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OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1965.

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1965 - 1966

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE .

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ended 31st December 1965.

The various sections of the Report are set out as usual and few changes have occurred. Measles is the only infectious disease still being notified in large numbers and fortunately this carries a low mortality rate. With Variola minor in the Midlands however, it has been necessary to remain constantly on the alert. The general public are more aware of the dangers of other infectious diseases (e.g. poliomyelitis and enteric fever) than in the past and I spend more time checking contacts of such diseases than previously. Fortunately, no outbreaks have occurred to date.

The Public Health Inspectors' time seems to be more and more taken up with Surveying and Planning work which is the main disadvantage of having combined duties. This is regrettable, as two items, namely Food Hygiene and Caravans are assuming ever increasing importance. I intend to report separately on this matter, after consultation with Mr. Fry, but the number of inspections shown on pages 15 and 16 indicate the trend.

Early in 1965 Worcestershire County Council announced their decision on the boundary review and re-organisation of Local Government. No major alterations in Rural District Boundaries were proposed. I consider this unfortunate as I feel that considerable benefits are to be derived from amalgamation of districts. A larger combined district would enable separate Public Health and Surveying departments to be established.

It is interesting to note that a Royal Commission on Local Government has now been set up under the Chairmanship of Sir John Maud. As I have certain points in relation to the unsatisfactory nature of my own combined appointment also, I intend to submit evidence to that body.

My thanks are due to all members of the staff for their invaluable assistance during the year.

I remain, Mr. Chairman,

Your obedient servant,

L. SPENCER STEPHENS,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS.

Area in Acres	50,443
Number of houses according to Rate Book (31st March 1965)	4,509
Rateable Value at 31st March 1965	495,977
Registrar General's estimate of resident population ..	14,600.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	119	132	251
Illegitimate	12	11	23

Illegitimate live births as percentage of total live births	9.0
Standardised birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population	19.7
Birth rate for England and Wales	18.0

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births	14.9
Still birth rate for England and Wales	15.7

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
From all causes	74	68	142

Standardised death rate per 1,000 estimated population	10.3
Death rate for England and Wales	11.5

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	7.3
INFANTILE Mortality rate for England and Wales	19.0

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	7.3
Neonatal Mortality rate for England and Wales	13.0
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	NIL
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births .	NIL

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965.

(according to International Statistical Classification of Disease)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other Infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach	3	2
11. Malignant neoplasms, Lung, bronchus	5	2
12. Malignant neoplasms, breast	-	2
13. Malignant neoplasms, uterus	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	8
15. Leukemia, aleulaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	17
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	18	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
20. Other heart disease	11	5
21. Other circulatory disease	4	1
22. Influenza	2	-
23. Pneumonia	4	4
24. Bronchitis	6	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis	1	1
28. Nephritis and Neophrosis	1	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined disease	2	9
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1
34. All other accidents	-	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
TOTAL	74	68

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

FOR THE AREA.

A. County Health Services

The following Services are provided by the County Council in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946.

Care of Mothers and Young Children (Section 22)

The District is served by the following Clinics -

Infant Welfare Centres.

Baptist Hall, Droitwich - open every Tuesday at 2.0 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Ombersley - open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month at 2.0 p.m.

Parish Hall, Hanbury - open on the 3rd Thursdays in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Crowle - open on the 4th Wednesday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Fernhill Heath - open on 2nd and 4th Fridays in the month at 2.0 p.m.

Village Hall, Wychbold - open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Parish Hall, Hartlebury - open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month at 2.30 p.m.

National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice and other baby' foods may be obtained at these centres. A doctor is usually in attendance; a fully qualified Health Visitor is always present.

Antenatal Clinics

It is now County policy that Antenatal cases should be cared for as far as possible by their own doctor. Clinics are available however, at which expectant mothers are encouraged to attend regularly in order to meet the midwife, receive health education, and carry out ante-natal exercises under the direction of a physiotherapist.

Baptist Hall, Droitwich - open 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month at 2.0 p.m.

