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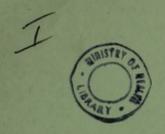
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HAVERHILL URBAN DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

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Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Haverhill in the County of West Suffolk for the year ended the 31st December, 1967.

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.

July, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the Haverhill Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1967.

The Birth Rate continued at a higher level than that for the country as a whole.

The Death Rate was about the same as that for England and Wales.

The Infant Mortality Rate was extremely low but, being based upon only one infant death, this fact had no statistical significance.

The incidence of Infectious Disease was generally low.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me in compiling the Report by the Clerk of the Council, the Public Health Inspector and the Engineer and Surveyor.

My thanks are also offered to the Chairman and all members of the Public Health Committee for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Your obedient Servant,

A. FARNILL MORGAN

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of the District	2,530 acres
Rateable Value (as at 1.4.67)	£332,166
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,472
Rates (County Rate 8/8d. U.D.C. Rate 5/-)	13/8d.
Number of inhabited houses	3476
Estimated population	10,300
Population - Census 1961	5,446

The industrial activities of the district are varied and include agriculture, the manufacture of ready made clothing, gloves, mats, textile fabrics, brushes, ropes, twines, sacks, telecommunications equipment, office furniture, steel furniture, wooden furniture, athletic equipment, sheet metal products, essences, oil well equipment, jewellery, ladders, non-ferrous castings, scientific glassware, fibre glass mouldings, wooden cabinets, wooden household products, fine chemicals, refri_ration appliances, tools and electrical and mechanical components, untilation equipment, display models, motor vehicle lamp holders and batteries. There are firms engaged in engineering, specialist packing, the processing of animal feeding stuffs, paper converting and food warehousing.

There is a Town development scheme which is being carried out with the co-operation of the Greater London Council.

SECTION B

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR (Figures in brackets relate to previous year)

LIVE BIRTHS Mal	le Female Total
Legitimate 15	'- '-
Illegitimate Total 15	7 4 11 (9) 58 135 293 (271)
Total	THE THE MOINT PLANSAY
- (2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2	28.4 (28.6)
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales) .	17.2 (17.7)
	3.7 (3.3)
STILLBIRTHS Mal	<u>e Female Total</u> 2 3 5 (6)
Illegitimate	= = = (-)
Total	2 3 5 (6)
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	16.8 (21.7)
	& Wales) 14.8 (15.4)
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS Mal	e Female Total
Legitimate	
O MOLECULO	
Total 16	50 138 298 (277)
<u>DEATHS</u> <u>Mol</u>	
7 11 1 2 000 7 11	36 38 74 (67) 7.2 (7.1)
P	11.3 (11.0)
, Mar., T.S., Lall.C.P., L.R.C.S., Y.R.P. 2.5.,	(a) Dr. A. Fermill Morgan,
INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of ag	I am to be a dead to the format
Legitimate	<u>e Female Total</u> - 1 1 (5)
Illegitimate	(-)
Total	1 1 (5)
INFANT MORTALITY RATES	Nongain ariant critical
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	3.4 (18.4)
" " " " " " (England & Wal	les) 18.3 (19.0)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births Illegitimate " " " illegit." "	3.5 (19.1)
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE	
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	3.4 (11.1)
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE	and stolker back and
	3.4 (11.1)
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE	
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	20.1 (32.5)
ADJUSTED BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS	
<u>1962</u> <u>1963</u>	1964 1965 1966
Birth Rates 17.3 23.2	20.9 20.1 21.4

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES

	Male	Female	Total
Cancer (all types)	10		15
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	8	14
Coronary disease, angina Other heart disease	11 -	5	17
Other circulatory disease Pneumonia Bronchitis	1	3	4 walls
Ulcer of stomach Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	1	1 107/100
All other accidents Suicide		3	3 ofmild
(9) 8 8 -	26	20	71 (6-)
Harles 15.8 (21.7)	36	38	14 (67)

SECTION C

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

- (a) Dr. A. Farnill Morgan, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H. Whole time Medical Officer of Health (is also M.O.H. to other local authorities).
- (b) Mr. F.G. Johnson, C.Eng., A.M.I. Mun, E., M.R.S.H., M.I.H.E.
- (c) Mr. R. Banks, F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., A.I.P.H.E. Public Health Inspector

Hospitals

There are no hospitals within the area.

