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Annual Report

To THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASTWOOD

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report for 1970, which has been compiled in accordance with the requirements of the Minister.

The estimated mid-year population was 11,420, an increase of 20 compared with the previous year.

The Birth Rate has fallen over the past four years, but at 17.1 remains higher than that for England and Wales. 5% of the total live births were illegitimate, compared with the national figure of 8½%. The excess of births over deaths totalled 83.

The death rate was 13.2 per 1,000 population, compared with 11.7 for the country as a whole.

Deaths due to heart and cerebro vascular disease accounted for the largest number of deaths — 58; cancer caused 21 deaths, and respiratory disease 20. Accidents caused four deaths.

Of the 93 notifications of infective disease received 88 related to measles. This is surely a further justification for the need of measles vaccination.

During the year vaccination of girls aged 11 - 13 years against German Measles (Rubella) was started, in order to protect them against contacting German Measles before reaching child-bearing age, because it is now accepted that German Measles during pregnancy carries a risk that the child will be born with certain mental and physical abnormalities.

These injections are done at school, and parents are urged to have their daughters protected.

The Report contains an account of the work of the Chief Public Health Inspectors which I commend for your reading.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Committee and my colleagues in other departments for their help and understanding at all times.

WILLIAM R. PERRY,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	1,178 acres
Population: Estimated by Registrar General (mid-year, 1970)	11,420
Number of Inhabited Houses (31st December, 1970)	3,546
Rateable Value (1st January, 1970)	£325,092
(31st December, 1970)	£338,442
Product of Penny Rate (1st January, 1970)	£1,290
(31st December, 1970)	£1,320

During the period the area remained as constituted on 1st April, 1935, when the Nottinghamshire County Review Order, 1934, came into force.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1970

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	95	95	190
Illegitimate	7	4	11
	102	99	201

Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 17.6

Comparability Factor: 0.97

Adjusted Birth Rate: 17.1

Illegitimate live births as a percentage of total live births: 5.00

Deaths	Male	Female	Total
	62	56	118

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population: 10.3

Comparability Factor: 1.28

Adjusted Death Rate: 13.2

Natural increase of population (excess of births over deaths): 83

Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	2	4	6

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births: 29.00

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:

Age in Weeks	Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
0—1	1	2	—	1	4
2—4	1	2	—	1	4
5—52	2	2	—	2	6
Total	4	6	—	4	14

ALL CAUSES OF DEATH, 1970

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—
Tuberculosis, other including late effects	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	—	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, intestine	2	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	3	7
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	—	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, prostate	2	—	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus	—	1	1
Other Endocrine, etc. diseases	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1	3
Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	15	31
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	8	17
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	4	8
Influenza	3	—	3
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	1	9
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—	1
Peptic Ulcer	—	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	—	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	—	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1	2	3
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	—	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	2	2
All other Accidents	—	2	2
Total	62	56	118

AGES AT WHICH DEATH OCCURRED

Age at time of death	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 1970	Totals			
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1969	1968	1967	1966	1969	1968	1967	1966	1969	1968	1967	1966	
Under 1 year ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	6	6	3	1	1
1 and under 2 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
2 and under 5 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
5 and under 15 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
15 and under 25 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
25 and under 35 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
35 and under 45 ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	5	3	2	—	—
45 and under 55 ...	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	7	8	13	8	12
55 and under 65 ...	1	1	3	—	1	—	1	2	1	2	2	3	17	21	13	22	22
65 and under 70 ...	—	—	1	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	2	12	15	15	13	13
70 and under 75 ...	—	5	3	2	2	2	—	3	—	1	2	—	20	17	16	22	22
75 and under 80 ...	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	24	12	18	21	15
80 and under 85 ...	2	1	3	1	—	2	—	4	1	—	3	1	18	12	15	9	12
85 and under 90 ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	6	7	8	3	15
90 and under 95 ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	5	5
95 and under 100 ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Totals ...	6	11	16	10	7	8	7	13	6	11	12	11	118	105	125	95	123

The annual variations of the Birth and Death Rates in the District are shown in the following table:—

Year	Birth Rate Per 1,000 of the Population			Death Rate Per 1,000 of the Population			Infant Mort. Rate Per 1,000 Live Births		
1961	20.73	...	...	9.85	...	...	22.62
1962	21.45	...	...	10.49	...	...	17.32
1963	21.85	...	...	10.74	...	...	33.61
1964	20.16	...	...	8.3	...	...	4.52
1965	21.47	...	...	8.71	...	...	12.5
1966	21.11	...	...	10.91	...	...	—
1967	19.2	...	...	8.4	...	...	9.0
1968	17.7	...	...	10.9	...	...	20.0
1969	19.1	...	...	9.2	...	...	14.0
1970	17.6	...	...	10.3	...	...	30.0

