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ANNUAL REPORT

On the Health of

HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT

1972

Report presented by
The Medical Officer and The Health Inspector

HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT



HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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(Figures for 1971 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION.

Estimated mid-year population.

Registrar General's Estimate	12,860 (12,610)
Total Increase	250	
GENERAL STATISTICS.		
Area in acres	31,743	

Number of Occupied Properties according to Rate Book.

		4,200
Number of properties per acre	and at the	0.13
Number of persons per acre		0.39
Number of persons per house	-	3.06
Rateable Value of District	-	£496,047
Sum represented by Penny Rate.	-	£5,040

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Local adjusted Rate	13.9	(16.4)
Area Comparability Factor for Births	.98	(1.06)

NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS.	M/LES	FEMALES	TOTAL
	81	102	183
Legitimate	79	93	172
Illegitimate	2	9	11

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NUMBER OF STILL BIRTHS.

Still births per 1000 total live and still births 5

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DEATHS

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Deaths of infants under 1 yr	2	-	-2
Number of deaths under 4 weeks of age	2	-	2
Number of deaths under 1 wk of age	2	-	2
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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during 1972:-

Disease	All ages	Birth - 1	1-4	5-14	15-24 +	
Scarlet Fever	0	-	-	-	-	
Measles	3	-	1	2	-	
Hepatitis	1	-	-	-	1	
Salmonella Typhimurium	1	-	-	1	-	
Dysentery	1	-	-	1	-	
Malaria	1	-	-	-	1	

Incidence of Diseases during the different months:-

Disease	Month	Cases
Measles	March	1
	May	1
	June	1
Hepatitis	August	1
Salmonella Typhimurium	January	1
Dysentery	February	1
Malaria	December	1

Incidence of Diseases amongst the different Parishes during 1972:-

Parish	Disease	Cases
Sacombe	Salmonella Typhimurium	1
Lt. Berkhamsted	Dysentery	1
Tewin	Measles	3
Aston	Measles	1
Bayford	Malaria	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following is a Summary of Tuberculosis Notification etc., during 1972:-

There were no new cases and the year commenced and ended with 51 cases on the register:-

	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary
Males	26	3
Females	16	6

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Motifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosia) notified during 1972:-

Disease	All ages	Birth - 1	1-1	5-14	15-24 +	
Scarlet Fever	0	-	-	-	-	
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Dysentery	1	-			-	
Malaria	1					

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A.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Clinics which serve Hertford Rural District.

Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

Infant Welfare

General Clinic for Schoolchildren,

Dental and Orthodontic

Audiometrician

Speech Therapy

Relaxation Classes - Mothercare

Cytology

Immunisation

Wednesday 1.45 - 4.00 p.m.

3rd Monday a.m. in each month By appointment (Tel: on Monday

9.30 - 12.30 HERTFORD 3259)

2nd Tuesday a.m.

All day Friday

Monday p.m. Application to Health

Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

1st Tuesday a.m.

Sele Farm Clinic, Hollybush School, Hertford.

Infant Welfare

Fridays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Transport is available from Waterford and Bramfield areas. Telephone HERTFORD 3711.

Bengeo Infants School - Health Annexe (Hertford 5806)

Infant Welfare

Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

Village Hall, Hertford Heath.

Infant Welfare

3rd Tuesday 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Watton-at-Stone.

Infant Welfare

2nd & 4th Wednesday 2.30 - 4.00 p.m

Village Hall, Datchworth.

Infant Welfare.

1st & 3rd Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Parochial Hall, Benington.

Infant Welfare

3rd Wednesday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Tewin.

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Church Hall, Walkern.

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A Family Planning Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bowling Road, Ware, on Monday and Thursday evenings 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

Immunisation and Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service which can be obtained from their family doctors or at any of the Infant Welfare Centres mentioned.

The following table gives the latest recommendations of the County Medical Officer:-

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Care and After-care.

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Department has been established at the British Red Cross Society, Baker Street. Helpers are present for distribution of equipment on Mondays to Fridays at 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Monday evenings 6-9 p.m. - Return of equipment only.

A Cytology Clinic is held at the Clinic, Bull Plain, Hertford on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday for all women. Telephone Hertford 3597 - Also 3rd Wednesday of every 2nd month.

