improvement works	234
No. of Council houses improved to full standard	191
No. of Council houses sold	6

No. remaining to be improved. 37

Of these 37 remaining to be improved, only 15 (6 Preston St. Mary, 5 Hitcham, 2 Polstead Heath, 2 Chelsworth) now remain which lack bathroom, W.C., and hot water supply and these are awaiting the provision of public sewers before work can commence owing to drainage difficulties. The remaining 22 (16 Lavenham, 6 Boxford) have baths and W.C.'s but are without efficient hot water supplies, and are substandard in certain other respects.

All drawings, specifications and tender documents are prepared by the Council's own staff and carried out by contract under the supervision of the staff.			
8	19	15	21

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The following table shows the distribution of houses in the District and the proportion of Council owned houses.

	Total houses in Parish	Number of Council houses	Post-war Council Houses			Houses acquired by Council and improved	Pre-war and emergency war houses
			Total	Built in 1971	Built in 1946-70		
Aldham	58	6	-	-	-	-	6
Bildoston	321	146	123	24	99	-	23
Boxford	422	109	90	12	78	-	19
Brent Eleigh	62	17	6	-	6	-	11
Brettenham	105	8	6	-	6	-	2
Chelsworth	53	2	-	-	-	-	2
Cockfield	284	67	48	-	48	-	19
Edwardstone	124	24	12	-	12	-	12
Elmssett	189	32	22	-	22	-	10
Groton	81	12	-	-	-	-	12
Hitcham	230	31	21	-	21	-	10
Kersey	160	23	20	-	20	-	3
Kettlebaston	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavenham	657	208	172	10	162	4	32
Layham	228	16	16	-	16	-	-
Lindsey	64	6	2	-	2	-	4
Milden	47	6	4	-	4	-	2
Monks Eleigh	182	22	16	-	16	-	6
Nedging-with-Naughton	110	24	10	-	10	-	14
Polstead	255	42	32	-	32	-	10
Preston St. Mary	73	6	4	-	4	-	2
Sener	55	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thorpe Morieux	89	14	8	-	8	-	6
Wattisham	44	2	-	-	-	-	2
Whatfield	94	43	24	-	24	-	19
Total:-	4,011	866	636	46	590	4	226

Private houses built post-war:-

1946-1970

1971

Total

640

114

754

Private houses under construction at 31st December, 1971 - 125

Council houses under construction at 31st December, 1971 - 23



# HOUSING and PUBLIC HEALTH

## Action under Statutory Powers during the year

### Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs

- Nil

Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners

- Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners

- Nil

### Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957

Notices of "Time and Place" outstanding from year 1969

- -

Notices of "Time and Place" served

- 5

Dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made

- 2

Dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made

- 3

Dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings were accepted

- -

Notices of Time and Place outstanding

- -

Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders

- -

Houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertaking

- 12

Number of families displaced as a result of housing action

- 9

Number of persons included in these families

- 27

Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27  
of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of  
which Closing Orders were made - Nil

Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in  
pursuance of Closing Orders - Nil

Proceedings under Section 42 and 43 of  
the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of houses demolished in Clearance  
Areas - Nil

Houses subject to Demolition Orders, Closing  
Orders and Undertaking Not to Relet subsequently  
made fit to the satisfaction of the Council:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which  
Demolition Orders were revoked - 2

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which  
Undertakings were cancelled after being made  
fit for habitation - 3

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which  
Closing Orders were removed after being made  
fit for habitation - 6

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936

Statutory Notices outstanding 1st January, 1971 - 21

" " served during, 1971 - 1

" " complied with during, 1971 - 12

" " outstanding 31st. December, 1971 - 10



SWIMMING BATHS

No public swimming bath is provided within Cosford Rural District, but a new heated in-door pool has been constructed by Hadleigh Urban District Council.

An open-air heated pool is available at Sudbury and there are heated in-door pools at Ipswich.