Ambulance Facilities

The West Suffolk County Council are responsible for the ambulance service.

Nursing in the Home

District Nurses are available for nusing and midwifery duties.

Infant Welfare

A welfare clinic is held weekly on Fridays and is provided by the West Suffolk County Council.

SECTION D

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of notifications received during the last ten years as compared with 1967 is shown in the following table :-

	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67
Diphtheria	DENO.	Colous	100_1	03 20	15051	300	depots	ulogri	2000	10 203	igradio :
Scarlet Fever	3	4		5	6	13	1	7	21	1	-
Erysipelas	auro.i	1	010	v ugitar	1	1220	Long s	- T	- copes	708_WC	11
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	ns VII	le de	olmay	no bo	08. 45	ray lo	-	2.S. W	Sidnothin.	(a) v at
Measles	9	85	11	2	191	3	246	5	34	549	5
Whooping Cough	40	5	5	2	27	4	8	29	1	21	30
Pneumonia	dollar done	5	7	2	2	2	al la	low!	ner_fa	moral moral	-
Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	1	tlen n	AT THE	in al	dt po	ining	Same I	onog:	oldin	Lipan	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	2	0	208 -	12.5	1	100	72
Food Poisoning	15 0	Land u	00 0	ater	or mild	20	willing the	ing 1	to sec	epite epite	1
eldetim at rote	53	100	23	11	227	22	255	41	57	571	37

SECTION E

TUBERCULOSIS

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during the year.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis Register

	ET.0 07.0 ANT 18.0 30	a Curry	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	34 1.05 1.15 2.13 1.65	Male	Female	Male	Female	TOTAL	
1.	Cases at commencement 1967	12	15	1	3	31	
2.	First notified during 1967	10 - SE10 .	1	13 ng	Tournul reduction	1	
3.	Restored to Register	2.92		:	Sortobez Novicebez	-	
4.	Added by transfers		3	1. 2	Decoration	3	
5.	Cases removed from Register	.55 8315	3	-	-	6	
6.	Remaining at 31.12.67	9	16	1	3	29	

SECTION F

WATER SUPPLY

Mains water is supplied to your area by the West Suffolk Water Board and the information regarding the purity of the water was supplied by the Board.

Purity of the Water

Samples taken throughout the district for bacteriological examination were satisfactory.

Samples for chemical analysis were taken by the Board from the Haverhill and Bartlow sources. The Analyst's remarks were as follows: -

(a) Bartlow P.S.

"This water is of very good organic quality and there is no chemical evidence of pollution. The total hardness amounts to 23° Clark, including nearly 20° of temporary hardness. The iron content is negligible and the water remains bright and clear on standing. The pH is on the alkaline side of neutrality, as is desirable. The mineral analysis is in accordance with expectation for a water derived from the East Anglian chalk. The fluoride content of the water is negligible. In our opinion this water is suitable for drinking and general purposes."

(b) Haverhill P.S. - Bore No. 2

"The organic quality of this water is good and there is no chemical evidence of pollution. The analysis as a whole differs little from that of the previous sample from this bore except that the chloride content is 8 p.p.m. higher. In our opinion this water is suitable for drinking purposes."

Water Charges

The water charges for domestic properties for 1967 was 1/9d. in the £. net annual value and for metered supplies was 3/8d. per thousand gallons to 31st March 1967 and 4/0d. per thousand gallons from 31st March, 1967.

Rainfall

Rainfall as registered by the rain gauge at the Waterworks during the years 1962 to 1966 and at the Sewage Works in 1967, as compared with 1967.

					1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Tomiomi					1.21	1.02	1.96	0.80	1.14	2.45
January February			,		1.59	2.25	0.81	1.44	0.70	0.73
March April	••				0.80	0.51	2.03	2.02	2.72	1.11
May	114		110	4:	2.83	1.34	1.05	1.15	2.13	1.65
June July	.,	••	***		1.54	2.95	1.91	3.14	2.07	0.13
August	::	::	::	::	1.99	2.01	2.67	0.62	4.42	1.71
September October				••	2.28	0.65	3.83	0.79	2.79	2.46
November	::		::-		2.27	1.63	2.46	1.05	3.91	1.41
December	.:		3.	••	2.33	3.08	3.72	1.69	0.53	1.96

24.45 22.82 25.77 16.30 25.56 20.35

OEPN-AIR SWIMMING POOL

The Open-Air Swimming Pool is situated at Swan Lane near to the centre of the town. The main pool is 75' x 30' with a maximum depth of 7' constructed in 1930, with a Junior Pool 40' x 20' with a depth varying from 1' 6" to 3' 0". A filtration and chlorination plant was installed in 1938 and increased in capacity in 1964.