Treatment for V.D. is available at the following centres:-

Bishops Stortford. Herts & Essex General Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Hospital Tuesday 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

(Males and Females)

Hitchin. Lister Hospital Tuesday 1.00p.m. (Male and

Females)

St. Albans City St. Albans. Tuesday 4.00 p.m. and Thursday

Hospital 12.30 p.m. (Males and Females)

Watford Shrodells Hospital Monday & Wednesday 4 - 6.00 p.m.

(Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 noon Males and Females)

Chiropody Service

This service is confined to the elderly (males aged sixty-five years and over; females aged sixty years and over), the physically handicapped (those substantially and permanently handicapped) and the expectant mother. Such persons must also either be in receipt of supplementary benefit from the Department of Health & Social Security or be in a similar financial circumstances.

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Application for admission to the County Council's Homes for old people needing care and attention should be addressed to The Divisional Social Services Officer, Westfield, West Street, Hertford (Telephone 7041).

(ii) Home Help.

Application for this service should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone 3232), office hours 8.30 - 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Charges vary according to financial circumstances; applicants being assessed in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

(iii)Old People's Welfare.

There are several social clubs for the elderly in the District - The Hertford Evergreen Club is held in Bircherley Street on Monday and Friday afternoons from 3-6 p.m. The Parishes of Bayford, Brickendon, Datchworth, Hertford Heath, Stapleford, Waterford and Watton-at-Stone also have their old people's social clubs.

The Secretary of the Hertfordshire Old People's Welfare Council, The Old Forge, Sawbridgeworth (Telephone 3278) will be pleased to furnish details of other clubs in the rural district.

(iv) Meals on Wheels

At present hot meals are served in the Bayford, Birch Green, Hertford Heath, Tewin and Watton areas. Enquiries should be made to Mrs. E.C.M. Sewell, W.R.V.S. County Meals Organiser, Baker Street, Hertford (Telephone 3670).

(v) Welfare Service for the General Classes of the Handicapped and Deaf.

Advice on the services available for the deaf and those persons who are permanently and substantially handicapped is obtainable from the Divisional Social Services Officer, Westfield, West Street, Hertford. (Telephone 7041)

(vi) Welfare Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted.

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(vii) Mental Health.

Arrangements for the mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by a Social Worker, Sivisional Social Services Office, Westfield, West Street, Hertford. (Telephone: 7041).

Help for Mentally Sub-Normal persons can be obtained by application to the Director of Social Services, County Hall, Hertford.

The Training Centre, for males and females, is held daily, Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Geddings, Pindar Road, off Essex Road, Hoddesdon. It closes for two weeks in the summer holiday period and one week each at Christmas, Whitsun and Autumn half term, in addition to public holidays.

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WATER SUPPLIES.

The 15 Parishes which form the Hertford Rural District are supplied by two water understakings. The Metropolitan Water Board serve one Parish only (Little Amwell) whilst the remainder is supplied by the Lee Valley Water Co.

In addition to these two main sources of supply there are various wells throughout the District which provide water for domestic, agricultural and trade purposes.

The two public water authorities have kindly provided the following information on the number and type of samples examined during the year:-

IN SURPLICATION	Chemical Samples	Bacteriological Samples.
Metropolitan Water Board	4	506
Lee Valley Water Co.	14	313
	18	819

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The four small sewage disposal works still continue to give useful service to those Parishes where they are situated and produce a satisfactory effluent. A total of 43 samples were examined by a field testing outfit and all were found to meet the standard laid down by the Royal Commission.

Steady progress was maintained in persuading owners to connect their premises to the sewers whenever possible. A total of 22 premises were connected and a corresponding number of cesspools abolished.

There were 504 visits made by the Officer during the year for this purpose.

The following table indicates the percentage of dwellings in each Parish connected to main drainage, as at March, 1973:-

PARISH	PERCENT/GES.
ASTON	81.4%
BAYFORD	67.3%
BENGEO RURAL	82.9%
BENINGTON	97.7%
BRAMFIELD	85.9%
BRICKENDON	45.2%
DATCHWORTH	92.4%
HERTINGFORDBURY	86.8%
LT. AMWELL	95.4%
LT. BERKH/MSTED	41.9%
SACOMBE	50.6%
ST.PLEFORD	90.6%
TEWIN	86.5%
WALKERN	80.2%
WATTON-AT-STONE	93.6%

REFUSE COLLECTION.