Comparative figures for England and Wales read as follows:—

1961	...	...	17.4	...	...	12.0	...	...	21.6
1962	...	...	18.0	...	...	11.9	...	...	21.6
1963	...	...	18.2	...	...	12.2	...	...	21.1
1964	...	...	18.4	...	...	11.3	...	...	19.9
1965	...	...	18.0	...	...	11.5	...	...	19.0
1966	...	...	17.7	...	...	11.7	...	...	19.0
1967	...	...	17.2	...	...	11.2	...	...	18.3
1968	...	...	16.9	...	...	11.9	...	...	18.0
1969	...	...	16.3	...	...	11.9	...	...	18.0
1970	...	...	16.0	...	...	11.7	...	...	18.0

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

General

The total number of Infectious and Notifiable Diseases notified during the year was 93 compared with 40, 101, 64, 88 and 135 for the five years immediately preceding. These cases are classified in the Table on page 14.

The number of notifications of each disease was as follows:—

Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	88
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	2
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	1

Premises were disinfected where requested and disinfectant supplied to infected households.

Diphtheria

For the twenty-third year in succession no case of Diphtheria was confirmed in the District.

Details of combined Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisation carried out in 1970 are as follows:—

Age	Under Health Dept. Arrangements	By Private Practitioners	"Boosters"	
			Under Health Dept. Arrangements	By Private Practitioners
Born in year 1970	—	—	—	—
Born in year 1969	213	20	—	—
Born in year 1968	23	4	—	—
Born in year 1967	—	—	—	—
Born in years 1963-66	4	1	230	20
Others under 16 years	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	240	25	230	20

Smallpox

Details of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year are as follows:—

Age	Primary Treatment		Re-vaccination	
	Under Health Dept. Arrangements	By Private Practitioners	Under Health Dept. Arrangements	By Private Practitioners
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	2	2	—
2 - 4 years	62	1	—	1
5 - 14 „	6	7	7	—
15+ „	2	6	6	—
Totals ...	70	16	15	1

Tuberculosis

Two cases of this disease were added to the District Register during the year, as compared with 4, 1, 8, 5 and 2 during the preceding five years.

The following Table shows the age and sex distribution of the notified cases (including both new cases and cases moved into the district from elsewhere) and deaths from tuberculosis during 1970.

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS DURING 1970

Age Groups	New Cases				Cases transferred into District				Cases removed from Register through death			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 14 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 - 24 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 - 34 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 44 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 - 54 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 64 "	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 years +	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

There were 21 names of persons residing in the District on the Register of Cases on the 31st December, 1970 as follows:—

Pulmonary Cases	Non-Pulmonary Cases
9 males	1 male
10 females	1 female

B.C.G. Vaccination of Schoolchildren

Vaccination against Tuberculosis was carried out by the Medical Officer of Health. All schoolchildren of 10 years of age and over are eligible.

The procedure consists of a preliminary skin test to find out who would benefit from the protection which B.C.G. vaccination confers. These children are known as the negative reactors to the test. Those who have a positive reaction are not vaccinated, but are referred for a full chest X-Ray, and are subsequently kept under review.

The B.C.G. procedure is thus of two-fold value. It enables those who have not been in contact with the tuberculosis germ to be vaccinated and so protected for the future, whereas the children who have already been in contact with the germ can be examined by X-Ray and kept under supervision.

The following table summarises the work done:—

School	Skin Tested	X-Ray	Total Vaccinated
Walker Street County Secondary	167	10	144
Eastwood Hall Park Co. Sec. Tech.	92	6	84

**PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE
LAST 10 YEARS (Confirmed Cases)**

Disease	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Acute Meningitis	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	27	1
Encephalitis Lethargia ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Food Poisoning	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	147	24	152	83	122	81	55	83	8	87
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	10	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia or Fever ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	2	8	3	11	5	2	1	—	3	1
Tuberculosis	3*	—	2*	4*	7*	1*	4*	1*	2*	2*
Whooping Cough	6	—	5	2	—	3	3	14	—	—
TOTALS	174	34	169	105	135	88	64	101	40	92

* New cases only — Inward Transfers not included

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Mortuary Accommodation

The Mortuary, which is situated at the rear of the Council Offices, Church Street, Eastwood, was used on 49 occasions during the year as compared with 36 for the year 1969. Of these 49 cases, 31 related to persons whose death occurred outside the Urban District.

