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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year ended 31st December, 1967**

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To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council of Hexham.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

The year saw no material changes in the circumstances of the District. The total population is virtually stationary, although redistribution is taking place from the smaller to the larger communities, and further private housing developments indicate that this trend will continue. The balance between town and country has largely been destroyed, and the outlook of the town is supplanting the rural outlook. The Council must therefore try to combine the services appropriate to a Rural District with those appropriate to large residential areas, and have so far achieved this successfully. The Future is however made uncertain by the possibility of major changes in Local Government and by lack of a definitive plan of development for the District.

This very large Rural District still has agriculture, with its ancillary trades, as the major industry, followed by the distributive trades. Tourists are being attracted in increasing numbers, and there are over 60 hotels and inns. The Council wish to avoid further rural depopulation and to offer a wider diversity of employment, and have made recommendations accordingly towards the County's Development Plan for growth and concentration. They consider that suitable light industry should be sited in Allendale, Wylam and Ovington, that the villages near Hexham might well share in industrial development there, and that the other villages require little in the way of expansion either of housing or industry. If such a long-term plan is accepted it will allow housing and other services to be provided where they are needed, whereas at present such things as the availability of land are the major considerations.

The estimated mid-year population is given as 20,470, a reduction of 20. The number of births also exactly balances the number of deaths, but while there were 17 fewer births there were 41 fewer deaths compared with 1966. The birth rate and death rate are both below the national average, and the infant mortality rate at 12.11 per 1,000 live births is considerably below the national figure of 18.3. The causes of death follow the pattern elsewhere in the country, and as in previous years vascular lesions of the nervous system and various forms of heart disease account for the majority of the deaths. Almost half the deaths occurred in people over 75, the highest age group classified. The vital statistics indicate a stable population, just maintaining its numbers, and with a favourable health record compared with the country generally.

The most frequent infectious disease notified during 1967 was measles, with almost 400 notifications, and two small outbreaks of dysentery among children attending two village schools, and affecting 15 children. One resident developed typhoid fever while on holiday abroad. As he, his wife and several members of his family, who were abroad with him, had hospital appointments in a number of places, the circle of contacts was very large, and entailed many investigations, but no further case developed. No new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year, and the disease caused no deaths. Its virtual disappearance is due in part to improved environment and the availability of specific drugs in treatment, but it is in the main an outstanding achievement in preventive medicine. The vigorous application of preventive measures might well now be directed to undulant fever, caused largely by the consumption of milk infected with *Brucella abortus*. Some progress is being made in that a voluntary eradication scheme has been promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture, but there is no control over the disposal of infected animals and no compensation is paid. Until the animal reservoirs of infection are eliminated the Health Department can assist by ensuring so far as possible that untreated milk is safe, and by tracing back a positive sample to its source. During the year all 56 dairy herds from which milk is sold untreated were investigated. One investigation was undertaken when a retail sample of milk was found to be infected. Two cases of Undulant fever were notified during the year — informally, as the disease is not statutorily notifiable — and investigation of the milk supply

of these patients brought other infected animals to light. In the last two circumstances discovery is too late, and early detection in the herd is of the first importance.

Only six houses were completed by the Council during 1967, but 82 at Acomb and Haydon Bridge were under construction. 80 private houses were completed during the year and a further 98 were under construction. The Council plan to build further houses at Acomb, Barrasford, Gunnerston and Newbrough and later at Allendale. These are not the villages where the housing need is most pressing, but where land has been or can be acquired and where there are facilities for sewage disposal. The greatest demand is for houses in and East of Corbridge, but building cannot take place until the mid-Tyne sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is constructed. The Council plan to build two special bungalows for paraplegic patients, one at Wylam and one at Allendale, the first construction of special housing of this type. Excellent use continues to be made of the scheme for improvement grants, and 1,300 houses have now been modernised with grant aid. The number of grants fell slightly during 1967, but the prospect of higher grants may have caused postponement and it is hoped that the numbers will increase under the more attractive system proposed. The value of the scheme to the Rural District has been very great, enabling many houses of the right type and in the right place to be kept in use.