A reappraisal of the refuse collection service was made at the beginning of the year.

Over the past few years the additional new properties erected throughout the District have been concentrated in only 2 of the 3 collection rounds which in turn affected the daily bonus paid to each individual roundsman and on the re-organisation of the rounds a more equitable work load was able to be allocated to each individual.

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At the latter end of the year where was some difficulty concerning the drivers of the vehicles, as is well known, each driver of such a vehicle is required to hold a H.G.V. licence. Due to the amount of sickness and resignations etc., a shortage of staff occurred, however, the weekly service never ceased to function but this was due to the seconding of drivers from other essential services which the Council are required to operate.

BULKY REFUSE.

This service continues to operate satisfactorily and during the year a total of 345 applications have been received for this service and in examining the records it is found that 1,245 hours (31 man weeks) were spent on this service during the past 12 months.

Included in these applications were 27 request for items which were not classed as being of domestic origin and for which a nominal charge was made depending on the size of the load.

The revenue received for this work amounted to £55.25p.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT.

The work under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967 has not materially increased during the year.

A total of 27 vehicles were removed by the Council's contractors at a cost of £67.50p. Seven of the vehicles having been found abandoned, whilst the remaining 20 were removed by private arrangement on a rechargeable basis.

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DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERTAKINGS AND SERVICES.

The following Table indicates the growth of the District and the increase in the demand for the Council's services:-

SERVICES	30th Sept 1972		30th Sept 1971		31st March 1952	
espalate	Number	Datum	Number	Datum	Number	
ESTIMATE POPULATION	12,703	147.71	12,443	144.68	8,600	
HOUSES IN DISTRICT	4,365	170.37	4,276	166.90	2,562	
SEWERAGE					- 919	
Houses connected to sewers	3,650	372.44	3,524	358.56	980	
Staff Engaged	5.13	122.48	4.62	110.52	4.18	
CESSPOOL EMPTYING						
Houses with cesspools	607	52.55	640	55.41	1,155	
Loads of Sewage Removed	566	34.34	829	50.30	1,648	
Staff Engaged	1.78	74.16	2.12	88.33	2.4	
REFUSE COLLECTION						
(Including Bulky Refuse						
Houses served (Adjusted for weekly collection)	4,360	170.45	4,271	167.35	1,276 (2552 fortnightly)	
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SURMARY OF VISITS BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR 1972 Factories Act 22 Food & Drugs Act 39 Food Premises Housing Acts. Inspections and Interviews 53 Improvement Grants (including 325 re-visits) Public Health Acts. Compaints 60 Infectious Diseases 22 ••••• 88 Refuse Collection Sewerage Control 416 Water Supplies 17 Civic Amenities Act 119 •••••• Building Regulations 88 (Drainage connections etc.) Miscellaneous including office interviews 132 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT Details of registration and licences in force and further particulars concerning food premises are as follows:-Ice Cream Premises. There are 27 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream manufacture takes place in the area. Preserved Food. (a) Sausage manufacture 2 (b) Other preserved food manufacture 1 Food Premises by Type of Business. Bakery (with shop) Butcher 2 2 Cafe 1 Green Grocery 2 Confectioner 22 Grocery & General Canteens (including school canteena) 21 Public Houses 34 Mineral Water Factory

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The salmon processing factory in the Parish of Watton-at-Stone received its quota of inspections, advice was sought and given by the Health Department in various matters connected with the handling of this food.

A total of 11 export certificates were issued during the year.

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HOUSING ACTS.

A review of the work carried out under the Housing Acts indicates a marked increase in the improvement of dwellings.

The number of applications received for improvement grants amounted to 38, the total estimated cost of all the work in these applications being £61,371. The amount of eligible grant aid work was £27,843.

There were 19 improvement grant schemes completed during the year and the amount of grant monies paid to the various applicants amounted to £15,910.

Applications for Standard Grants amounted to 6 with an estimated cost of £1,825. During the year 2 Standard Grants were completed and £250.50 was the amount of grant money paid for this work.

Qualification Certificates.

