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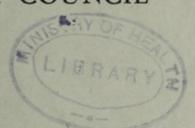
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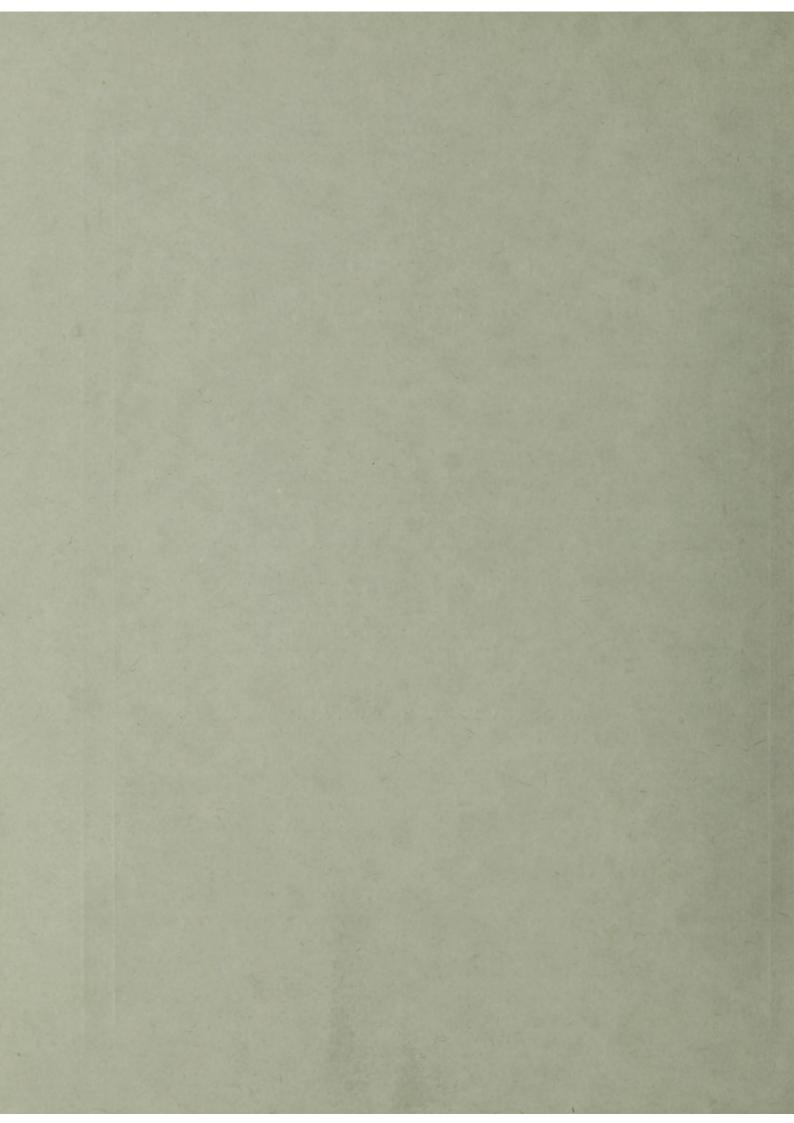
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



REPORT

for the Year 1955

of the Medical Officer of Health W. H. BUTCHER, v.R.D., M.A., D.M., D.P.H., BARRISTER - AT - LAW, SURGEON COMMANDER R.N.V.R.



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my ninth Annual Report for the year 1955, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 17/55 of the Ministry of Health.

I would like at the outset to record my thanks to the Chairman and the members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To Mr. G. W. Beel and Mr. A. T. Pallister I am obliged for their co-operation at all times. Mr. E. Ward on all occasions has given me his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

The problems of the public health have changed greatly in the last thirty years. Infectious diseases including Tuberculosis, have decreased greatly, both in number and severity. More and better food, more humane hours of labour, particularly important for younger persons, greater consideration for individuals as human beings and not as mere "hands", have all played their part in maintaining health and raising the power to resist infection; I believe that the increasing variety of protective substances which can be injected into the individual are also helping to create and maintain the resistance against the particular disease for which each is used. But new problems are arising. There is that of the old people which Preventive Medicine has itself created by prolonging people's lives. The best solution is not to allow them to believe themselves old by employing them as fully and for as many years as possible, for the human body that is not employed deteriorates quickly, like an unused machine. Pensioners who could be employed are like cars deteriorating in a garage, except that they are not heading for the scrap-heap where some useful metal could be recovered, but before their time are likely to require the services of a Domestic Help and then to become candidates for scarce and costly institutional care, again before their time.