Mortuary facilities serve the adjoining Parishes of Brinsley, Greasley, Awsworth, Kimberley and Nuthall. The Rural District Council of Basford, by agreement, are responsible for the payment of fees in respect of persons brought from their district. These fees at the present time are 10s. for the use of the Mortuary with an additional charge of 10s. when a post-mortem is held. These charges have remained unchanged since this service was made available in September, 1948.

Ambulance Facilities

The Ambulance Service is administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council, and the Sub-Station is at Nottingham Road, Eastwood.

An ambulance is summoned by telephoning to the County Ambulance Control, **Telephone Nottm. 82603**, and in the event of an Eastwood ambulance not being available a vehicle is despatched from the nearest County Station.

Nursing in the Home

Five District Nurses reside in the area for the purpose of treating non-infectious cases. Their nursing area includes the adjoining Parish of Greasley in the Rural District of Basford.

The service is free, and a District Nurse will always do her best to answer an emergency call without waiting for formalities to be completed. In non-emergency cases the Nurse will attend at the request of the private doctor.

The nurses operate from the following addresses:—

314 Nottingham Road, Eastwood (Tel.: Langley Mill 3371).

9 Derby Road, Eastwood (Tel.: Langley Mill 3710).

47 Park Crescent, Eastwood (Tel.: Langley Mill 3440).

47 Ratcliffe Street, Eastwood (Tel.: Langley Mill 5762).

3 Middleton Close, Nuthall (Tel.: Kimberley 3518).

Midwifery Service

There are four Midwives practising and residing in the Urban District. Gas and Air Analgesia during child-birth is available to all persons residing in the area.

It is very important that an expectant mother should book her Midwife (and her doctor if she so desires) very early in her pregnancy. Names and addresses of Midwives can be obtained from the Notts. County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham. (Tel. Nottm. 863366).

Home Help Service

Home Helps are provided by the County Council and are available throughout the area where service is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, aged, mentally defective, or a child not over compulsory school age.

In maternity cases a Home Help attends daily for two weeks from the birth of the baby, excluding Saturday afternoons and Sunday, and her duties include ordinary domestic work such as cleaning, cooking, washing care of children, mending and shopping.

In general cases of sickness, or when assisting in the households of old or infirm people, Home Helps undertake such of the above duties as may be necessary. Part-time help can be arranged.

The charge for this service is 5s. 3d. per hour, but where the applicant is unable to afford this amount the County Council's Scale of Assistance is applied.

The office address is: Home Help Service, Watnall Road, Hucknall. (Telephone No.: Hucknall 3596).

Health Visiting

There are three Health Visitors employed by the Nottinghamshire County Council on Maternity and Child Welfare work in the district. The services of a Health Visitor may be secured by calling at the County Health Centre.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care

Facilities are provided by the Nottinghamshire County Council, as the Local Health Authority under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, for the prevention of illness, care and after-care.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1951

Establishments for Massage or Special Treatment

Part VII of this Act came into force on the 10th March, 1952, in the Eastwood Urban District and the powers and duties applicable to this section have been delegated to the Eastwood Urban District Council.

At the end of the year there was one licensed establishment in the District for massage or special treatment at No. 140, Nottingham Road.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

The District Welfare Officer for the Eastwood District is Mr. P. Mullins—office address: Halifax House, Station Road, Hucknall (Telephone No.: Hucknall 2093).

Homes for the Aged

The National Assistance Act, 1948, places a duty and responsibility on County and Borough Councils to provide residential accommodation for persons who, by reason of old age, infirmity or other circumstances, are in need of care and attention which is not otherwise available to them.

For this purpose, the Nottinghamshire County Council maintains 24 Homes, all of which are occupied to capacity.

The homes are provided for elderly persons of both sexes, including married couples who, on account of advancing years or infirmity, are no longer able to look after themselves in their own homes and have no one able and willing to look after and care for them. They are not intended for sick persons who need constant medical attention or nursing care, but residents suffering from minor ailments are looked after as in ordinary households.

Short Stay Accommodation

Limited facilities are available for the accommodation for short periods of aged people normally receiving care and attention from relatives to enable such relatives to have a holiday or otherwise to have a short period of relief from their responsibilities.

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Council has authorised the Medical Officer of Health to make applications under this Act to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction or to a single Justice of the Peace for an order for the urgent removal of certain persons from the premises in which they are residing to a hospital or other place, instead of such application being made by the Council.

No applications for Orders under this Act were made in 1970.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work carried out during 1970.