Almost the whole of the Rural District is served by the South-West Northumberland scheme, and mains water of satisfactory quality and quantity is supplied by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company. Regular sampling is carried out and any remedial measures necessary are taken by the Company, who keep the Council informed. In addition less frequent check samples are taken by the Health Department. The mains supply is not unduly plumbo-solvent but has a low natural fluoride content. The satisfactory chlorination of local sources presents difficulties, but these appear to have been overcome. The Council remain responsible for private and proposed supplies and advise on unsatisfactory samples.

No chemical analysis was carried out during the year.

Minor extensions to the South-West Northumberland Scheme continue to be put forward where the cost can be considered reasonable. The proposed extension to serve properties between Brunton Crossroads and St. Oswald's Hill

was re-considered by the Ministry, and, a satisfactory case having been made out, has been allowed to proceed. An extension of the main supply from Acomb to Fallowfield has also been approved, being an urgent matter as the new caravan site at Fallowfield Dene is without an adequate water supply. An extension has also been agreed to the houses at Settlingstones now acquired by the Council. The attempt to provide a mains supply to Keenley at a reasonable cost continues, and with these and a few possible additions the area will be adequately supplied.

Westwards of Corbridge the sewage disposal facilities are adequate, although small works at Newton, Allenheads, Hardhaugh and Wall are under consideration. The Acomb, Oakwood and Anick Sewerage Scheme was completed during the year, to connect these villages to the new joint treatment works with Hexham Urban District, and the Blanchland scheme was almost completed. The proposed Mid-Tyne sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is being prepared by Consultants. It will be complex and costly, but is urgently necessary to serve the most densely populated part of the District and the inadequate facilities now provided are holding up housing development in many places. Phase I of the scheme, to provide treatment works at Broomley for Corbridge, Riding Mill and Stocksfield, received the approval of the Ministry towards the end of 1967 and the work is out to tender. The Ministry enquiry into Phase II was awaited at the end of the year, when the treatment of sewage from Ovington, Ovingham and Wylam, perhaps in conjunction with the town of Prudhoe, will be considered.

I have to thank the Councillors for their continued interest in the work of the Health Department and their support, and the Clerk and other Officers for their help and co-operation. The staff of the Department have worked well together and have carried out their duties satisfactorily.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. McEWAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	196,030
Estimated Populations 1967	..	..	..	..	20,470

Vital Statistics

Live Births—	Males	Females	Total	
Legitimate ..	128	133	261	
Illegitimate ..	7	6	13	
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	14.58
Live birth rate, England and Wales per 1,000 population	..	..	..	17.2
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births				4.74
Still Births—	Males	Females	Total	
Legitimate ..	2	—	2	
Illegitimate	—	—	—	
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	..			7.89
Still-birth rate, England and Wales, per 1,000 live and still births	..	..	..	14.7
Total live and still-births	..	..	..	276
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	..	..	..	4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	..			12.11
Infant Mortality Rate, England and Wales, per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	18.3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births legitimate	..	..	..	12.72
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 births—illegitimate				Nil.
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	..	..	..	12.11
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births)	..	..	..	9.08
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	..	..	..	15.03
Deaths from maternal causes	..	..	..	Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	..	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer (All ages)	..	..	..	50
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.. (All causes and ages)	..	..	..	10.66
Death Rate, England and Wales, per 1,000 population (All causes and ages)	..	..	..	11.2

The following Table classifies deaths according to their age groups.

AGE GROUP	M.	F.
Under 4 weeks	2	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	—	—
1 — 4 years	—	—
5 — 14 years	—	—
15 — 24 years	1	—
25 — 34 years	—	—
35 — 44 years	4	—
45 — 54 years	12	7
55 — 64 years	27	17
65 — 74 years	40	24
75 years and over	58	69
	144	119