Then there are the diseases that affect the body though they are linked with the mind; coronary thrombosis, high blood pressure, peptic ulcers, some forms of rheumatism are instances of these. Why do so many people need tranquillisers to soothe their nerves,

to give them peace by day and sleep by night? The family doctors prescribe quantities of barbiturates, tobacconists sell countless millions of cigarettes; it is true that alcohol is not being drunk in increasing quantities but the reason for that is simple—it is just too dear.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

District Health Office,

Park Lane,

W. H. BUTCHER,

Medical Officer of Health

Guisborough.

18th June, 1956.

TABLE 1 Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Di	r. W. H. Butcher	on minimania long sitt sould seinestrift could seinestrift forces mining
Sanitary Inspectors	Mr. A. T. Pallister*	Mr. J. J. Pattison	Mr. W. C. Ranson*
Additional Sanitary Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	many for which and	commenced duty 21/2/55

^{*}Also Surveyor of the district concerned

SECTION I

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1955 is 9,330, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1954 of 9,270.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:-

1.	Area of the Distri	ct in acres		dyund) and	18,948
2.	No. of inhabited	houses acco	ording to the	rate books	2,881
3.	Rateable Value			ollometti	£50,288
4.	Sum represented	by a penny	rate		£229/12/9

Social Conditions

During the nine years of my holding office with the Council, the historic capital of Cleveland has been undergoing, not only growth, but also change, accelerated during the last two years. It has undergone such changes, no doubt before, during its existence; the dissolution of the Priory, the working of Alum, the opening of the ironstone mines, each in its time must have profoundly affected the social conditions, and in some cases the characteristics of the inhabitants. Now, with the increase of industry on Tees-side and the shortening of communications by the internal combustion engine, another change is being undergone; new dwellers are arriving from Lancashire, from Cheshire, from Middlesbrough and other parts, who will leave the imprint of their characteristics on the future citizens of the growing community.

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		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births		78	99	177
Legitimate	****	78	96	174
Illegitimate		ve tribution av	3	3
Still Births		unbboth to	ns doctor i	2
Legitimate		20011	bee of leaves	2
Illegitimate		- iso	ossan d neph	laniq ue l

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total			1	3
Legitimate		SHOTE	1	3
Illegitimate	TO THE REAL PROPERTY.	de benteb	elimedon ith	Oldser d

The number of births registered being 177 gives a birth-rate of 19 per 1,000 of the population. Allowing for the differing age and sex distribution of the population in different areas, the birth-rate corrected by this comparability factor is 19.2 compared to 15.0 for England and Wales. Four infants under the age of one year died, giving an infant mortality rate of 22.6 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 24.9. Of these infant deaths two occurred in the first four weeks of life.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics CAUSES OF DEATH

STREET, STREET			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	.mound	and its proper	Ber-gans	-onn
Tuberculosis, other	200	mentallib mi	1	1
Syphilitic Disease	United	Till ba	131 131	placed v

TABLE 3-Vital Statistics-CAUSES OF DEATH-continued.

ABLE 3—Vital Statistics—CAUSE	s of	DEATH-	-continued
Diphtheria		1134-11	m-deben
Whooping Cough		Total Is	M- 1.—
Meningo-coccal infections		Halls-1	M. S
Acute poliomyelitis		uloV deles	A -
Measles		1000	- S
Other infective and parasitic Diseases		_	brich Ham
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	June 1	2	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus		gning-bas	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast	L 100	gabre mi	11 -0
Malignant neoplasm of uterus		dripped o	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplas	ms	7	3
Leukaemia		dada—dr	n ches
Diabetes		1	2010-0
Vascular lesions of nervous system		18	15
Coronary disease, angina		8	2
Hypertension with heart disease		1	-
Other heart diseases		17	17
Other circulatory diseases	TZ	1	1
Influenza		-	_
Pneumonia		1	1
Bronchitis		8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system		- 777	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		- 411	2
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea		- 1	Lesino
Nephritis and nephrosis		4	Tilegilies.
Hyperplasia of prostate	1 70	1	_
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion		_	_
Congenital malformations		_	2
Other defined or ill-defined diseases		5	4
Motor Vehicle accidents		1	1
All other accidents		-	2
Suicide			1
Homicide and operations of war			_
A second		7.0	
ALL CAUSES		76	58