Recreation Road, Bromsgrove - open every Monday at 2.0 p.m.

Coventry Street, Kidderminster - open every Monday at 2.0 p.m.

Midwifery (Section 23)

The services of a County Midwife are available without charge to care for mothers during pregnancy, confinement and for a period of ten days afterwards. She should be booked as early as possible in order to receive adequate instruction for the confinement. Visits are paid to the home and examinations carried out monthly in co-operation with the doctor, who will arrange hospital consultations if necessary. Free dental treatment is available during this period and may be arranged through the County Dental Officer.

Heath Visiting and Home Nursing (Sections 24 and 25)

After the first ten days the Health Visitor takes over responsibility for the care of the baby from the midwife. She is a trained nurse who has received additional instruction in child care, maintenance of health and prevention of disease, and is able to offer guidance to the mother until the child goes to school. Particular attention is paid to premature babies and those placed for adoption or with foster parents. The Health Visitor also acts as school nurse and being an experienced medico-social worker is able to give advice to the adult members of the family on personal problems related to physical or mental ill-health.

The District Nurse is available to act on the instructions of the general practitioner or hospital, when a patient is discharged, to make arrangements for domiciliary care. They carry out nursing procedures and may be called upon in an emergency. In most instances the District Nurse is also the Midwife and acts as Health Visitor, but in urban areas it is sometimes more convenient to split their duties.

The following nurses are working in the Droitwich Rural District -
Miss U. Eldridge, Miss E. Hill and Miss T. Mann - Health Visitors -
Royal George Buildings, Hanbury Road, Droitwich - Td: Droitwich 3328.

Miss Eldridge - Hampton Lovett, Cutnall Green.

Miss Hill - Primsland, Newland, Hadzor, Tibberton, Crowle, Warndon
Sale Green, part Claines and Bevere.

Miss Mann - Stoke Works, Wychbold, Elmbridge, Crutch Lane, Westwood.

Nurse Cracklow DN/MW 7, Old Turnpike Road, Crowle - Tel: No: Upton
Snodsbury 259.

Nurse Williams DN/MW/HV. Nurse's House Droitwich Road, Hanbury - Td: No:
Hanbury 209.

Nurse Nash DN/MW/HV. 8, Perrycroft Close, Fernhill Heath. -
Tel: No: Fernhill Heath 304.

Nurse Mills DN/MW/HV, 14 Appletree Walk, Ombersley - Td: No.: Ombersley 341 .

Nurse Dudley DN/MW/HV, 27, Waresley Court Road, Hartlebury - Tel: No.:
Hartlebury 200.

Nurse Smith DN/MW. Area Relief, 64, Oakland Avenue, Droitwich - Tel: No.:
Droitwich 2802.

Vaccination and Immunisation (Section 26)

Vaccination against Smallpox and Poliomyelitis and Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus are carried out free of charge at any of the County Clinics or by the patient's own doctor.

The following inoculations were completed during 1965 -
(figures in brackets relate to the previous year).

1. Smallpox Vaccination

No. of persons who received primary vaccination during
the year 123 (88)
No. of persons who were re-vaccinated during the year . . . 1 (30)

2. Poliomyelitis Vaccination

This scheme is administered direct from the County Health Department, Love's Grove, Castle Street, Worcester and details are published in the County Medical Officer's Annual Report.

Sabin Vaccine is now used, being administered orally in syrup or on a lump of sugar. Three doses are administered to babies at 6 - 9 mths. old and a fourth dose at 5 years old. Adults are also strongly advised to complete a primary course of vaccination.

3. Diphtheria Immunisation (including Tetanus)

No. of children who received the full course during the year 250 (219)
No. " " " " re-inforcing doses 234 (154)

4. Whooping Cough Immunisation

No. of children who received the full course during the year 243 (263)

5. B.C.G. Vaccination

The County Council operate a scheme for the preventive inoculation of all children leaving school. This is a valuable protective measure against Tuberculosis and is doing much to reduce the number of cases on the register.

