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HAVERHILL URBAN DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

ANNUAL REPORT

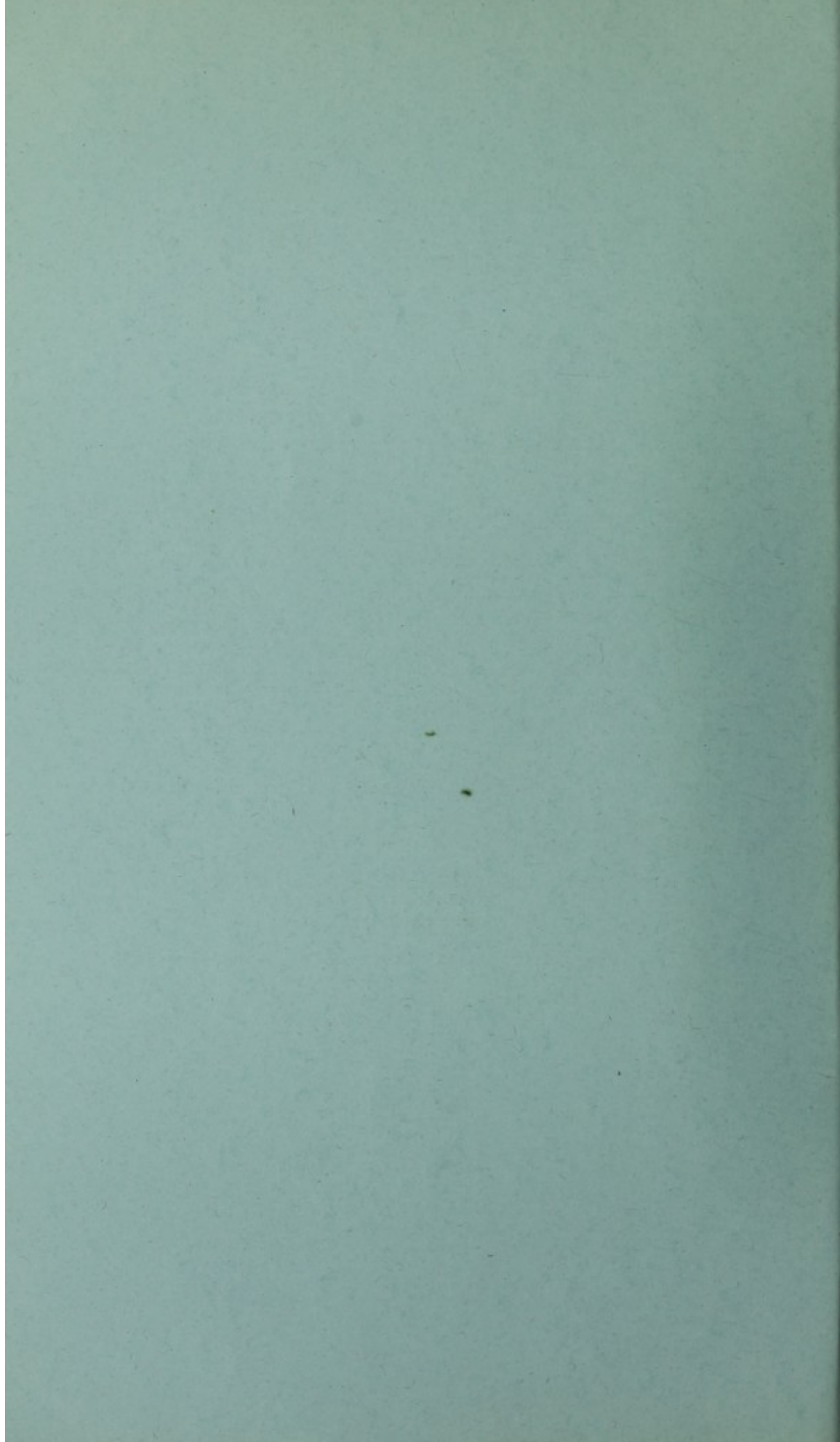
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1968





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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, 1968.

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.
July, 1969.

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 1968.

Vital Statistics

The estimated population increase for the year, 400, was largely due to Town expansion. The birth rate was again lower, but above the national average. The illegitimate birth rate rose from 3.7 in 1967 to 5.9 in 1968.

There were 18 more deaths and the corrected death rate for the District is higher than the national average. 5 deaths occurred in the first year of life and 3 deaths under 4 weeks, giving an infant mortality rate of 18.5 compared with 18.0 for England and Wales. Two elderly males died as a result of the late effects of tuberculosis.

Infectious Diseases

There was again a rise in the number of cases of measles notified, although much less than the numbers recorded in 1966.