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. Table 3 shows clearly what killed residents in Guisborough in 1955. The 134 deaths give a death-rate of 14.3 per thousand of population. Allowing for the differing age and sex distribution of the population in different areas, the death-rate correction by this comparability factor is 11.1 compared to 11.7 per thousand for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1955

(other than Tuberculosis)

Age Un- known	die o	1	1	1 200	1	1	1	1	1
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45—		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	_
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10—		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0 10 14
5	and A	-	1	2	1	1	09	-	0 to 24
4		1	1	1	1	1	33	1	5 to 54
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7		e IS	ı	1	h	a la	14	a be	There luc
1 year		1.	1	1	1	1	13	1	1
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TO STATE OF THE ST	PROG S	Scarlet Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	sles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas
		Scar	Puer	Pneu	Polic	Dyse	Measles	Who	Erys

SECTION II

Infectious Diseases

Tuberculosis

Five new cases of respiratory tuberculosis and no cases of non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

TABLE 5

Tuberculosis

AGE GROUPS	S		RESPIRATOR	RY FORM NO	N-RESPIRA	TORY FORM
Years			Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	****	****	1	_	-	-
5 to 9			-	-	_	_
10 to 14				_	-	131 -
15 to 19			_	_	_	= -
20 to 24				-	-	_
25 to 44			2	_	-	18 -
45 to 54			1	_	-	8 -
55 to 64			1	_	-	8 -
65 to 74			er meteor		-	1-1
TOTAL			5	_	-	B -9
			-			

There were two deaths from this cause, both from the non-respiratory form.

TABLE 6

Immunizations against Diphtheria or Whooping Cough and Diphtheria

Age Groups	UNDER 1	1 то 4	5 то 14	TOTAL
Completed Immunizations	44	48	8	100
Reinforcing Doses	-	31	121	152

Immunization is available to children at the hands of the family doctor, or at the Immunization Clinic of the Local Health Authority at Guisborough, and at the infant welfare centre of the Local Health Authority at Lazenby.

Regarding protection against smallpox, 48 persons received primary vaccinations and 3 were revaccinated making a total of 51.

SECTION III

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities.

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946.

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee meets once a month in rotation at Guisborough, Skelton and Loftus. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service.

Prevention of illness: Care and After Care.

Ambulance Service.

Vaccination and Immunization.

Home Nursing.

Health Visiting.

Midwifery.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Guisborough Area Voluntary Care Committee.

I would like to record the useful work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from tuberculosis and other illnesses. Whereas in connection with the welfare of the tuberculous the Committee has certain funds allocated to it, for the welfare of other sufferers it depends entirely on voluntary contributions. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 321).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951-Section 47.

During the year I managed to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts. Getting the aged sick into hospital is becoming, in my experience, an increasingly difficult and lengthy procedure. I am not referring to the chronic sick but to the aged persons who, owing to the onset of an acute condition superimposed on old age or chronic illness, or to the worsening of a chronic disease so that it has become an acute, are no longer fit to remain at home, because the services of the Home Nurse and of the Domestic Help, even if relatives are available to help (many of these old persons are alone) cannot be regarded as proper care and attention.