The charges are £1.5s.0d. for Adult Season Ticket holders and 12/6d. half season, 17/6d. for Junior Season Tickets and 10/- for half season, 2/- Adults and 1/- for Junior admission.

There were 9 adult full season and 17 adult half season tickets sold and 214 junior full season and 76 junior half season tickets sold.

In addition 1,583 adults and 9,655 juniors paid for admission.

The pool was reserved for the exclusive use of schools during the summer term in the mornings and four afternoons and one evening each week is reserved for the SWimming Club.

Daily field tests are carried out on the bath water and regular bacteriological tests are carried out which show that a regular high standard was achieved.

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PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Nature of Sample: From the Small Swimming Pool, Swan Lane, Haverhill

Date of Collection: 4.7.67
Date of arrival: 4.7.67

REPORT Date of Report 6. 7. 67

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council's Sewage Disposal Works which is situated in Coupals Road now caters for a population of approximately 10,300 persons with an allowance for trade wastes and a design for an extension to 18,500 with an increased capacity for trade wastes is in hand.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection of domestic and trade refuse is undertaken by the department. 3,287 domestic premises and approximately 324 trade, commercial and other premises are now collected weekly.

The bonus system of refuse collection which was organised in 1963 is continuing and is working satisfactorily.

Collection is carried out by a 40 cu. yd. Dennis Paxit III compressor type lorry and disposal is by tipping.

The Council have under consideration plans for additional controlled tipping areas and the provision of a Refuse Disposal plant. Paper sack receptacles are now being used on all new Council estates. The collection of bulk items of household refuse is undertaken free of charge.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of visits and inspections		2,364
The above inspections are divided into :-		
Dwelling Houses (Housing Act)	Distant.	34
Dwelling Houses (Public Health Act)	7.	119
Moveable Dwellings		2
Verminous Premises	apla.	M 3
Infectious disease enquiries		13
Complaints investigated		299
Bakehouses	W 100	3
Butchers' Shops & Manufacturing Premises	102 6	34
Cafes, Restaurants & Canteens		38
Dairies	Dong	3
Wet & Fried fish shops		8
Other food shops		108
Food Stalls & Vehicles		404
Public Houses		16
Slaughterhouses	1,,,,,3	130
Drainage		52
Rodent Infestation		308
Insect Infestation		53
Disinfestation		2
Clean Air Act 1956	20.000	33
Factories	"	208
Outworkers Premises		50
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963		148
Noise Abatement Act	l'auroi	11
Water Sampling	101	31
Water Supplies	4.39	26
Swimming Baths	1000	14
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act 1956	***	2
Animal Boarding Establishments		1
Explosives Act 1875 & 1923		19
Petroleum Installations	10/401	74
Hackney Carriage Vehicles		28
Miscellaneous Visits		89
Diseases of Animals Act		1
Number of Informal Notices	···	14

COUNCIL HOUSING

During the year 12 4-bedroom houses, 113 3-bedroom houses, 8 1-bedroom bungalows and 6 bedsitter bungalows were completed.

At the end of the year the Council owned :-

131 4-	bedroom	

1,700 3-bedroom houses

253 2-bedroom houses

52 2-bedroom bungalows

34 1-bedroom bungalows

46 bedsitter bungalows

4 3-bedroom flats

36 2-bedroom flats

16 1-bedroom flats

16 bedsitter flats

23 other houses purchased by the Council

2,311 dwellings

DETAILS OF MEAT CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

PIGS 22 Heads Tuberculosis 2 Heads Abscessed 71 Livers Cirrhosis 3 Plucks Pleurisy 1 Pluck Abscessed 6 Plucks Cirrhosis 31 Sets of lungs Pneumonia 2 Hearts .. Pericarditis 5 sets of kidneys Nephritis 721 lbs. Carcase Meat .. Bruising 10 lbs. Carcase Meat .. Peritonitis 2 lbs. Carcase Meat ... Arthritis 3 lbs. Carcase Meat .. Abscessed 1 Carcase and organs Pleurisy & Peritonitis 1 Carcase and organs Moribund 1 Carcase and organs Generalised Emaciation 1 Carcase and organs Pyaemia