VITAL AND MORTALITY STATISTICS

Year.	Birth Rate per 1,000 living	General Death Rate per 1,000 living	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 living
1940	12.2	12.9	56.1
1941	12.0	12.3	42.2
1942	14.4	12.6	21.1
1943	13.7	13.7	37.2
1944	15.4	12.8	44.0
1945	13.2	13.1	31.1
1946	18.1	13.1	46.9
1947	17.4	14.4	34.2
1948	16.0	12.6	18.0
1949	14.3	12.4	23.4
1950	14.8	13.4	29.0
1951	13.86	14.20	28.07
1952	15.32	12.75	54.85
1953	14.67	12.01	27.21
1954	14.57	11.39	20.50
1955	14.36	11.67	17.73
1956	16.14	11.97	14.24
1957	16.17	11.76	25.31
1958	16.14	12.79	16.76
1959	14.78	11.80	21.98
1960	15.52	11.70	26.87
1961	15.06	12.39	16.14
1962	16.05	12.09	11.15
1963	18.02	12.26	13.74
1964	17.84	11.47	8.24
1965	17.32	12.38	12.76
1966	15.59	12.61	17.41
1967	14.58	10.66	12.11

The chief causes of death are as follows :—

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CAUSES OF DEATH.		M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other ..	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease ..	—	—
4.	Diphtheria ..	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough ..	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections ..	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis ..	—	—
8.	Measles ..	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	1	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	—	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	9	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	—	5
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	—	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	14	16
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ..	—	1
16.	Diabetes ..	2	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	26	21
18.	Coronary disease, angina ..	48	23
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ..	1	—
20.	Other heart disease ..	11	14
21.	Other Circulatory disease ..	7	8
22.	Influenza ..	—	—
23.	Pneumonia ..	1	2
24.	Bronchitis ..	5	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	1	—
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	3	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ..	1	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ..	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations ..	—	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	11	10
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ..	—	3
34.	All other accidents ..	1	4
35.	Suicide ..	1	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war ..	—	—
		144	119
TOTAL ..		263	

Infant Mortality during Year ending December 31st, 1967

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1-3 months.	3-6 months.	6-9 months.	9-12 months.	Total deaths under 1 year.
Prematurity.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Birth Injury.. ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory Failure ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accident	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
TOTALS ..	3	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4

TUBERCULOSIS.—New cases and Mortality during 1967 :-

Age periods	New Cases.				Nett Deaths in Hexham Rural District.			
	Pulmonary.		Non. Pulm.		Pulmonary.		Non. Pulm.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1943-1967.

Year.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Cerebrospinal Fever.	Acute Polio-myelitis.	Acute Polio-encephalitis.	Dysentery.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Smallpox.	Paratyphoid Fevers.	Enteric or Typhoid	Erysipelas.	Food Poisoning.
1943	23	24	4	114	20	1	—	—	7	15	18	—	—	—	6	—
1944	29	28	3	32	5	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	5	—
1945	36	18	8	23	8	—	—	—	5	—	8	—	—	—	5	—
1946	21	45	9	81	15	1	3	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	2	—
1947	4	33	6	208	8	—	8	—	1	—	9	—	1	—	—	—
1948	29	56	1	81	8	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	4	—
1949	18	22	—	146	12	—	4	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	6	10
1950	31	99	—	255	26	—	2	—	1	—	10	—	—	—	9	1
1951	14	45	—	220	32	3	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
1952	24	71	—	162	18	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	5	1
1953	30	144	—	172	17	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	5	2
1954	17	74	—	45	11	—	—	—	4	—	14	—	—	—	—	1
1955	5	64	—	491	13	—	2	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
1956	3	34	—	27	27	—	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4	—
1957	12	63	—	373	29	—	2	—	7	—	2	—	—	—	2	—
1958	14	30	—	1	26	—	1	—	9	—	25	—	—	—	2	—
1959	11	18	—	420	14	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	2	—
1960	18	3	—	8	21	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1961	12	1	—	289	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1962	5	—	—	25	23	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1963	4	4	—	470	12	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1964	3	5	—	210	4	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
1965	19	5	—	238	2	—	—	—	37	—	4	—	—	—	—	1
1966	10	—	—	194	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1967	2	2	—	369	1	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS YEAR 1967

FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS RETURNED TO REGISTRAR
GENERAL :

	1st Qtr. —	2nd Qtr. —	3rd Qtr. —	4th Qtr. —	Total Nil.
OUTBREAKS DUE TO IDENTIFIED AGENTS ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.
OUTBREAKS OF UNDISCOVERED CAUSE ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.
SINGLE CASES :—					
Agent identified ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Unknown cause ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.
					Nil.
TOTAL ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.

HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA

(1) Hospitals

There are in the District three hospitals under the management of the Hexham and District Hospital Management Committee. These comprise the Charlotte Straker Hospital and the Bridge End Maternity Hospital at Corbridge, and Wooley Hospital. These hospitals together with the Hexham General Hospital, the Hexham War Memorial Hospital and the Newcastle group of hospitals are available to cases from the area.

Cases of infectious disease requiring admission to hospital are referred to the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle upon Tyne.

(2) Ambulance Service

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the Northumberland County Council, provide an ambulance service which serves the District. Ambulance Stations are situated at Corbridge and at Hexham. Patients requiring transport, but not an ambulance are brought in by car. In an extensive area with poor communications this is a very valuable service. Some of the cars are provided by the British Red Cross Society, others by agents in the various villages.

(3) Home Help Service

The Northumberland County Council Home Help Service is in operation in the District. Home Helps are available to households where such help is required owing to illness or confinement, and their services are obtained through the office of the West Area Health Sub-Committee, Priory Buildings, Hexham.

(4) Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics

The following Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are held by the Northumberland County Council in the district :

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS :

Acomb	Miners' Institute Hall, Acomb. Alternate Thursdays : 1-30 — 4 p.m.
Allendale ..	Dr. Waring's Surgery. Alternate Tuesdays : 1-30 — 4 p.m.
Corbridge ..	Bridge House Surgery, Corbridge. Alternate Mondays : 9-30 a.m. — 12 noon. 1-30 — 4 p.m.
Haydon Bridge..	Dr. High's Surgery. Every Monday : 2 — 4 p.m.
Humshaugh ..	Village Hall. Every fourth Thursday : 1-30 — 4 p.m.
Newbrough ..	Women's Institute. Every fourth Wednesday : 1-30 — 4 p.m.
Ovington ..	Methodist Church Hall, Ovington. Every fourth Tuesday : 9-30 a.m. — 12 noon.
Riding Mill ..	Parish Hall. Every fourth Thursday : 1-30 — 4 p.m.

Stocksfield .. The Clinic, Branch End,
Stocksfield.

Alternate Mondays :
9-30 a.m. — 12 noon.
1-30—4 p.m.

Wylam Methodist Church Hall.

Alternate Tuesdays :
1-30 — 4 p.m.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS :

Allendale .. Dr. Waring's Surgery.
Alternate Tuesdays :
1-30 — 4 p.m.

Stocksfield .. The Clinic, Branch End,
Stocksfield.

Alternate Tuesdays :
1-30 — 4 p.m.

(5) Midwifery and Home Nursing Service

These services are administered by the Northumberland County Council and in this area are combined. There are nine Nurse Midwives working in the Hexham Rural District.

WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

I am indebted to Mr. W. W. Outhwaite, the Engineer and Surveyor for giving the following tables of construction works proposed or in hand.

Works Completed during 1967

Acomb, Oakwood and Anick Sewerage.

Works under Construction during 1967 :

Blanchland Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Works under Preparation by Consultants :

Mid-Tyne Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme

Works under Preparation by Engineer's Department :

Allendale and Ropehaugh.

Works to be designed by Engineer's Department :

Newton.

Hardhaugh.

Wall.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1967**

Water Samples

During the year 129 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, 69 from Public supplies and 60 from private and proposed supplies. Two samples from proposed private supplies were taken for chemical analysis.

Work is at present in hand on an extension of the water main to supply properties in the Brunton Bank, St. Oswald's area.