SECTION IV-Water Supplies

TABLE 7

Bacteriological Results of the Treated Water of the Guisborough Urban District Council

Date 1955	No. of Colonies developing on Agar per ml. at 37° C. in 2 days	Presumptive Coliform Reaction from 100 ml.	Bact. Coli Type 1 in 100 ml.	Classification
8th February	and the same	less than 1	absent	Class 1
9th August	0	less than 1	absent	Class 1
4th October	2	0	0	Class 1

TABLE 8
Bacteriological Results of the Treated Water of the

Cleveland Water Company

Source	Date 1955	No. of Colonies developing on Agar per ml. at 37° C. in 2 days	Presumptive coliform reaction from 100 ml.	Bact. Coli Type 1 from 100 ml.	Classifi- cation
Upleatham Hutton Village Hutton Lane Hutton School Hutton School Hutton School	Feb. 8 Feb. 8 Feb. 5 May 17 July 13 July 13	3 0 1 less than 1 0 0	less than 1 less than 1 less than 1 absent less than 1 5	absent absent absent absent absent 5	Class 1 Class 1 Class 1 Class 1 Class 3

TABLE 9
Miscellaneous Waters—Bacteriological Results

Source	Date 1955 No. of colonies developing on Agar per ml. at 37° C. in 2 days		Presumptive coliform reaction from 100 ml.	Bct. Coli Type 1 from 100 ml.	Classifi- cation	
*Wilton Castle Yearby Tudor	June 30	3	absent	absent	Class 1	
Cottage Upsall	Feb. 8 May 18	1	less than 1	absent less than 1	Class 1 Class 2	

^{*} Figures supplied by courtesy of the Senior Medical Officer, Wilton Works,
Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

TABLE 10-Chemical Results in parts per million

Source		14 Beech Road, Guisborough
	***	October 4th
Date of Sample		October 4th
Turbidity parts per million	Silica Scale	7
Reaction pH	Annual Markey	9.1
Total Solids		100
Free Carbon Dioxide	***	absent
Chlorine in Chlorides		17
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbo	nate	25
Hardness: Total	and the estimate.	32
Temporary		25
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen	****	0.0
Ammoniacal Nitrogen		0.12
Albuminoid Nitrogen		0.10
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. a	t 27° C.	2.9
Metals: Iron		1.2
Other metals (manganese)	and Mouses	0.05
Residual Chlorine		absent
Odour		Slightly earthy
		THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T

For some time in the late summer and early autumn the Guisborough water was of a yellow colour; the weather had been dry. The analysis shows a water of the highest bacterial purity but an excessive amount of iron is present, suggesting that the water at this period was derived from fissures in the ironstone.

TABLE 11-Rainfall in the District, 1955

Period		Inches	Period	Inches		Period	Inches
Januar	y	2.42	June	2.29		November	2.59
Februa	ry	2.71	July	1.49		December	3.36
March		2.12	August	0.94			
April		1.45	September	1.14		TOTAL	25.31
May		2.62	October	2.59			
			Annual Rai	infall			
			Inches				Inches
1948			27.31	195	2	****	29.90
1949			23.85	195	3		23.77
1950		Marine Marine	35.31	195	i4		36.07
1951			40.65	195	5		25.31

The supply to the town failed on two occasions during the year, due to one burst on the 6 in. trunk main in Bow Street and a fracture on the 6 in. main in the fields near the old filter house. The supply was interrupted for a matter of hours only on these occasions. In order to avoid shortage of water during the year the reservoir supply was implemented by pumping from the Wiley Cat Beck, the pumps working a total of 4,027 hours, a considerable increase over the past number of years.

A new 3 in. main, a total of 380 lin. yards was laid to replace the existing defective main in Northgate.

A new 3 in. main, approximately 500 lin. yards in length, was laid during the year to serve a private housing estate, Cobble Carr, in Guisborough.

Preliminary investigations have been carried out in connection with a supply of water to Mount Pleasant houses and certain improvement works at Bolckow Street and Northgate corner have been put in hand.

The Council's Consulting Engineer, Messrs. Rofe and Raffety, invited tenders for the scheme for the improvement of the existing water supply works in December, 1955, and it is hoped the work will commence in the new year. Ministry Approval has been received in connection with the Bulk Supply from the Tees Valley Water Board and although the bulk of the material required for the scheme is either on order or delivered a tender date is still awaited.