Ambulance Service (Section 27)

Cases of accident or sudden and urgent illness are responded to irrespective of the source of the call. All that is necessary is to ask the telephone operator for Ambulance after dialling 999. The Service is under radio-control from Worcester and ambulance stations are strategically situated throughout the County.

Requests for hospital cars should be made to the County Ambulance Officer, who will decide whether this form of transport is suitable. Patients suffering from an infectious disease are conveyed to hospital in special ambulances stationed at the Isolation Hospital.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care (Section 28)

Convalescent care is provided for children and adults not requiring treatment. This type of recuperative holiday is frequently recommended and persons are required to contribute according to their means.

Medical comforts depots are maintained in various parts of the County by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society. Requests for nursing equipment such as bedpans, pulleys, hoists, etc., should be made to the District Nurse or County Health Department.

Persons suffering from Tuberculosis may be assisted in many ways. Tuberculosis Health Visitors work from the Chest Clinic and will assist patients to make the best use of the services available. Occupational therapy is available for patients suffering from lengthy illnesses or who are undergoing prolonged convalescence. A chiropody scheme is now in operation for aged and handicapped persons, and is being extended. A Health Education Organiser has also been appointed to provide instruction on health matters in an attempt to reduce illness. This is particularly important in relation to accidents in the home, food hygiene and cancer.

Domestic Help (Section 29)

The Home Help Service is administered by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council. Enquiries relating to the Rural district should be addressed to - Mrs. Nott, Station Road, Fernhill Heath (Fernhill Heath 437).

The service provides domestic help for the aged, in sickness and for maternity cases during confinement.

Mental Health (Section 51)

The Mental Health Service has been expanded to deal with the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1959. The Act abolishes the term mental deficiency and introduces the term "mental disorder" which includes subnormality, severe subnormality, mental illness and psychopathic disorder. Mental Welfare Officers have been appointed who act in conjunction with approved Medical Officers and the Hospital services.

Statutory duties of the County Council include -

- (a) the provision of residential accommodation.
- (b) the provision of training or occupation centres (available at Stourport, Bromsgrove and Lower Wick).
- (c) the exercise of functions relating to persons placed under guardianship.
- (d) The provision of ancillary services for persons suffering from mental disorder.

Welfare Services (National Assistance Act 1948)

The Welfare Services are administered by the Welfare Section of the Health Department under the direction of the County Welfare Officer. The following facilities are available:-

- (a) residential accommodation for the elderly who are unable to look after themselves in their own homes.
- (b) temporary accommodation for persons in urgent need.
- (c) special services for blind persons.
- (d) special services for deaf and dumb persons.
- (e) special assistance for other handicapped persons.

School Health Service (Education Act 1944)

The County Medical Officer is also Principal School Medical Officer. School Medical Officers visit all Primary and Secondary schools in the district at regular intervals.

Every school child receives three medical examinations during his or her school life, but children in whom abnormalities are detected are seen more frequently. Special visual acuity and colour tests are given at 7 - 8 years old, children in need of attention being referred to the School Oculist.

Routine testing of hearing is now carried out using a pure-tone audiometer and children with defective hearing are referred to special clinics for further investigation.

The services of a Speech Therapist are available and orthopaedic defects are kept under supervision by the Orthopaedic Sister.

Children with behaviour disorders or other problems are seen at the Child Guidance Clinic, Love's Grove, Worcester.

School Dental Service

The Dental Health of all children in maintained schools is supervised at regular intervals, inspections being carried out on the premises. Subsequently treatment is carried out at the nearest fixed clinic, or in one of the mobile dental clinics now available. Clinics are available at Bromsgrove, Stourport and Kidderminster.

County Analyst.

The County Analyst is available to examine public water supplies, sewage effluent, milk, food and drug samples. The arrangements for the routine sampling of all milk supplies is in the hands of the County Public Health Inspector.