PUBLIC SUPPLIES

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

	Total Number of Samples taken	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
Acomb	4	4	—
Allendale	4	1	3
Allenheads	2	1	1
Anick	1	1	—
Barrasford	1	1	—
Bingfield	1	1	—
Blanchland	1	1	—
Chollerton	1	1	—
Colwell	1	1	—
Corbridge	5	5	—
Fourstones	1	1	—
Gunnerton	1	1	—
Haydon Bridge	5	5	—
Hexhamshire	2	2	—
Horsley	2	2	—
Humshaugh	4	4	—
Newbrough	6	6	—
Newton	1	1	—
Ovingham	4	4	—
Ovington	3	3	—
Riding Mill	3	3	—
Sandhoe	2	2	—
Simonburn	1	1	—
Slaley	1	1	—
Stocksfield	2	2	—
Wall	3	3	—
Whittonstall	1	1	—
Wylam	6	6	—
	69	65	4

PRIVATE AND PROPOSED SUPPLIES

60 samples were taken, the results of which are given below :

	Number Samples taken		Number Satisfactory		Number Unsatisfactory		Total Samples Taken
	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.	Chem.	
Carrow Farm, Humshaugh ..	1	1	—	1	1	—	2
Swinhope Shield, Sparty Lea ..	1	1	1	1	—	—	2
High Hayrake, Sparty Lea ..	17	—	9	—	8	—	17
New Shield Farm ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Sipton Terrace ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
The Glebe, Riding Mill ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Styford Farm, Bywell ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Front Drive, Barrasford Park ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Edge House, Hexhamshire ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
Beaufront Wood Head School ..	6	—	—	—	6	—	6
Nunwick Mill ..	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
Wooley Sanatorium ..	10	—	8	—	2	—	10
North Lodge, Slaley Hall ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Summerfield Farm, Shotley Bridge ..	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
Carterway Heads Farm ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Snods Edge ..	6	—	—	—	6	—	6
Kiln Pit Hill Post Office ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Hardhaugh Cottages, Warden ..	3	—	1	—	2	—	3
	58	2	26	2	32	—	60

**DETAILS OF HOUSES AND POPULATION
SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC SUPPLIES**

PARISH.	SUPPLIED DIRECT TO HOUSES.		SUPPLIED BY STANDPIPE	
	No. of Houses	Popu- lation	No. of Houses	Popu- lation
Acomb	403	1231	5	10
Allendale	756	1568	27	99
Blanchland	62	175	—	—
Broomhaugh & Riding ..	265	598	2	7
Broomley & Stocksfield ..	680	1669	—	—
Bywell	48	126	8	27
Chollerton	108	368	—	—
Corbridge	956	2856	—	—
Haydon Bridge	846	2172	—	—
Healey	16	43	—	—
Hedley	68	184	—	—
Hexhamshire	114	356	—	—
Hexham Low Quarter ..	101	232	—	—
Horsley	105	315	—	—
Humshaugh	211	552	—	—
Newbrough	228	573	—	—
Ovingham	225	641	—	—
Ovington	135	399	—	—
Sandhoe	163	392	—	—
Simonburn	3	9	—	—
Shotley Low Quarter ..	41	119	—	—
Slaley	160	738	—	—
Wall	81	242	—	—
Warden	93	281	—	—
Whittington	67	171	—	—
Wylam	567	1328	—	—
	6502	17,338	42	143

HOUSING

Council House Building

Only 6 Council Houses were completed during the year. These were Old Person's bungalows, part of an estate of 47 houses being constructed at Acomb. It is anticipated, however, that considerable progress will be made next year in spite of restrictions in the Eastern part of the District, resulting from the present lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities.

A scheme for the erection of 41 houses at Haydon Bridge is in progress and tenders have been accepted for the construction of 3 Old Persons' bungalows at Wall. The Council has approved plans for the erection of further houses at Acomb, Barrasford, Gunnerton and Newbrough. Approval has also been given for the provision of 2 individual houses, one at Wylam and one at Allendale, for disabled persons and one house at Corbridge is being extended to provide a ground-floor bedroom and toilet facilities for the same purpose.

Plans for building which are being held up by Mid-Tyne Sewerage scheme are at Corbridge, Ovington, Ovingham and Stocksfield.

Negotiations are at present taking place for the acquisition of land at Allendale.