TABLE 12 Number of Dwelling Houses supplied by Public Water

1.	Supply direct to houses	2632
2.	Number of dwellings supplied by means of standpipes	41
3.	Number of dwellings receiving water from various private sources	208
	Total	2881

SECTION V.
Inspection and Supervision of Food
TABLE 13—Ice Cream, 1955

Manufacturer	No. of samples	Number of samples in provisional grades					
Manufacturer	examined	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4		
Galante	5	2	-	2	1		
Meddocream	5	3	1	-	1		
Walls	12	11	1	-	- 6		
Lyons	7	7	10.86	-	- 025		
Eldorado	10	8	1	1	-		
Northern Dairies	3	3	M 10-20	n n_miles	rate and		
Erimus	5	4	1	orn - object			
TOTAL	47	38	4	3	2		

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning was notified to me.

Section 20-Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949

No action was taken during the year under the above Regulations.

Ice Cream

Two premises are on the register for the manufacture of ice cream. In addition there are twenty-two premises where ice cream previously packed by the producers is sold. These were regularly inspected; forty-seven samples of ice cream were taken and conveyed to the Public Health Laboratory at Middlesbrough under approved conditions and submitted to the Methylene Blue Test. The results are given in Table 13. The producers within the district were informed of their results. In the case of producers outside the district the information was passed to the Medical Officer of Health of the district concerned and the retailer also informed. There is no satisfactory test for an ice cream lolly, but iced water lollies produced by Messrs. J. Galante were examined by the same tests that are applied to water. The results showed a water of a satisfactory bacterial purity.

Milk Supply

There are 16 milk distributors.

Bakehouses

There are 5. Fifteen inspections were made.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are 6. Twelve inspections were made.

Byelaws

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938 for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Practices and Conditions in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspection

Seventy visits were made to food premises and one hundred and two to slaughterhouses, of which there are six licensed; the number of licensed slaughtermen is eight.

Altogether 11 cwts. 62 lbs. of meat were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human food.

TABLE 14
Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

Marie S in pain, approxi-	Cattle Exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	_	- Indiana	-	-	-	-
Number inspected	116	-	12	85	100	no 153 93
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	rollmanna Lyd <u>am</u> iya	ad mi a	uises, aris plagative plagative	1		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	Middle 19	Jest su	1	2	tor bogs bearingle
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	4.3%	skelded densit	not of the light o	1.19%	2%	control the
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	1	bareads.	erluter bi	-	- Loin	- 100
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	_	_	, personale	nit Tim	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	dos am
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.8%		_	_	_ =	undalal
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned			_	- 494	Chap Sh	ber-lef
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-30	TES STEEM R	nonygon —	24/2/4/3	- 200	-
Generalised and totally con- demned	71-1	9 -	-	-		ewalayi

SECTION VI. Housing

The completion of the Park Lane Housing Site last year saw the end of the Council House building in Guisborough itself, although further sites for Council house development have been "earmarked". It is not anticipated that building will recommence until such times as the proposed Bulk Water Supply scheme from the Tees Valley Water Board is brought into operation.

In January a commencement was made on the erection of 56 New Tradition type houses at Lazenby.

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The provisions of the Housing Act 1949, as amended by the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954 (in connection with grant aid for the conversion and improvement of existing premises) continued to be operated by the Council during the year. A total of sixteen applications were received during the year and approval given in fourteen cases.

Slum Clearance

Section 1 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954 required the Council to submit to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government a statement of the number of unfit houses within their area together with a programme of action within a five year period. A preliminary survey of the area has been carried out and it was assessed that a total of 222 houses appeared to be unfit for human habitation and should be dealt with by Clearance and Demolition Orders.