B. Hospital Services

These services are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

1. General hospitals with casualty departments are situated at Worcester, Bromsgrove and Kidderminster.
2. Maternity beds are available at Worcester, Bromsgrove and Stourport.
3. Infectious diseases are usually admitted to Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester where beds are also available for the treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Special cases may however be sent to Little Bromwich Hospital, Birmingham.
4. The elderly and chronic sick are accommodated at Shrub Hill, Worcester, Bromsgrove or Blakebrook, Kidderminster.
5. Psychiatric Hospitals for mental disorders are available at Powick, Barnsley Hall and Lea Hospital, Bromsgrove.
6. St. John's Hospital and Highfield Hospital, Droitwich are national hospitals for the treatment of rheumatic diseases. Spa treatment is also available through the out-patient department at the Brine Baths, or privately.
7. A Thoracic surgery unit has been established at Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove dealing mainly with congenital heart lesions in children.

8. Laboratories are available in all General Hospitals, but at Worcester Royal Infirmary a branch of the Public Health Laboratory Service has been established. This organisation, with reference laboratories in London and elsewhere, is designed to assist local authorities in their investigations into outbreaks of communicable disease.

9. Venereal Diseases.

Venereal diseases are diagnosed and treated at a special out-patient department (adjacent to the Chest Clinic at the Worcester Royal Infirmary). Sessions are held from 5 - 7 p.m. on Mondays for women and Tuesdays for men.

C. General Medical Services.

Persons arriving in the district and wishing to register with a general practitioner may obtain a list of names and addresses of all the doctors available at any post office.

The services of dentists, opticians and pharmacists practising in the district come under the control of the Worcestershire Executive Council, 29, Foregate Street, Worcester to whom enquiries should be made.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water Supplies.

The East Worcestershire Waterworks Company are the statutory water undertakers for the greater part of Droitwich Rural District. Nineteen out of twenty-two parishes are now supplied by them. The remaining three parishes are supplied as follows:-

- (1) Warndon - by an extension to the Worcester City mains.
 - (2) Westwood - by a private supply controlled by the estate.
 - (3) Hartlebury - by the North West Worcestershire Water Board.
- This water is supplied from Bewdley via Stourport and recent extensions have made available water to the Crossway Green area.

The following table is an estimate of the number of houses on the Mains and the population supplied at 30th September 1964:-

Area	Supplied by	No. of houses on Mains	Estimated Population	Total (Mid. 64) Population
19 Parishes	E.W.W. Co.	2,442	8,058	11,751
Hartlebury	N.W.W.Co.	520	1,716	2,529
Westwood	Private Estate	28	92	110
Warndon	Worcester City	10	33	60
	TOTALS	3,000	9,899	14,450

This indicates that approximately 69% of the Population are supplied with Mains Water. The remainder rely upon shallow wells, apart from a few farms where boreholes have been sunk for agricultural purposes. 36 out of 47 bacteriological samples taken from wells during 1965 were reported upon as unfit for drinking and appropriate steps taken to protect the consumer.

The East Worcestershire Waterwork Company take their water from four different sources at the foot of the Lickey Hills, the water invariably being mixed before passing into service in Droitwich Rural district.

In fact all four boreholes produce hard water; it has no plumbo-solvent action and a low fluorine content (approx. 0.09 p.p.m.)

Bacteriological Results are shown below:-

East Worcestershire Water as delivered into service on 20th December 1965

<u>Marked</u>	Number of colonies growing on Agar		Probable Number of Coliform Bacilli	Probable Number of Faecal Coli	<u>Remarks</u>
	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 22° C.			
Per Washingsstocks "Harward"	1 ml. NIL	1 ml. NIL	100 ml. NIL	100 ml. NIL	Satisfactory
Brockhill No.1 Borehole Pump	1	2	NIL	NIL	"
Burcot Depot No. 1 Pump	NIL	12	NIL	NIL	"
Wilmoor No.1 Borehole Pump	2	5	NIL	NIL	"

Westwood Estate.

Some difficulty was experienced due to poor samples towards the end of 1965. Following the cleaning of storage tanks, the supply, which is taken from a spring, improved.