The completion of the above programme will provide the Council with approximately a further 300 houses.

Arising from the anticipated closure of Settlingstones Mines the Council agreed to purchase 16 houses at present leased to the Mines and owned by the Duke of Northumberland.

The total number of houses owned by the Council is now 968 of which 115 are Old Persons' bungalows.

Garages

The Council has now 74 lock-up garages situated on various estates. There are also two pieces of land providing sites for 19 garages erected by tenants.

Houses completed in 1967 :

	<i>With State Assistance</i>	<i>Unaided</i>	<i>Total</i>
A. By Local Authority : Acomb	6	—	6
B. By other Persons or Bodies ..	—	80	80
	6	80	86

Houses under construction at 31/12/67 :

	<i>With State Assistance</i>	<i>Unaided</i>	<i>Total</i>
A. By Local Authority : Acomb	41	—	82
Haydon Bridge ..	41	—	
B. By other Persons or Bodies ..	—	98	98
	82	98	180

Council House Applications

At the end of the year, there were 433 applications for general purpose houses, approximately half of which were classified as in need of re-housing. Applications for Old Persons' accommodation numbered 268. Approximately one-third of these applications are from persons wishing to be housed in Corbridge.

23 families were housed during the year, 6 in new houses and 17 as a result of casual vacancies. By exchange of tenancies a further 4 families were moved to houses more suitable for their needs.

DETAILS OF COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES AT 31/12/67

DISTRICT	Pre-War Houses	Agri-cultural Cottages	Houses acquired for Improvement	Post War Houses		Total
				General Purpose	Old Persons	
Acomb ..	26	—	—	62	15	103
Allendale ..	—	—	1	20	6	27
Barrasford ..	—	—	—	16	3	19
Bingfield ..	—	4	—	—	—	4
Colwell ..	—	—	—	5	—	5
Corbridge ..	26	—	7	181	12	226
				(inc. 2 shops)		
Fourstones ..	12	—	—	16	—	28
Gunnerton ..	—	—	—	6	—	6
Haydon Bridge	18	—	—	88	8	114
Hedley ..	—	—	1	—	—	1
Horsley ..	—	4	20	9	—	33
Humshaugh ..	6	—	6	6	6	24
Juniper ..	—	2	—	—	—	2
Newbrough ..	—	—	—	49	16	65
New Ridley ..	12	—	—	—	—	12
Ovingham ..	6	—	—	46	—	52
Ovington ..	18	—	—	12	10	40
Riding Mill ..	—	—	—	—	2	2
Slaley ..	—	4	—	12	12	28
Stocksfield ..	—	—	—	56	8	64
Wall ..	8	—	—	8	—	16
Whittington ..	—	4	—	—	—	4
Wylam ..	—	—	—	76	17	93
	132	18	35	668	115	968

Council House Maintenance

Tenders were let for the external painting of 187 houses. Contracts for 72 houses were for one reason or another not carried out and have been carried forward to 1968.

Major improvements were carried out to 8 houses at Leazes Terrace, Corbridge, built in 1922. The work consisted mainly of the modernisation and enlargement of kitchens, renewal of all windows, extensive re-plastering and renewal of the electrical system. Plans for similar improvements to 26 pre-war houses at Orchard Avenue, Acomb, are proceeding.

2616 visits were made in connection with allocation of tenants and general management of Council Houses.

Improvement Grants

66 grants were approved during the year comprising 45 Discretionary grants and 21 Standard grants. This is 8 fewer than the previous year.

The following are the percentages of different types of houses for which grants have been approved :

- | | | |
|--|---------|-----|
| 1. Tenanted farmhouses, farm and estate cottages | | 41% |
| 2. Owner occupied houses | | 37% |
| 3. Rented houses | | 22% |

The total number of grants approved since the inception of the scheme in 1951 is 1300.