TABLE 15 Housing Statistics

Nu	mber	of new houses completed in 1955	
		(a) By the Council	0
		(b) Other houses	16
1.	Inst	pection of dwellinghouses during the year	
	(1)	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defect	S
		(under Public Health or Housing Acts)	113
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	250
	(2)	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above)
		which were inspected and recorded under the Housing	g
		Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	. 0
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	0
	(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous o	r mun talah
		injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	. 6
	(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the	e
	1000	preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reason	M INO F
		ably fit for human habitation	. 56
2	D		
2.		nedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices	
	(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	. 40
	(2)	Number of dwellinghouses where work is in progress but not yet	Minute.
		completed	. 2
	(3)	Number of Notices in course of preparation (not yet served)	. 0
	(4)	Number of Notices outstanding	. 0
3.	Acti	on under Statutory Powers during the year	
٥.			0
		Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	and the service
	В.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	tenders aske
		(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	7
		served requiring detects to be remedied	

Table 10-Housing Statistics-continued

		(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
			(a) By Owners	0
			(b) By local authority in default of owners	1
1 18	C.	Pro	ceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	
		(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition	
			Orders were made	0
		(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demo-	
			lition Orders	0
	D.		ceedings under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936, Housing Act, 1949 (3), Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 (10, 11)	
		(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in	
			respect of which closing orders were made	6
		(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect	
			of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0
. 1	Hous	ing .	Act, 1936, Part 4, Overcrowding	

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part 4, Overcrowding

Some overcrowding exists, but no accurate figures are available.

SECTION VII

Sanitary Circumstances of the District

TABLE 16

Nuisance Inspections

Total number of inspections made	for nuisance	s only	312
Nuisances found	of Man ad	or ed and feed on manager	261
Total needing abatement	Sull'I to Sylve		261
Abated during the year	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ica minus as m	261
Outstanding at end of year	to solver to	alma water and a service of	0
Notices served, informal	212	Complied with	212
Notices served, statutory	0	Complied with	0
Total Number of summonses of	or other lega	l proceedings	0

Drainage and Sewerage

Normal extension of the sewerage system in Guisborough has taken place in connection with housing development.

The Contract Documents in respect of the Council's Consulting Engineers' scheme for the sewerage of the Wilton Parish adjacent to the I.C.I. development have been received, tenders asked for and the work put in hand. Fair progress has been made with the scheme and it is hoped to be completed in the new year.

The Council has appointed a further Consulting Engineer to deal with the problem of the sewerage and sewage disposal of the outlying villages of Upleatham, Dunsdale and Yearby.

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's Refuse Tip and sewers have been treated, the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Infestation Control Division) has been employed in all cases.

Experimental Treatment works in the Council's Sewers was completed in August, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the following conclusions being derived from the 2 year experiment of direct poisoning of the sewers:—

"Little impact appears to have been achieved on the infestation which remains very much in the same location, widely scattered throughout the system. Although there has been no widespread increase it would seem that a continuance of the three monthly direct poison treatments is not justified but that recourse should be made to the standard methods of six monthly treatments."

Routine Surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises houses, etc., and treatment carried out where necessary.

Closet Accommodation

70 pan closets were converted to water closets.

18 new water closets were provided for new buildings.

72 new sanitary pans and 140 new dustbins were provided.

302 tests and inspections were made of defective or new drainage systems of which 221 were to new drainage systems.

There were at the end of the year, 2,768 water closets and 370 pan closets. The Council pays a grant of £10 or half the cost, whichever is the cheaper, of each approved conversion.

Scavenging

There has been no change in the system of public cleansing. The refuse tip is maintained in a satisfactory manner; the land reclaimed by tipping is returned to agriculture.

Common Lodging Houses

There is one in the district. It was inspected on three occasions. This is one of the dwellings that is on the list for closure.

Smoke abatement

No action was necessary.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

These enter the district in the summer and are subject to regular inspections. The Council have allowed the stationing of one caravan at Hutton Village, certain requirements regarding water and sanitation being a condition of the licence.

Shops Acts, 1934—Sections 10 and 13 (3)

Seventy visits were paid under the above Act. No unsatisfactory conditions were found.

Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses; and slaughterhouses: 24th July, 1893. Byelaws with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917. Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925. Building Byelaws: 10th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

SECTION VIII: Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 17

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	22	to topics and	CONTRACTOR
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	23	62		enti-
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	2	2	-
TOTAL	36	86	2	to to — Josef

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Sanitary Conveniences. (Unsuitable or defective). 2 were found, having been referred by H.M. Inspector and both were remedied.