Two cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Environmental Conditions

Town expansion brings with it many problems of a social and environmental nature. One such environmental problem in an urban district is that of finding suitable sites for tipping of refuse. At the time of writing, all available space has almost been used up. To overcome this problem your Council has wisely agreed to the purchase of a refuse pulverisation plant, and it is hoped that this will be operative in 1970.

The Council's housing programme continued apace. During the year 222 houses were completed.

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.

As Dr. Morgan resigned during the year I have prepared this Report on his behalf.

J. R. M. Murdoch
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of the District	2,530 acres
Rateable Value (as at 1.4.68)	£372,015
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,651
Rates	14/1d.
(County Rate 9/-d. U.D.C. Rate 5/1d.)	
Number of inhabited houses	3,708
Estimated population	10,700
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, watches, ladders, non-ferrous castings, scientific glassware, fibre glass mouldings, wooden cabinets, wooden household products, fine chemicals, paint, refrigeration appliances, weighing machines, food machinery, tools and electrical and mechanical components, ventilation 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)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	126	128	254	(282)
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	16	(11)
Total								134	136	270	(293)

Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.2	(28.4)
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.74)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.6	(21.0)
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	(17.2)
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.9	(3.7)

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	(5)
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	(-)
Total								1	3	4	(5)

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.6	(16.8)
" " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.0	(14.8)

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	127	131	258	(287)
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	16	(11)
Total								135	139	274	(298)

<u>DEATHS</u>								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Death rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	42	92	(74)
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 1.61)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.6	(7.2)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.8	(11.3)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.9	(11.2)

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	5	(1)
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	(-)
Total								3	2	5	(1)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.5	(3.4)
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.0	(18.3)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19.7	(3.5)
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " " " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	(-)

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.1	(3.4)
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.1	(3.4)
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.5	(20.1)
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ADJUSTED BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Birth Rates	23.2	20.9	20.1	21.4	21.0	18.6
Death Rates	12.6	12.5	10.9	11.0	11.3	13.8

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES

	Male	Female
Other Tuberculosis, including late effects	2	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	3	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	2
Leukaemia	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	7	7
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	1	-
Ischaemic heart disease	11	8
Other forms of heart disease	6	6
Cerebrovascular disease	6	6
Other diseases of circulatory system	-	1
Pneumonia	3	1
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	2
Congenital anomalies	2	2
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	1
	50	42
1967	36	38

ADJUSTED RATES AND RATES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
18.6	21.0	21.4	20.1	20.9	21.8
12.8	11.3	11.0	10.9	12.5	12.6

SECTION C

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

A. Farnill Morgan, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.,
L.R.C.S., D.P.H.(Durham), Cert. Mental
Deficiency and Allied Subjects (London).

Resigned September 1968

ENGINEER and SURVEYOR

F.G. Johnson, C.Eng., M.I. Mun.E., M.R.S.H., M.I.H.E.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

R. Banks, F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., A.I.P.H.E.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

W. R. Purr, M.A.P.H.I.

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 nursing 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 1968 is shown in the following table :-

	58	59	60	61	'62	63	64	65	66	67	68
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-	5	6	13	1	7	21	1	-	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	85	11	2	191	3	246	5	34	549	5	121
Whooping Cough	5	5	2	27	4	8	29	1	21	30	5
Pneumonia	5	7	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	100	23	11	227	22	255	41	57	571	37	127

SECTION E

TUBERCULOSIS

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

There were two deaths from tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis Register

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
1. Cases at commencement of 1968	9	16	1	3	29
2. First notified during 1968	1	-	-	1	2
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
* 5. Cases removed from Register	5	11	1	3	20
6. Remaining at 31.12.68	5	5	-	1	11

* During the year the tuberculosis register was brought up to date.

SECTION F

WATER SUPPLY

Mains water is supplied to your area by the West Suffolk Water Board.

Purity of the Water

Samples taken throughout the district for bacteriological examination were satisfactory.

Samples for chemical analysis were taken by the Board. The Analyst reported that the water was suitable for drinking and general purposes.

The fluoride content of the water is negligible.

Rainfall

Rainfall as registered by the rain gauge at the Waterworks during the years 1963 to 1966 and at the Sewage Works since 1967, as compared with 1968.

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
January	2.06	1.21	1.02	1.96	0.80	1.14
February	1.02	1.59	2.25	0.81	1.44	0.70
March	1.22	0.80	0.51	1.63	2.02	2.72
April	1.81	2.48	2.15	2.03	1.94	2.24
May	1.19	2.83	1.34	1.05	1.15	2.13
June	2.37	1.54	2.95	1.91	3.14	0.64
July	3.24	1.18	2.71	3.00	0.76	2.07
August	3.33	1.99	2.01	2.67	0.62	4.42
September	4.66	2.28	0.65	3.83	0.79	2.79
October	2.04	3.95	2.52	0.70	0.90	2.27
November	1.09	2.27	1.63	2.46	1.05	3.91
December	1.43	2.33	3.08	3.72	1.69	0.52
	25.46	24.45	22.82	25.77	16.30	25.56

OPEN-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 11 adult full season and 233 junior full season and 13 junior half season tickets sold.