SUMMARY OF DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPROVED

Year	No. of houses	Grants Approved
1951	1	£ 287
1952	12	2,305
1953	32	8,135
1954	93	25,367
1955	134	35,740
1956	102	28,528
1957	96	30,790
1958	72	20,999
1959	99	28,703
1960	76	23,261
1961	63	18,093
1962	82	25,571
1963	74	22,975
1964	76	22,184
1965	62	22,126
1966	50	16,936
1967	45	15,680
Totals	1,169	£347,682

Summary of Standard Grants Approved

Year	No. of applications	BASIC AMENITIES PROVIDED					
		Fixed bath or shower	Wash-hand basin	Internal water closet	Hot water system	Food Store	Septic Tank
1960	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
1961	5	1	3	4	1	2	—
1962	10	4	5	9	2	1	—
1963	13	5	4	10	4	3	—
1964	27	19	20	27	17	12	1
1965	30	18	18	28	17	11	13
1966	24	13	15	22	14	8	6
1967	21	9	10	21	9	12	13
Totals	131	69	75	121	65	49	33

Unfit Houses

Action was taken under Section 16, Housing Act 1957 in respect of 5 houses which were considered to be unfit for habitation. One Demolition Order and 2 Closing Orders were made by the Council. 1 Undertaking was accepted and action is pending in respect of 1 house as the estate is in the hands of the Treasury Solicitor.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair.

Privy Conversions

7 grants towards the cost of converting privies to water closets were made during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

Since last year 3 slaughterhouses have closed down. There are now 6 licensed slaughterhouses in the District, 5 of which are in regular use. Of the 3 closures, one butcher closed down owing to ill-health, the other 2 butchers were not prepared to keep their slaughterhouses at the required standard as laid down in the Slaughterhouses (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations and the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations and allowed their current licences to lapse.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

2072 animals were slaughtered during the year. Inspection was carried out in all cases and the carcasses were stamped in accordance with the above regulations.

The figures in the accompanying tables give details of the meat condemned. No tuberculosis was found in the 476 bovine carcasses and offals inspected. One pig head was condemned for tuberculosis.

The most common cause of condemnation was cirrhosis of the liver.

Assistance is given to Haltwhistle Rural District Council by carrying out meat inspection on occasions when their Public Health Inspector is on holiday.

All condemned meat, before being disposed of, is stained in accordance with the Ministry's recommendations, small quantities are taken by the Council's refuse collectors and buried in tips, larger amounts are accepted at the Hexham Abattoir and disposed of with the condemned meat from Hexham.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excl'd'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number of animals killed Dressed and undressed carcasses.. .. .	466	—	10	1550	46
Number inspected ..	466	—	10	1550	46
<i>All diseases except tuber- culosis :</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	184	—	—	21	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	40	—	—	1.35	—
<i>Tuberculosis only :</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2.17
<i>Cysterci :</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	—	—	1	—
Carcases submitted to refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised or totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF CARCASE MEAT AND OFFALS CONDEMNED

	Tuberculosis	Other diseases and conditions	TOTAL
Cattle (excluding Cows)	—	1910 lbs	1910 lbs
Cows	—	—	—
Other animals	10 lbs	214 lbs	224 lbs
TOTAL	10 lbs	2124 lbs	2134 lbs

Diseases or Condition	Weight of meat condemned
	lbs.
Abscesses	227
Actinobacillosis	60
Cirrhosis	1591
Cysticercus Bovis	69
Injuries and Bruising	83
Improper Bleeding	15
Parasitic Conditions	28
Peritonitis	2
Pleurisy and Pneumonia	23
Oedema and Emaciation	26
Tuberculosis	10
	2134

SUMMARY OF UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR SEIZED

Unsound Food	Surrendered	Seized	Legal proceedings
Tinned Meats	42 lbs	—	—
Other Tinned Foods	289 lbs	—	—
Ice Cream	5 lbs	—	—

Poultry Premises

There is one poultry packing station in the Rural District which deals solely with turkeys.

No. of Premises	No. of visits	No. of Birds killed	Type of Birds slaughtered
1	4	15,000	Turkeys

Percentage of Birds rejected by Processor for human consumption	Weight of Poultry condemned by Local Authority
0.1 (Est.)	Nil

The above processing premises slaughter according to seasonal demand.

