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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors.

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1954. This is in accordance with Circular 42/51.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

POPULATION:- Registrar General's Estimate.

..5,190..

Live Birth Rate.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>1900.</u>	<u>1901.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	42	34	76
Illegitimate	0	2	2
	42	36	78

per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population 15.02

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>



<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	26	29	55

Death Rate.

per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population 10.59

Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 population:-
Live Birth Rate. Death Rate.

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.....	0.....
DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE....	1.....
Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....	12.82.....
Rate for England & Wales per 1,000	
Live Births.....	

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS):-

Disease	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital.	TOTAL DEATHS.
Small Pox.	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (incl. Para-Typhoid.	0	0	0
Measles.	177	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Dysentery.	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	1	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally o.g. Erysipelas.	0	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

		<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Year 1954 - all	Ages. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>				<u>Totals.</u>	
		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>			<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1953.....		20	8	1	2			21	10
Total on Register at end of 1954.....		22	6	1	0			23	6

WATER SUPPLY.

Practically the whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied from the Council's public mains, the figures being as follows:-

Laid on direct to house.....	1,679
Water fetched from distant standpipe.....	2
	<u>1,681</u>
Houses (including isolated farms) having only a private well supply.....	11
Total Dwellings in Borough.....	<u>1,692</u>

Sufficiency. No shortage was experienced during 1954.

Quality. The supply is hard. Galvanised iron service pipes are used and no difficulty is experienced due to plumbo-solvent action. Permanent Chlorination Plants (Chloramine Process) are in continuous operation. The results of samples taken for Bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:-

<u>Date Taken.</u>		<u>Edgarley Supply</u>	<u>10 Acres Supply</u>	<u>Tor Hill Supply</u>
1954.		(Low Level)	(Inter. Level)	(High Level)
		Probable No. of Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml.		
January	6th	0	0	0
"	20th	0	0	0
February	3rd	0	0	0
"	17th	0	1	0
March	3rd	0	0	1
"	22nd	0	0	0
"	31st	0	0	0
April	14th	0	0	0
"	28th	0	0	0
May	12th	5	2	2
"	26th	0	0	0
June	9th	0	1	0
"	23rd	2	1	5
July,	7th	8	5	8
August	7th	0	0	1
"	18th	0	0	0
September	15th	3	1	1
"	29th	0	3	3
October	13th	0	0	0
"	27th	0	0	1
November	10th	2	5	13
"	24th	8	8	8
December	1st	8	3	8
"	8th	1	1	3
"	15th	0	0	0
"	22nd	1	0	0

WATER SUPPLY (continued)

Chemical analysis. The results of the examination of seven samples of water taken on 27th April, 1954, were as follows:--

All results in parts per million.

[illegible]

WATER SUPPLY. (Continued)

Extensions and Improvements during the Year. The laying of the Water Mains under the Briddham and Wick Water Scheme was completed and a further extension of Water Mains on the Windmill Hill Housing Estate was also carried out.

Future Proposals. A Comprehensive scheme prepared by the Wells Rural District Council for supplying parts of their District and in which Glastonbury Borough Council has agreed to participate is still under consideration.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extensions and Improvements during the year.

A further extension of sewers on the Windmill Hill Housing Estate was carried out during the year.

Future Proposals.

In connection with the proposed Sewage and Trade Waste Scheme referred to in the 1952 Report, the Council invited Tenders for the execution of the Scheme in December, 1953, and the Tenders were received in January, 1954. Negotiations for an Agreement with the Two Factories were still taking place at the end of 1954 and therefore no Tender has been accepted.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was taken under this section during the year.

Extension of the investigation was completed in 1934. The investigation of the
water was completed in 1934. The investigation of the water was completed in 1934.
and a further extension of water supply on the Wyllie Hill Homestead
water was also carried out.

Future Prospects. A comprehensive scheme proposed by the Wyllie
Homestead Council for the improvement of their district and
in which the Wyllie Homestead Council has agreed to participate
is still under consideration.

PLANTING AND REPAIRS.

Extension and improvement of the water supply.

A further extension of water on the Wyllie Hill Homestead
water was carried out during the year.

Future Prospects.