I am pleased to report the re-opening of the slaughterhouse at Brookhill Leys Road, and the appointment of Mr. J. Salt as authorised Meat Inspector leaving me free to administer the remaining work of the department.

The most pleasing aspect of the year was the success of a Food Hygiene Campaign towards the end of the year which resulted not only in improved standards within our food shops, but a better and more understanding relationship between the local tradesman and the officials of this department.

Slightly disappointing was the reaction by the public to the opportunities available to them for improvement of houses under the Housing Acts, but judging from the increased response towards the end of the year, and the number of applications pending as a result of interviews with owners and agents, I am positive that 1971 will be a record year for both standard and discretionary grants.

I feel I cannot close this introduction without mentioning the pleasure felt at having made a start on the long task of clearing the slums in the "Buildings" and at Cross Street, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Council, and especially the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued enthusiasm, support and interest in the work of the department.

I would also like to thank the Clerk and my colleagues for their help and co-operation, and to my staff my appreciation and thanks for their loyalty and support.

Your obedient Servant,

T. F. HERMAN

Chief Public Health Inspector

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

All houses within the district are provided with a piped water supply by the City of Nottingham Water Department, and taken in bulk from the Derwent Valley Water Board.

No samples were taken by this Authority but the City Analyst makes bacteriological and chemical examinations monthly of samples taken at Eastwood Filtration Works, both before and after treatment.

The supply was again satisfactory in quality and quantity and no action was found necessary.

Approximately 318 yards of 4in. and 284 yards of 3in. mains were laid for housing development at Greenhills Road and Woodlands Way.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Slaughtering and Meat Inspection

All animals slaughtered within the district were inspected by the Council's Public Health Inspectors. The Inspectors' duties included ante and post-mortem examinations of pigs, the supervision of slaughter-house hygiene and securing the prevention of cruelty. No cattle or sheep were slaughtered.

Some 26 minor offences relating to unhygienic practices were noted, and these were dealt with informally and consequently remedied.

The number of licensed slaughterhouses in the district at the end of the year was as follows:—

Private Slaughterhouses	1
Public Slaughterhouses	Nil

There are no Knackers Yards in the district.

	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Total No. killed		1603
Number inspected		1603
All diseases except Tuberculosis—		
Whole carcasses condemned		2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned		220
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis		14.1%
Tuberculosis only—		
Whole carcasses condemned		—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned		21
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis		1.71%

Total weight of meat condemned as a result of the above inspection: 1,585 lbs.

Details of whole carcasses condemned (Pigs):—

Disease or Condition	No. of Carcasses
Multiple Abscesses	1
Pyæmia	—
Gangrene	—
Asphyxia	2
	—
	3

Slaughter of Animals' Act, 1958

Three persons were licensed as Slaughtermen under the provisions of the Act, all licences being renewable annually.

Condemned Foodstuffs (other than Fresh Meat)

During the year the following foods were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:—

	lbs.
Flour	84
Meat at Retail Shops	320
Meat Products	—
Fish	52
Other Foods	352
	—
Total Weight (in lbs.)	808
	—

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 2)

During the year eight complaints of food purchased, not of the nature, substance or quantity demanded were made to the department.

All complaints were thoroughly investigated and where appropriate the manufacturers were cautioned. It was decided not to take legal proceedings in any one of the eight cases.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

During the year 300 visits were made to Food Premises within the district. The total number of premises to which the Regulations were to be enforced were 118. At no time was it found necessary to recommend the institution of legal proceedings, but in 17 instances informal action was taken to remedy minor contraventions of the Regulations. During visits to Food Premises the Public Health Inspectors readily gave advice as to the necessity of clean food handling and, in particular, the importance of hand washing and personal cleanliness.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

At the end of the year 13 persons were registered as distributors of milk.

Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Milk Regulations

These Regulations are enforced by the County Council and we are indebted to Mr. Gregory, the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, for the following information regarding milk sampling:—

Article	No. of samples obtained	No. found to be satisfactory	No. found to be unsatisfactory
Pasteurised Milk	101	95	6
Sterilised Milk	9	9	—
Milk Bottles (bacteriological)	60	60	—

Ice Cream

Four new applications for the registration of premises for the sale and storage of ice cream were received.