In addition 793 adults and 8,790 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 is achieved.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council's Sewage Disposal Works which is situated in Coupals Road now caters for a population of approximately 12,500 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.

Number of dwelling houses connected to the Sewers 3,614

Number of dwelling houses not connected to the Sewers
(not within a reasonable distance of a public sewer) 42

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection of domestic and trade refuse is undertaken by the department. 3,833 domestic premises and approximately 307 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 cub. yd. Dennis Paxit III compressor type lorry and a Fore and Aft tipper lorry and disposal is by tipping.

Because the existing tip will be used up by about the middle of 1969 and there are no other areas available in the locality for controlled tipping the Council have decided to go ahead with a scheme for a refuse pulveriser plant which will be located at the Council's Sewage Works. 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.

The Council is actively following the powers given under the Civic Amenities Act for the removal and disposal of abandoned motor vehicles with the result that they have overcome the problem which was beginning to build up.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of visits and inspections 3,532

The above inspections are divided into :-

Dwelling Houses (Housing Act)	16
Dwelling Houses (Public Health Act)	87
Complaints investigated	232
Bakehouses	9
Butchers Shops and Manufacturing Premises	52
Cafes Restaurants and Canteens	49
Dairies	2
Wet and Fried Fish Shops	23
Other Food Shops	143
Food Stalls and Vehicles	401
Public Houses	53
Slaughterhouses	73
Drainage	73
Rodent Infestation	744
Insect Infestation	119
Disinfestation	2
Clean Air Act 1956	55
Factories	293
Outworkers Premises	36
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	292
Noise Abatement Act	21
Water Sampling	51
Water Supplies	18
Swimming Baths	19
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act 1956	21
Explosives Act 1875 and 1923	45
Petroleum Installations	175
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	74
Miscellaneous Visits	324
Disinfection	30

Number of Informal Notices 7

COUNCIL HOUSING

During the year 36 4-bedroom houses and 186 3-bedroom houses were completed.

At the end of the year the Council owned :-

167	4-bedroom houses
1,836	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
21	other houses purchased by the Council

2,531	dwellings
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DETAILS OF MEAT CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

FIGS

15 Heads	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tuberculosis
1 Pluck	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tuberculosis
17 lbs. Carcase Meat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tuberculosis
19 Livers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cirrhosis
27 Livers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Parasites
28 Sets of Lungs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Congestion
4 Sets of Lungs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pneumonia
1 Set of Lungs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pleurisy
3 Plucks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pleurisy
1 Pluck	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pneumonia
1 Heart	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pericarditis
2 Sets of Kidneys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nephritis
32 lbs. Carcase Meat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Abscessed

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	-	-	3	-	525
Number inspected	-	-	3	-	525
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	88
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	16.76
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	17
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	(2)	-	(1)	3.24
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	(2)

FOOD PREMISES

Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Butchers' Manufacturing Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Grocers' and General Stores	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Cafes, school kitchens & factory canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Wet and fried fish shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Greengrocery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Sweets, confectionery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Dairies, pasteurising plants & milk depots	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hotels with catering facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Public Houses and licensed clubs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Off licence shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Licensed slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Regulation 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 applies to all of the above premises and all of the premises were fitted to comply with Regulations 16 and 19.

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.

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
Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	2	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	90	247	4	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out- workers premises)	16	44	-	-
Total	108	293	5	-

Regulation 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 applies to all of the premises and all of the premises were listed to comply with Regulation 19 and 19.

For the most part there was the utmost co-operation from members of the food trades in securing compliance with the Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 and 1961.

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")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6			
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1			
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
Total	7	7			

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork - Sections 133 and 134

Section 133			Section 134			
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (C)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making etc.	30	-	-	-	-	-
Total	30	-	-	-	-	-

Cases in which HENRY were found
(If details are discovered at the residence on two, three or more
separate occasions they should be recorded as two, three or more "cases")

SECTION 133

Particulars	Found	Hatched	Number of cases in which details were furnished		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Part of Classification (8.1)					
Overcoming (8.2)					
Unreasonable delay in prosecution (8.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (8.4)					
Inadequate drainage of floor (8.5)					
Sanitary conveniences (8.6)					
(a) Inadequate ventilation					
(b) Inadequate or defective					
(c) Not adequate for needs					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
Total					

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork - Sections 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134			
Nature of work	No. of out- workers in night 1987	No. of out- workers in day 1987	No. of out- workers in evening 1987	No. of out- workers in night 1988	No. of out- workers in day 1988	No. of out- workers in evening 1988	No. of out- workers in night 1989
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Working apart making etc.							
Total							