In connection with the proposed scheme and the water supply
extension in the Wyllie Hill Homestead, the Council have decided to
the extension of the water supply in 1935, and the water
supply extension in 1934. The extension of the water supply
with the water supply extension will be carried out at the end of
1934 and therefore the water supply has been accepted.

FOOD PRODUCTION.

No extension of food production occurred in the district during the
year.

ATTORNEY ASSISTANCE 1934, 1935.

Section 47, Payment to private practice of persons in need of
cost and assistance.

No action was taken under this section during the year.

H O U S I N G

Provision of new houses in the Borough during 1954:-

	Erected and completed.		In course of Erection.		Conversions or Adaptations
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Temporary.	
By Local Authority.	30	0	32	0	0
By Private Enterprise.	24	0	14	0	1
TOTALS.	54	0	46	0	1

- (a) Total number of Post War Houses completed by:-
 (a) Local Authority.....198
 (b) Private Enterprise..... 79

- (b) Estimated Housing requirements at end of 1954:-
 (a) Approx. No. of unfit houses in the Borough but on which no formal action has been taken. 22
 (b) No. of houses where action has been taken and owners have given written undertakings not to relet them for human habitation when they become vacant, under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, which are still occupied 30
 (c) Overcrowding (Statutory) Nil
 (d) Where conditions are unsatisfactory e.g. two or more families living in one house but not included in (a) or (b) above. 172

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of the year (including out-district applicants) 152

- (c) Action taken under Housing Act, 1936, during the year:-
 (a) Under Section 11. Owners giving written undertakings not to relet dwellings when the present tenants vacate them. 11 Dwellings
 (b) Closing Orders made. 0 "
 (c) Houses voluntarily closed by Owners without action under Housing Act, 1936, by Local Authority. 1 "
 (d) Houses demolished voluntarily. 1 "

(d) General Observations:-

Since the War, up to the end of 1954 a total of 198 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 79 by Private Enterprise, and 15 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation making provision for 292 families in all.

Up to the end of 1954 action has been taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of fifty-seven houses, and in all cases the owners gave written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to relet them for human habitation when they became vacant. At the end of the year thirty of these dwellings remained occupied.

Up to the end of 1954 two Closing Orders had been issued and the Houses were vacated and seven dwellings had been voluntarily closed by the Owners without action by the Local Authority.

HOUSING (continued)

Approximately 20 houses which are fit only for demolition in addition to those mentioned in the previous two paragraphs remain occupied.

The Total number of unfit houses now vacant in the Borough is 34 and one house has been demolished.

It will, of course, be necessary in due course for the Council to take action to obtain demolition of these properties unless the Owners put forward satisfactory schemes for conversion of the properties for some other use.

The total number of houses in the Borough at the end of 1954 was 1,681 of which 402 are Council Houses.

Approximately 20 houses which are the only ones
remaining in addition to those which are in
the above two paragraphs remain standing.

The total number of built houses now present in
the borough is 24 and one house has been demolished.

It will, of course, be necessary in the future for
the Council to take action to obtain demolition of
these properties unless the Council put forward
voluntary schemes for conversion of the properties
for some other use.

The total number of houses in the Borough at the
end of 1964 was 1,661 of which 402 are Council Houses.

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F O O D.

MILK

Number of registered Distributors.....	7
Number of registered Dairy premises.....	6
Number of Supplementary Licences issued to distributors outside area.....	1

MILK SAMPLING.

Tuberculin Tested.....	6 samples taken.	6 satisfactory
Pasteurised.....	14 " "	12 "

ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises registered for Manufacture and Retail.....	1
Retail only.	38

Number of Samples taken.	129
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Grade 1.....	82
Grade 2.....	34
Grade 3.....	5
Grade 4.....	8

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Premises Registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 for the preparation of food.....	52
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FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH.

Meat.....	7
Bakers.....	4
Milk.....	3
Cafes.....	7
Hotels.....	4
Grocers.....	21
Greengrocers.....	11
Fishmongers.....	3
Fish and Chips.....	1
Confectionery.....	14

SANITARY INSPECTION.

A Summary of visits made and matters dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector during the year is appended.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. H. A. PINNIGER.

Medical Officer of Health.