This is the only parish left without Mains and it is strongly recommended that the East Worcestershire Waterworks Co. take over the supply as soon as possible.

2. Sewerage & Sewage Disposal.

Sewage Disposal Works are operating satisfactorily at Wychbold, Fernhill Heath, Ombersley, Crowle and Hanbury.

The Hanbury Works have only recently been completed and have alleviated certain nuisances in the village. A number of new houses erected on the Droitwich Road have been connected but further development has been held up due to Green Belt restrictions.

Some difficulties have been encountered at the Fernhill Heath Works for some time and there seems little doubt that the plant is overloaded. The Consulting Engineers' proposals for an extension to these works were investigated by an Engineering Inspector from the Ministry on 8th April 1965. It was learnt with some surprise on 30th June 1965 that approval was not being given for the new scheme but only minor modifications to the existing works were to be carried out. Very shortly afterwards the Severn River Board drew attention to the pollution of the brook by unsatisfactory effluent which had been responsible for killing a number of fish in the River Salwarpe. Following a visit to the Ministry by the Clerk and the Surveyor immediate approval was given to temporary improvement works and it is anticipated that the new scheme will be given approval. The alternative of pumping Sewage from Fernhill Heath to the new works for Droitwich Borough at Ladywood has virtually been ruled out.

Sewage from the parish of Hartlebury, including the Moors Farm and Torton area has been pumped to the Kidderminster Sewage Disposal Works for some years now. A new agreement has recently been negotiated with that Authority. The area which now requires sewerage is Charlton.

The Tibberton Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works are now nearing completion. The sewers have been laid and many properties have been connected, but it has not yet been possible to bring the new works into operation. At the suggestion of the Ministry, the sewer was extended towards the Church, to include new development round Lawns Farm and it is likely that further development will take place in this area.

The most urgent scheme requiring attention now is at Cutnall Green.

3. Public Health Inspections.

The following routine inspections were carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during the year -

A. Housing Act 1957.

Section 9 (Repairs)	63
Section 16 (unfit Premises)	28
Section 42 (Clearance Area)	7
Section 76 (Overcrowding)	46
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B. Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961.

Nuisances from Premises	100
Nuisances from Animals	13
Nuisances from Refuse	21
Nuisances from Dust or Effluvia	23
Nuisances from Workplaces	3
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C. Drainage Problems (Sewage & Water)

Obstructions	40
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	21
Ditches	29
Drainage Tests	-
Inspection of Wells and Water Samples	87
Pollution of Rivers, etc.	4
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D. Food & Drugs Act 1955.

Slaughterhouse	172
Bakehouses	2
Shops	4
Cafes	1
Vans	1
Other Food Premises	-
Ice Cream samples	1
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E. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963

Inspections	3
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F. Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

Residential Sites	29
Holiday Sites	28
Camping Sites, etc.,	7
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G. Other Inspections

.. .. .	34
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Grand Total

766.

In addition the following inspections were carried out as Surveying duties:-

Housing	1273	(1052)
Sewerage	551	(283)
Water	9	(17)
Refuse Collection	379	(126)
Planning	<u>1436</u>	<u>(1582)</u>

Grand Total 3648 (3060)

4. Rodent Control.

Regular inspections of dwelling houses and business premises are carried out throughout the District. Quite a number of Agricultural contracts are held and treatment under such agreements forms no small proportion of the work. The analysis of work carried out under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 is as follows - (figures in brackets being for the previous year).

Inspections

No. of Local Authority premises inspected	85	(80)
No. of Domestic premises inspected	1962	(1935)
No. of Business premises inspected	96	(72)
No. of Agricultural premises inspected . ..	<u>433</u>	<u>(412)</u>

Total number of premises inspected :. .. 2576 (2499)

Infestations

No. of Infestations found - Rats, major ..	25	(33)
" " " " - Rats, minor ..	294	(393)
" " " " - Mice, major ..	-	(4)
" " " " - Mice, minor ..	<u>5</u>	<u>(18)</u>

