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GUISBOROUGH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



REPORT
for the Year 1957

of the Medical Officer of Health
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my annual report for 1957, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with circular 1/58 of the Ministry of Health. Since the tenure of my office will expire on the 31st March there is no time to wait for the figures of the Registrar General regarding births and deaths: these have been compiled from such figures as I have in the office and are only provisional, subject to correction when more accurate figures are available.

With this report I conclude ten years and nine months of happy service to your Council. A servant however, who only praises, does not merit the confidence of his masters. I must therefore admit that I am concerned about the progress in slum clearance.

I recall with especial pleasure the courteous and kindly attitude of the public toward me on all occasions. I would like particularly to thank the voluntary workers at the Centres for their willing efforts and finally, the staff of the District Health Office, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Miss P. Knaggs, for their unstinted help.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. BUTCHER,

Medical Officer of Health.

28th March, 1958.

District Health Office,
Park Lane,
Guisborough.

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.	Dr. W. H. Butcher		
Public Health Inspectors	Mr. A. T. Pallister*	Mr. J. J. Pattison	Mr. W. C. Ransom*
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward		

*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 1957 is 9,630, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1956 of 9480.

General Statistics

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

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|--|------|------|----------|
| 1. Area of the District in acres | | | 18,948 |
| 2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books | | | 2,941 |
| 3. Rateable Value | .... | .... | £113,783 |
| 4. Sum represented by a penny rate |  | .... | £445 |

Social Conditions

During the eleven years of my holding office I have seen development, not confined to the ancient capital of Cleveland, Guisborough itself, but in communities such as Lazenby and Hutton, while on the level cornfields of Wilton has arisen a mighty industry. I am glad to record that such increase of population and activities has been accompanied by progress in such essential environmental services as water supplies and sewerage, and action under the Clean Air Act, 1956.

TABLE 2**Vital Statistics**

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	....	104	90	194
Legitimate	....	....	104	89	193
Illegitimate	....	....	—	1	1
Still Births	....	....	—	3	3
Legitimate	....	....	—	3	3
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	....	3	4
Legitimate	....	....	3	4
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—

The number of births registered being 194 gives a birth-rate of 20.8 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 19.4 compared to 16.1 for England and Wales. Seven infants under the age of one year died, giving an infant mortality rate of 36.1 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 23. Five of the infants who died were under four weeks of age.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics**CAUSES OF DEATH**

			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	....	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	....	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	....	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infections	....	....	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	....	....	—	—
Measles	....	....	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	....	....	—	—
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	....	....	1	1

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

	MALE	FEMALE
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	—	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	—	1
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	3
Leukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	10
Coronary disease, angina	8	1
Hypertension with heart disease	—	3
Other heart diseases	13	17
Other circulatory diseases	1	—
Influenza	1	—
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	2	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	2	3
Motor Vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	4	0
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
ALL CAUSES	61	46

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 1957. The 107 deaths give a death-rate of 11.1 per thousand of population, compared to 11.5 per thousand for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1957
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un- known
Scarlet Fever	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—
Poliomyelitis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	109	4	13	10	27	15	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	7	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SECTION II

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

Two new case of respiratory tuberculosis and one case of non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

TABLE 5
Tuberculosis

AGE GROUPS			RESPIRATORY FORM		NON-RESPIRATORY FORM	
Years			Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	....	....	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	....	....	—	—	—	—
10 to 14	....	....	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	....	....	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	....	....	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	....	....	1	—	—	1
45 to 54	....	....	—	—	—	—
55 to 64	....	....	1	—	—	—
65 to 74	....	....	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	....	....	2	—	—	1

There was one death from respiratory tuberculosis.

TABLE 6
Immunizations against Diphtheria or Whooping Cough and Diphtheria

	AGE GROUPS			
	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed Immunizations	83	33	29	145
Reinforcing Doses	—	20	364	384

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, 47 persons received primary vaccinations and 8 were revaccinated making a total of 55. This procedure is available at the hands of the family doctor.

Regarding immunization against poliomyelitis there was sufficient vaccine available for the immunization of some 419 children.

The mass radiography unit visited Messrs. Burtons Factory and examined 369 persons.

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 at Guisborough. 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.	Home Nursing.
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care.	Health Visiting.
Ambulance Service.	Midwifery.
Vaccination and Immunization.	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Guisborough Area Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the 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.

Again I managed to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts.