The number of premises on the Register at the end of the year was 56.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of houses erected during the year:—

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| (a) By the Local Authority | Nil |
| (b) By Private Enterprise | 34 |

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:—

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| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 71 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 131 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations | Nil |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | Nil |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 3 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 47 |

2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices:—

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| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 43 |
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

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| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:— | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs | 1 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices:— | |
| (a) By owners | 1 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |
| (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:— | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 2 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices:— | |
| (a) By owners | 3 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |

(c) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(4) Number of houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(1) Number of Houses dealt with by Compulsory Purchase Order	14
(2) Number of Houses dealt with by Clearance Order ...	14
(e) 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	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders have been determined, the tenement or room having been made fit ...	Nil
(f) Proceedings under Sections 10 and 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953:—	
Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil

4.—Housing Act, 1957, Part IV.—Overcrowding:—

Complaints of overcrowding received during the year	2
Cases of statutory overcrowding	2

5.—House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Housing Acts, 1961-69.

Improvement of Houses by Standard Grants

During the year 39 applications were received for Standard Grants towards the cost of providing the five basic housing improvements—a bath or shower, a wash-hand basin, an internal water closet, a hot water system and sink. Particulars relating to these applications are as follows:—

Number of houses in respect of which application for grants were received	39
Number of applications receiving approval	43
Number of houses improved during the year	43
Average permissible grant per house	£187
Average actual grant per house	£160

Improvement of Houses by Discretionary Grants

Number of applications received	3
Number of applications approved	3
Amount paid in grants	£1,140

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Public Health Inspection of the Area

1.	Total number of complaints received	352
2.	Total number of complaints remedied	341
3.	Total number of inspections made during the period	4046
4.	Total number of Notices served during the period:	
	(a) Informal	211
	(b) Statutory	5
5.	Total number of Notices complied with during the period:	
	(a) Informal	145
	(b) Statutory	4

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Fewer visits than in previous years were carried out, the original bulk of inspections now having been completed. Some 93 visits were made to registered premises and a further 10 visits were made to other premises to ascertain whether registration was necessary.

(1) Class of premises	(2) Number of premises newly registered during the year	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	—	22	3
Retail shops	6	91	19
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	4	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	6	2
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS	6	123	24

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS
AND
GENERAL
INSPECTIONS

TABLE B—NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

93

TABLE C ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE	Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
	(1)	(2)
	Offices	362
	Retail shops	370
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	23
	Catering establishments open to the public	36
	Canteens	8
	Fuel storage depots	—
	Total	799
	Total Males	362
	Total Females	437

TABLE D—EXEMPTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)
Part I—Space (Sec. 5(2))				
Offices				
Retail shops				
Wholesale shops, warehouses				
Catering establishments open to public, canteens			NIL	
Fuel storage depots				
Part II—Temperature (Sec. 6)				
Offices				
Retail shops			—	—
Wholesale shops, warehouses				
Catering establishments open to public, canteens			NIL	
Fuel storage depots				
Part III—Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)				
Offices				
Retail shops	1			
Wholesale shops, warehouses				
Catering establishments open to public, canteens				
Fuel storage depots				
Part IV—Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)				
Retail shops				
Offices				
Wholesale shops, warehouses				
Catering establishments open to public, canteens			NIL	
Fuel storage depots				

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

One hundred and fourteen complaints of rats and mice were received in the year. In addition, a further 160 properties were surveyed for the presence of rats and mice. 93 properties in all were found to be infested and these were treated by poisoning with Warfarin.

The Council's refuse tip was visited regularly and treated for rat infestations.

Ninety-seven complaints of insect pests were also received and dealt with.

The district sewers were test baited in Spring, 1970, and a six-monthly maintenance treatment was carried out to them.

Atmospheric Pollution

On six occasions, boilerhouses were visited following contraventions of the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations and the boilerhouse staff both warned and advised regarding the emissions. No legal action was taken.

Three applications for approval of new chimney heights were received and approved, two after modification.

No further progress was made with regard to implementing Smoke Control Areas.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

No complaints were received under the above heading.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

One application for the renewal of a licence under this Act was received and granted in respect of a pet shop.

Moveable Dwellings

There were no sites licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

We have two registered dealers under the provisions of the above Act.

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936

Number of Licences issued to store Petroleum	11
Number of Licences issued to store Carbide of Calcium	Nil
Total storage capacity for Petroleum Spirit (Galls.) ...	37,000
Total Fees collected	£12.25
Number of inspections of licensed stores	32

All licensed premises have been regularly inspected and found to comply with the conditions of the Licences issued.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I. OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	6	11	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	44	30	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	50	41	2	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred To H.M. By H.M.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Inspector	Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) ...	2	2	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	—	—

PART VIII. OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Sections 133		Sections 134			
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
Wearing apparel—						
Making, etc.	14	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains and nets	8	—	—	—	—	—
Cabinet making	5	—	—	—	—	—
Total	27	—	—	—	—	—