Total number of Infestations found .. 324 448

Treatments

No. of treatments carried out at Local Authority		
premises ..	16	(15)
" " " " " " Domestic		
Premises	447	(435)
" " " " " " Business		
Premises	12	(12)
" " " " " " Agricultural		
Premises	<u>171</u>	(<u>167</u>)
Total treatments (including re-treatments) ..	<u>646</u>	(<u>629</u>)

Number of Notices served under Section 4 of the Act requesting treatment of structural work - Nil Nil

5. Factory Inspections

The Local Authority is generally only responsible for inspection of sanitary conveniences in factories, under Section 7 of the 1937 Act. Where there are premises which do not use mechanical power however, other conditions apply as they do also to outworkers premises.

The following inspections were carried out during the year -

Part 1 of the Act.

(1) Inspection for purposes of provision as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Inspections (4)	No. of written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(a) Factories in which Secs: 1,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(b) Factories not included in (a) in which Sec: 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	24	-	-
(c) Other premises in which Sec: 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(including outworkers premises)	35	19	-	-
TOTAL	75	43	-	-

(2) Cases in which Defects were found Nil.

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork - Nil Return.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. Housing Programme

(a) Council Houses

(i) No. of new dwellings completed by the 31st December 1965.	
Three bedroomed houses, Cutnall Green	8
One bedroomed bungalows, " "	4
Total	12

(ii) No. of new dwellings under construction at 31st Dec: 1965	
Three bedroomed houses, Ombersley	18
Two bedroomed houses, Ombersley	4
Two bedroomed bungalows, Hanbury	4
Total	26

(b) Private Houses.

(i) No. of Private dwellings completed during 1965	100
(ii) No. of Private dwellings under construction at 31st Dec. 1965	104.

(c) Improvements and Conversions to Private Houses during 1965. (figures in brackets relate to the previous year).

(i) Discretionary Grants

Applications received	16	(29)
Applications approved	15	(29)
No. of dwellings involved	27	(31)
Applications withdrawn or refused	1	(-)
Total amount of Grant-aided work	£22,592	(£28,427)
Amount of Grants approved	£9,561	(£11,565)
Average Grant per dwelling	£354	(£373)

(ii) Standard Grants

Applications received and approved	37	(26)
Maximum Grants payable	£7,922	(£3,884)
Amount of Grants paid	£2,080	(£2,808)

2. Slum Clearance

Steady progress was made during the year. The target set by the 1956 Survey was approximately 200 houses in 10 years. This figure has undoubtedly been achieved although some doubt exists about the precise number demolished or closed which must be in excess of the 104 (77 + 27) shown below. A further survey is really necessary.

<u>Slum Clearance Position at 31st Dec: 1965</u>							
Demolition	Up to 1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	Total
Notices of Time & Place served	132	10	18	8	3	34	205
Demolition Orders served	107	6	7	6	7	29	162
Undertakings accepted from owners	25	-	4	-	-	4	33
Deferred or awaiting decision	-	1	5	2	1	1	10
Demolished or closed	33	12	7	4	13	8	77
Clearance Areas	7	-	-	20	-	-	27

3. Caravans

It is estimated that approximately 550 Caravans are normally resident in the district. The numbers fluctuate widely between the summer and winter months, due to an influx of seasonal agricultural workers, particularly in the parish of Ombersley. Some of these caravans remain on site throughout the winter, although seasonal work is no longer available, it is fairly easy for occupants to obtain employment locally. Other groups of unauthorised vans tend to appear from time to time in various parts of the Green Belt.