SECTION IV — Water Supplies

TABLE 7

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

No.	Date 1957	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.	Classi- fication
1	23rd January	2	0	0	Class 1
2	1st May	0	less than 1	absent	Class 1
3	1st May	*	less than 1	absent	Class 1
4	1st May		less than 1	absent	Class 1
5	16th July		2	2	Class 4
6	16th July		12	less than 1	Class 4
7	29th July		less than 1	absent	Class 1
8	27th November		less than 1	absent	Class 1

* This examination is now discontinued

TABLE 8

Miscellaneous Waters — Bacteriological Results

Source	Date 1957	Presumptive coliform reaction from 100 ml.	Bact. Coli Type 1 from 100 ml.	Classifi- cation
7, Hutton Lane	29th July	less than 1	absent	Class 1

TABLE 9

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Date 22nd January

Guisborough Supply

Appearance: Faint opalescence with a very slight deposit

Microscopical examination: mainly ferruginous mineral particles.

Turbidity	.....	3
Colour	.....	7
Odour	.....	Nil
pH	.....	8.8
Free Carbon Dioxide	.....	Absent
Electric Conductivity	.....	150
Total Solids	.....	100
Chlorine present as Chloride	.....	19
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	.....	28
Hardness: Total	.....	30
Carbonate	.....	28
Non-Carbonate	.....	2
Nitrate Nitrogen	.....	0.0.
Nitrite Nitrogen	.....	Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	.....	0.031
Oxygen Absorbed	.....	0.75
Albuminoid Nitrogen	.....	0.040
Residual Chlorine	.....	0.07
Metals: Iron	.....	0.18
Manganese	.....	0.09
Other metals	.....	Absent

Bacteriological Results

Number of Colonies developing on Agar:

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20° C.
	..... per ml.	..... per ml.	..... per ml.
	Present in	Absent from	Probable No.
Presumptive Coli-aerogenes Reaction	..... ml.	..... ml.	..... per 100 ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	..... ml.	..... ml.	..... per 100 ml.
C1 welchii Reaction	..... ml.	..... ml.	

TABLE 10—Rainfall in the District, 1957

<i>Period</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Inches</i>
January	1.39	June	2.74	November	2.11
February	2.34	July	3.49	December	2.30
March	0.93	August	3.18		
April	0.56	September	3.24	TOTAL	25.50
May	0.99	October	2.23		

Table 11 — Annual Rainfall

	<i>Inches</i>		<i>Inches</i>
1948	27.31	1953	23.77
1949	23.85	1954	36.07
1950	35.31	1955	25.31
1951	40.65	1956	29.90
1952	29.90	1957	25.50

Water

There was no failure of the supply to the town during the year although in June it was considered necessary, in view of the dry weather and low level of the reservoir to issue preliminary notices urging economy in the use of the water. The reservoir supply was augmented, as in previous years, by pumping from the Wiley Cat Back, the pumps working a total of 2,630.75 hours.

The scheme for the improvement of the existing supply works prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Rofe and Raffety, was practically completed during the year being brought into commission in December, 1957.

Main laying in connection with the Bulk Supply Scheme from the Tees Valley Water Board was also completed during the year, the mains being flushed and the Stokesley Road section of the distribution system being interlinked with the Bulk Supply main from Tees Valley Water Board. The Newton branch has also been put into commission.

Schemes have been prepared for the servicing of the Council's New Housing Estate in Hutton Lane and also a private Estate in Hutton Lane and main laying work has been carried out.

TABLE 12

Number of Dwellings supplied by Public Supply—

(a) Direct to houses	.....	2,835
(b) By means of Standpipes	.....	31
(c) Number of dwellings receiving water from various private sources		108
		(including various farms)

SECTION V.

Inspection and Supervision of Food—Ice Cream.

Table 13

Manufacturer	No. of samples examined	Number of samples in provisional grades			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Mrs. A. Galante	3	2	—	—	1
Meddocream	3	3	—	—	—
Walls	15	14	1	—	—
Lyons	14	14	—	—	—
Eldorado	9	9	—	—	—
Northern Dairies	3	3	—	—	—
Erimus	2	2	—	—	—
TOTAL	49	47	1	—	1

Two premises are on the register for the manufacture of ice cream, one of which makes a cold mix for use only in his cafe. In addition there are eighteen premises where ice-cream prepacked by the producers is sold. These were inspected regularly; 49 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 given in the above table show a most satisfactory standard of purity.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been reported.

Section 20—Milk & Dairies Regulations 1949

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

Milk Supply

There are sixteen milk distributors. Four visits were made to cowsheds.