Monks Eleigh Primary School is provided with an open-air "Purley" pool and Boxford Primary School has a larger heated covered pool, both of which are used solely for educational purposes. In both cases the water is circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

SCHOOLS

There are now 9 village schools in the District, and all are supplied with water from public mains. The schools at Bildeston, Boxford, Lavenham, Kersey, Monks Eleigh, and Whatfield have water-closets connected to public sewers. The schools at Cockfield, Polstead, and Elnsett have water-closets connected to cesspools.

All schools are, therefore, now provided with water-closet systems.

# FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTION

## Milk Supply

All milk sold in the District is "Sterilised" "Pastourised" or "Tuberculin-Tested (Pastourised)". Two milk Distributors operate from premises at Boxford and Hitchan, but no loose milk is handled.

## Ice Cream

No premises are registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

43 premises are registered for the sale only of pre-packed ice cream.

Mobile vans operate in the District but are based outside it. These are inspected from time to time but, in general, give little cause for complaint.

## Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection

No slaughtering is now carried out at any premises in the District and local butchers obtain their supplies from meat wholesalers.

The food premises in the District are listed as follows:-

Hotels and licensed premises	- 40
Restaurants	- 4
Grocers	- 31
Confectioners	- 7
Butchers	- 6
Fishmongers	- 1
Dairies	- 2
Greengrocers	- 5
Bakers	- 2
Fried fish shops	- 1

The following premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16, of the Food and Drugs Act:-

Manufacture of sausages, potted pressed, pickled or preserved food	- 11
Manufacture of ice cream	- Nil
Sale of ice cream	- 43

Regular routine visits are carried out to food premises and various minor contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations have been remedied after discussion with the occupiers. No legal proceedings were instituted.



RODENT CONTROL

One full-time Rodent Operator is employed to carry out all treatment at private, business and agricultural premises, and at sewage works, and other Council-owned properties, as directed. Treatment at domestic premises is carried out free of charge; business and agricultural treatments are carried out on a "time and materials" charge. No treatments are carried out under Contract.

The poisons generally used for rats are "arfarin" and "Racumin", and for mice "Racumin", "Alphakil", tracking dust and traps. These particular poisons are used in order to ensure maximum safeguard against accidents caused by ingestion by animals other than rats or mice. All properties at which infestations were found were treated, each treatment involving several visits.

The work carried out by the Rodent Operator during the year is indicated in the following table.

	Type of Property	
	Domestic	Agricultural
1. No. of properties in District	3,884	552
2. (a) No. of properties inspected following notification	285	17
(b) No. of above infested by		
(i) Rats	237	17
(ii) Mice	50	1
3. No. of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	39	1

CARAVAN SITES and MOVEABLE DUELLINGS

The following licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1961, were in force. Several visits were made to each site during the year and minor defects remedied.

Individual caravans	-	22
2 caravans	-	2
3 caravans	-	2
8 caravans	-	1
25 caravans	-	1

FACTORIES ACT 1961

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspec- tions.</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	-	Nil	Nil
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	32	23	Nil	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals:-	33	23	Nil	Nil

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises Registered.</u>	<u>Number of Registered Premises Inspected.</u>
Offices	3	1
Retail Shops	15	15
Wholesale Shops	1	1
Catering establishments	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-
Totals:-	21	19
Number of visits made	-	34



# CARAVAN SITES AND MOVABLE D KILLINGS

The following licenses under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1961, were in force. Several visits were made to each site during the year and minor defects remedied.

Individual caravans	2
caravans	2
caravans	1
caravans	1
caravans	1

## FACTORIES ACT 1961

Factories	No. of factories	Inspected	No. of workers	Geographical area
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	32	32	Nil	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals:-	33	32	Nil	Nil

## OFFICIALS SHOPS AND RAILWAY WORKERS ACT, 1961

Class of premises	Number of premises	Number of workers	Number of premises
Offices	1	1	1
Retail shops	1	1	1
Wholesale shops	1	1	1
Catering establishments	2	2	2
Post storage depots	-	-	-
Totals:-	5	5	5
Number of visits made	-	-	-