The sites which have been granted Planning Permission and Site Licences follows. It will be observed that a three year "run-down" procedure is in operation on the Chateau Impney Caravan Site, as it is in the Green Belt. -

A. Permanent Residential Sites.

	<u>Permitted No. of Vans.</u>
1. Sunnyside, Claines - just outside the Worcester City boundary on main A38 road	12
2. "Eagle & Sun", Hanbury Wharf - approx. 1 mile east of Droitwich on Stratford Road	20
3. Chateau Impney, Droitwich - off main A38 road, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Droitwich. (N.B. Planning permission expires in 1968)	32
4. Dunhampton - to rear of Robert's Garage, on main A449 Road to Kidderminster	24
5. "Fruiterer's Arms", Ombersley - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of main A449 Road at Uphampton	20
Total	<u>108</u>

B. Holiday Sites

1. "Fruiterer's Arms, Ombersley (as above)	30
2. Wharf Hotel, Holt Fleet on left side of main road approaching bridge over river Severn from Ombersley	44
3. Bricks Farm, Holt Fleet - on right side of main road approaching bridge over river Severn	107
4. Winnal Farm, Winnal, Nr. Stourport - east bank of river Severn, 2 miles south of Stourport	48
5. Mutton Hall, Boreley - east bank of river Severn - opposite the Lenchford Hotel	10
6. Mill House, Hawford- on main A449 road, 4 miles north of Worcester	15
7. "Clarelands", Titton, Nr. Stourport (not yet developed)	<u>90</u>
	<u>344</u>
Sites with Planning Permission - Grand Total	<u>452</u>

SECTION E.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Food Premises

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 placed the requirement of Registration on all premises, with effect from 1st May 1964. This provided a greater measure of control over Food Premises which in a rural district has always been rather difficult. The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 do of course, still apply but additional safeguards now exist for the benefit of employees, e.g. seating arrangements, fencing of machinery and first-aid equipment. Some difficulty has been encountered in completing the task of registration owing to pressure of work.

2. Ice Cream and Milk

Forty-five shop premises are registered for the sale of Ice-Cream, all offering the pre-packed product only. Soft ice-cream is only sold from mobile vehicles operating from other districts.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations are administered by Worcestershire County Council. There are three pasteurisation plants in the district and the County Public Health Inspector has samples taken from a variety of sources.

The samples taken during 1965 were as follows -

Pasteurised Milk	126
Sterilized Milk	5
Raw (Tuberculin Tested)	<u>51</u>
Total	<u>182</u>

There were two failures on the Phosphatase test for Pasteurised Milk and two on the Methylene Blue test for Raw Milk.

3. Food & Drugs

Worcestershire County Council are the Food & Drug Authority. The Food and Drug Inspectors operate from Stourport, collecting samples and submitting them to the County Analyst. Being an agricultural district much of this work is in respect of chemical samples on milk. The results are normally published by the County Analyst.

4. Meat Inspection.

There is one licenced private slaughterhouse at Ombersley, the following meat was inspected during 1965:-

	Cattle including cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	120	23	1398	465
Number inspected	120	23	1398	465
All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	Nil	5	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	3.3%	Nil	0.35%	3.8%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.85%
Cysticercosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION F.

Incidence of Infectious Disease.

The following table shows the incidence of Infectious Disease in relation to Age in the Rural District during 1965:-

Disease	Under one year	1 - 15 yrs.	16 - 25 yrs.	Adult	Total.
1. Scarlatina	-	3	-	-	3
2. Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
3. Measles	3	64	1	1	69
4. Whooping Cough	1	2	-	-	3
5. Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
6. Acute Primary Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1
7. Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1
8. Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
9. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
10. Paratyphoid	-	-	1	2	3
11. Meningococcal Infection	-	1	-	-	1
12. Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	1

Tuberculosis 1965.

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register are as follows:-

	Respiratory		Non-Resporatory	
	M	F	M	F
Cases on the Register at 1st January 1965	22	6	1	3
Additions - New Cases	1	3	-	-
Additions - Transfers in	-	1	-	1
Deductions (Recovered, Died or left District)	8	1	-	2
Cases on the Register at 31st December 1965	15	9	1	2
Totals	24		3	

After-Care Committee for South Worcestershire.

Two meetings of this Committee were held at the Shire Hall during the year. Not a great deal of work has been done as the number of cases requiring assistance has been falling annually. Never-the-less, the Tuberculosis Health Visitors do find cases whose needs are outside the scope of the statutory bodies and then turn to the Committee whose help is greatly appreciated.