Bakehouses

There are five bakehouses. Twelve inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

Fish & Chip Shops

There are seven. Twenty-one 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 Hygiene Regulations 1955

Informal action was taken on several occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

During the inspection of Public Houses with the Licensing Justices particular attention was paid to the washing-up facilities provided on the various licensed premises. Informal action has now resulted in the provision of adequate washing-up facilities in all of the licensed premises.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspections

Sixty-two visits were made to food premises and 113 to slaughterhouses, of which there are 6 licensed; 7 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 for the making of sausages, etc.

One hundred and thirty pounds of meat were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption and 135 tins of canned food weighing 170½ lbs.

TABLE 14

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	513	8	57	1261	555	—
Number inspected	140	—	3	287	92	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	—	—	—	2	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercu- losis and cysticerci	5%	—	—	—	2.1%	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 6 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 10 licensed slaughtermen.

SECTION VI — Housing

Five Aged Persons' Bungalows and two houses, infilling on the Council's Park Lane Housing Estate, were completed and occupied during the year.

The Road and Sewer contract in connection with the Council's Hutton Lane Development was commenced in April, 1957 and the Building contractors commenced the erection of 302 houses in September, 1957.

Forty-one houses were erected for private occupation during the year.

The provisions of the Housing Act, 1949, as amended by the Housing Repairs & 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 eight applications, including one application for 23 cottages at Wilton Village were received during the year, approval was given in each case involving a total amount of £6,735/0/0.

The improvement proposal to the almshouses, Kirkleatham submitted by the Trustees of the Sir William Turner Hospital were approved by the Ministry of Housing & Local Government under Section 31 Housing Act 1949.

Rent Act 1957

This Act came into operation on the 6th July, 1957 clearing the accumulated debris of past Rent Acts. The Act has two main effects;

- (1) It removes from rent control houses and flats above certain levels of rateable value.
- (2) It allows limited increases in the rents of houses still under rent control.

Under the Public Health Act it could take as long as four months to obtain a Court Order against a recalcitrant landlord, but by way of the Rent Act it may take longer to get a leaky roof repaired. A glance at the working of the Rent Act shows this: A tenant serves Form G for certain repairs, six weeks must elapse and if the owner does nothing, the tenant can then apply for a Certificate of Disrepair. The Local Authority has then to give the landlord three weeks notice of its intention to issue a Certificate. After a Certificate is issued the landlord has six months to carry out the requirements of the certificate—more than eight months to get repairs carried out. It appears that action under the Health and Housing Acts could do much to offset the delays under the Rent Act.

Slum Clearance

As a first instalment of the Council's slum clearance programme detailed inspections of some fifty-one houses in the town are to be carried out and further consideration will be given to the Slum Clearance programme on receipt of the detailed reports.

TABLE 15

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1957

(a) By Private Owners	....	....	....	41
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	7
1. <i>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</i>				
(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	....	234
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	....	585
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing 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 or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	3
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reason- ably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	33
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices</i>				
(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	....	....	....	140
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</i>				
A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957				
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	....	3
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	....	....	....	0
(a) By Owners	....	....	....	0
(b) By local authority in default of owners	....	....	....	0
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts				
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	....	2
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	....	....	....	0
(a) By Owners	....	....	....	0
(b) By local authority in default of owners	....	....	....	0

Table 15—Housing Statistics—continued

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.			
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	....	0
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....	5
D. Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957.			
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	....	....	0
(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
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>			
Some overcrowding exists but no accurate figures are available.			
5. <i>Housing Act, 1949, and Housing Repairs and Rents Acts, 1954 and 1957.</i>			
(1) (a) Number of Improvement Grants made	....	....	8
(b) Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	....	0
(2) (a) Number of Certificates of Disrepair granted	....	....	0
(b) Number of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	....	....	0
6. <i>Rent Act 1957. Applications for Certificates of Disrepair</i>			
1. Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	....	....	13
(b) Number of Decisions to issue certificates	....	....
(1) in respect of some but not all defects	....	....	10
(2) in respect of all defects	....	....	3
(c) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule	....	....	11
(d) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	....	....	—
(e) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	....	....	1
2. <i>Applications for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair</i>			
(a) Applications by landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate	....	....	0
(b) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate	....	....	0
(c) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	....	....	0
(d) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	....	....	0

SECTION VII

Sanitary Circumstances of the District

TABLE 16
Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	413
Nuisances found	314
Nuisances in hand, end of previous year	29
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Total needing abatement	343
Abated during the year	251
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Outstanding at end of year	92
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Notices served, informal	255	Complied with 249
Notices served, statutory	2	Complied with 2
Number of summonses or other legal proceedings	....	0

Drainage and Sewerage

Normal extension to the sewerage system in the District has taken place in connection with Housing Development.