There were 13 applications for Qualification Certificates under Section 44 of the Housing Act 1969.

The practice with such applications is for the dwelling to be examined in detail and a full report made before a decision is given to issue or withold the certificate.

In 10 cases, recommendations were made for an immediate issue of a Certificate, whilst with the remaining cases, the certificates were witheld until the houses were brought up to standard.

A further 2 Certificates were issued in respect of applications received in 1971, which has been witheld until certain works had been carried out.

UNFIT PROPERTY.

There were no unfit properties to be demolished during the year the Council having providously completed their programme of demolition.

HOUSING PROGRESS.

The following Table shows the progress which has been made with new housing:-

By Private Enterprise.	During 1972	Since 1945	Total
New dwellings erected	58	1330	1388
Conversions etc. By L.A.	3	43	46
New dwellings erected By Other Authorities	Nil	1053	1053
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Council Houses	-	1305	1305

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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACTS. 1949.

There were 59 complaints of rat infestation, 28 of mice infestation and 15 wasps nests received during the year.

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Private Dwellings	179	129	86	41	-	-)
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	Inspected	Served	Rate	Mico	Insects	Wests.				
L.A. Promises	04	04	04	-	-	-				
Connoil Dwellings	68	36	ēs .	11	-	-)				
Frivate Dwellings	179	129	86	1-47	-	(-				
Agricultural Promises	-	-	-		-	-				
Dustnesses	-	-		-	-	-				

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT 1972

The administration of the Act for the year 1972 was a repeat of previous years insofar that there were 29 premises recorded on the Register.

During the year there were two deletions, however, there were also two registrations, one being a canteen and the other a retail shop dealing in frozen foods, which brought the total at the end of the year once again to 29.

During the year it was brought to the Inspector's notice that various premises were being requested to be re-registered by the Fire Authority and it would appear that this was necessary due to the firms either changing hands or altering the name of the firm by forming themselves into limited companies. In all a total of 4 such re-registrations took place.

There was a slight increase in the number of inspections carried out and the results of these inspections, comments etc., are given under the various headings.

CLEANLINESS.

The high standard of cleanliness was maintained in all premises registered.

One verbal notice to decorate the canteen kitchen was complied with. Likewise the working area of hairdressing premises.

OVERCROWDING.

There were no cases of overcrowding found during the course of inspection.

TEMPERATURE AND VENTILATION.

Temperature control in all the premises was found adequate, however, as was mentioned in last year's Report the temperature in one office premises was in fact too high due to the offices being sited over a boiler house. To alleviate the situation additional ventilation was made.

LIGHTING.

Natural and artificial lighting was adequate to all premises. A verbal notice to repair the defective lighting to a staircase was complied with.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND WASHING FACILITIES.

No complaints were received during the year concerning the condition or the provision of these facilities, however, in one catering establishment the sanitary accommodation provided for both males and females was decorated and the floor repaired.

One informal letter requesting the abolition of the old-fashioned roller towels in a staff canteen was issued and an assurance given that they would be replaced by the continuous roller type towels.

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FIRST-AID.

All premises were provided with the requisite First Aid box and contents.

DANGEROUS MACHINERY.

It was not necessary to take any action concerning machinery.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS.

An accident free year is once again reported for this District.

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PREMISES	NUMBER	NUMBER	OF	
(1)	ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	24	22	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)		-	-	-
TOTAL	24	22	-	-

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	Found	Remedied	Referre	ed	
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspect-	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-		-	-	- Mariana Canan
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	ATTENDED TO	-	-	Section 1
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-		-	-	
(a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective	-		-	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
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PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORKERS

(Section 133 and 134)

	SECTION 1	33		SECTION 134		
Nature of Work	No of out- workers in August List required by Section 133 (1)(e)	No of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council	No of prosectutions for Failure to supply Lists.	No of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices Served	Proce- cutions
Wearing) Apparel) Apparel) Otto Cleaning and Washing	5	-	-	-	-	-
Gloves	-	-		-	-	-
Boxmaking (paper)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	-	-		-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

CHIMORIGERS

(Section 133 and 134)

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earing) Making pharel) etc. Cleaning and Vand	5			-		-
Gloves	-	-	-	-	-	-
				-		-
LajoT	5	-	-	-		-