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

			_		_		-	-
3 3-bedroom houses, 8 1-bedroom	ex	attle cluding Cows	C	ows	Cal	res .	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	atrico II	e Counc	nis m	no year	33	and only	3	909
Number inspected		-moonhe		ISI -	33	3	3	909
Acres la testillada	nonnon	шоохба	d-S	253			1 2	
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	Legand							
Whole carcases condemned		207;12		- 35			_ 13	4
Carcases of which some part or					25		799	-
organ was condemned		-accabe		16-			- 3	127
Percentage of the number inspect								
affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis		_					38	14.41
valerours an of burerours		analil	ast	TIE			10000	14.41
Tuberculosis only								
Whole carcases condemned		_ ''					_100	-
Carcases of which some part or								
organ was condemned		- TENERAL PROCE		E OF E	LILATE		- 18	22
Percentage of the number inspect	ed							0.40
affected with tuberculosis		-		-	- 11	1	- 33	2.42
and the second second							306	
Cysticercosis					**			
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	** *	- 44		- 4.4		shoot	5_ 2	-
	10 V			-				
by refrigeration		-		-	11	and and the	- 200	-
Generalised and totally condemne	d	- 12		- "	175	Pluoka	- 39	-
	-					1000000		

FOOD PREMISES

Butchers shops				entrares.		7
Butchers' manufacturing premises						6
Bakehouses					2	1
Grocers' and general stores .						18
Cafes, school kitchens and factor	y canteens	s .			-	16
Wet and fried fish shops						4
Greengrocery		deall .	******		0.00	6
Sweets, confectionery						17
Dairies, pasteurising plants and	milk depot	ts .		0 1000		2
Hotels with catering facilities .						2
Public houses and licensed clubs		enoll .	-20024	D . 8460		14
Off licence shops			-			1
Licensed slaughterhouses	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	COSSTO.	ôm •	enouge.		1

For the most part there was the utmost co-operation from members of the food trades in securing compliance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 and 1962 and all of the above-mentioned premises were fitted to comply with Regulations 16 and 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

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SECTION G

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1 - Inspections for the purpose of the provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Heath Inspectors)

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PREMISES	Number	Num	ber of	lo ogenizah
	on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. (2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is	2	2	2	see ton (6) the tol est tentose select ton) to tentose the tentose
enforced by the Local Authority.		E E		Latell
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out- workers premises)	8	19	-	-
District 134		Eft soil	0.00	
Total	90	208	2	oun-oil

Cases in which DEFECTS were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

9df 30 s	Number of cases in which defects were found						
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Refe To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	prosecutions were instituted		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Want of clean- liness (S.1)	part of	ol ent to	C EAST		-4		
Overcrowding (S.2) Unreasonable		to sacquing	en for the	idooqaal -	127		
temperature (S.3) Inadequate		Inapectors	Heath		- 14-6		
ventilation (S.4) Ineffective							
drainage of floors (S.6)	de n. II		zadi m	ut - Bu			
Sanitary Con- veniences (S.7)	arco	Insport	tofu	Rog	22		
(a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or			-	1 7			
defective (c) Not separate for sexes	1	2		3,4			
Other offences against the Act	-	S	2	Lead			
(not including offences relating to Outwork)		393.5					
Total	3	3		0.0	t vd bacrotes		

PART VILL OF THE ACT

Outwork - Sections 133 and 134

Nature of	Sec	tion 133	Section 134			
	No. of out- workers in	No. of cases of	No. of prose-	No. of instan-	Notices Served	Prose- cutions
work (1)	August list required by Section 133 (1) (C)	default in send- ing lists to the Council (3)	cutions for failure to supply lists (4)	ces of work in unwhole- some Premises (5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making etc.	36	-	all of the course of the cours		-	ware longeral)
Total	36	_	-	-	-	-