A new sewer consisting of 310 yards of 12 ins. and 172 yards of 9 ins. pipes has been laid from Hutton Lane to connect into the Hutton sewer. This is to serve both the Council Development of approximately 386 houses and private development in Hutton Lane of approximately 320 houses.

The work of improvement and modernisation of the Dunsdale Sewage Disposal Works was commenced during the year.

Owing to the development of the town it has been found necessary to consider the question of extension to the Sewage Disposal Works. The Council's consulting Engineers, Messrs. D. Balfour & Sons have been asked to prepare and submit a report to the Council.

398 Inspections were made to old and new drainage systems, 330 tests being made to new systems.

Closet Accommodation

Ninety-eight Sanitary Pans were converted to Water Closets by the Council under the provisions of Section 47 Public Health Act 1936.

Thirty-five Sanitary Pans were converted to Water Closets by the owners of the premises.

With the exception of those properties likely to be included under the Council's Slum Clearance Programme the whole of Guisborough is now on the water carriage system. The conversion of closets in the Wilton Parish is also proceeding.

44 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

151 new water closets were added to the existing Sewerage system in Guisborough.

15 new water closets were added to the existing Sewerage system in Lazenby.

3 new water closets were added to the existing Sewerage system in Yearby.

2 new water closets were added to the existing Sewerage system in Newton.

6 new water closets were added to the existing Sewerage system in Upsall.

Public Cleansing (Refuse and Disposal).

There has been no change in the system of Public Cleansing and very few complaints were received regarding irregular collections. Refuse is disposed of by means of Controlled Tipping.

Smoke Abatement

No action was necessary during the year.

The Council have adopted the Model Byelaws made under Section 61 Public Health Act 1936 and Section 24 Clean Air Act 1956 in connection with the arrangement in buildings for the prevention of smoke. As approximately 50% of the smoke in the air of Urban Districts is caused by domestic fires the adoption of the Byelaws should, in time, considerably reduce the smoke pollution of the atmosphere.

Common Lodging House

There is one in the District. This is one of the dwellings to be dealt with under the Council's Slum Clearance Programme.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Cleansing, etc.

Two houses were found to be infested with Bed Bugs during the year, treatments were carried out and the premises cleared. The advice of the Department was sought regarding the identification and destruction of the Drosoprilla (Fruit Fly) which were found to be infesting a house in the area.

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's Sewers and Refuse Tip were treated twice in accordance with the Technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Infestation Control Division). Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling houses, etc. and at the year end 28 houses, 8 business premises, 2 schools, 1 church and chapel and 1 hospital had been treated. The poisons used so far have been "Antu", Zinc Phosphide, Arsenious Oxide and Warfarin.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

There are no licensed Caravan Sites in the Urban District. The odd caravan appears in the District and informal action is then taken for its removal.

Shops Act 1933

Eighty-two 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.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Prevention: 1st August, 1957.

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 Public Health 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	7	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	24	47	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	35	54	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Sanitary Conveniences. (Insufficient). One was found and had been remedied at the end of the year.

Shops Act 1933

Eighty-two visits were paid under the shops Act. No unsatisfactory conditions were found.

Mortuaries

One at the Ashford & Ashover Hospital.

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements, and other common lodging houses and slaughterhouses, 24th July, 1897.

Byelaws with respect to tents, vans and chains, 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings, 22nd April, 1923.

Bathing Byelaws, 19th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to Swimming Baths and Bathing Pools, 18th October, 1941.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Flour and Sale of Food in the open air, 18th June, 1939.

Byelaws in respect of Houses, Enforcing 1st August, 1957.

SECTION VIII: Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

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

TABLE 17

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (excluding dangerous areas) by Public Health Inspectors.

Factories	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Hours Worked	Employees Employed
(I) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	7		
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 6 is enforced by Local Authorities	34	42		
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding agricultural premises)	—	—		
TOTAL	45	49		

2. Class in which factories have been found.

Sanitary Conveniences, 1 (1957). Other Sanitary Conveniences, 1 (1957). Other Sanitary Conveniences, 1 (1957).