No routine inspection of birds is carried out after slaughter. However, spot checks on the carcasses are made when visiting the premises for hygiene purposes.

The Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967

Although this Act has been passed it will not come into force until a date appointed by the Ministry.

The act provides that all turkeys and domestic poultry intended for sale for human consumption shall be slaughtered instantaneously or rendered insensible until death supervenes. The premises must be registered with the Local Authority.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

221 visits were made to food premises during the year. The standard of cleanliness of both premises and personnel continues to be satisfactory.

No prosecutions were taken under the above regulations during the year.

Details of food premises in the area are shown in the following table.

PARISH	1. Hotels and Inns	2. Social & Working Mens' Clubs	3. School Canteens	4. Works Canteens	5. Butchers	6. General Dealers, Grocers and Confectioners.	7. Cafes	8. Fish & Chip Shops.	9. Wet Fish Shops.	10. Bakehouses.	11. Hospitals	12. Poultry Packing Stations	13. Dairies
Acomb	3		1			5	1	1					
Allendale	13		4		2	14	1						
Blanchland	1		1			2	3					1	
Broomhaugh/Riding	2		1			3				2			1
Broomley	1	1	2	1	2	6							
Bywell..	1		1			1							
Chollerton	3		1			5	2	1	1	1	2		
Corbridge	8	1	3	1	3	13	1	1		2			
Haydon	6	1	5		2	14	1						
Healey	—		1			—							
Hedley	1		—			1							
Hexham Low Quarter	1		—			1							
Hexhamshire	1		1			—							
Horsley	2		—			2							
Humshaugh	2		1		1	2							
Newbrough	1		2			2							
Ovingham	2		1		1	1		1					
Ovington	2	1	—			3					1		
Sandhoe	2		1	1		1	1						
Shotley Low Quarter	2		1	1		3							
Simonburn	—		—			1					1		
Slaley	2		1		1	1							
Wall ..	1		1			2							
Warden	2		—			2							
West Allen	—		1			1							
Whittington	1		2		1	1				1			
Wylam	4		1		1	8							
	64	4	33	4	15	99	8	4	1	6	4	1	1

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960
Regulations 16 & 19

Type of Premises	No. of premises	Regulation 16 Wash-haud basins		Regulation 19 Sinks	
		No. provided	No. required	No. provided	No. required
Social Clubs and Public Houses ..	68	66	2	68	—
School and Work Canteens ..	37	37	—	37	—
Butchers ..	15	13	2	15	—
General Dealers etc.	99	99	—	99	—
Cafes ..	8	8	—	8	—
Fish & Chip Shops ..	4	4	—	4	—
Wet Fish Shops ..	1	1	—	1	—
Bakehouses ..	6	6	—	6	—
Poultry Packing Stations ..	1	1	—	1	—
	239	235	4	239	—

Ice-Cream Heat Treatment Regulations

There are 85 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.

SAMPLING

Type of Sample	Number taken	Grading			
		1	2	3	4
Pre-packed	8	6	2	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no pasteurisation plants in the District. One sample of liquid egg was taken from a bakery and it satisfied the prescribed Alpha Amylase Test.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 16)

2 premises were registered during the year.

Milk

Milk Sampling : Brucellosis

As part of the Ministry's campaign for the eradication of Brucellosis in milk herds, Ministry of Health Circular 17/66 recommends that Local Authorities should take monthly samples from all herds producing milk which is not to be heat treated.

In the past routine samples were taken from time to time by the County Public Health Officer and where an infected herd was found, the matter was passed on to this Authority and the investigation and individual sampling from each cow as carried out by this department.

As a result of this directive the County Public Health Officer could no longer continue to undertake milk sampling in the County and District Councils were requested to take over this work.

There are 56 herds in this District producing milk which is not to be heat treated, which is 40% of the total number of herds in Northumberland, and the County Council have appreciated the difficulties of this Council and agreed with a suggestion that sampling be carried out quarterly.

During the year two cases of Undulant fever were informally notified to this department, both occurring on farms where the milk was being sent for pasteurisation. As a precautionary measure advice was given regarding the consumption of untreated milk from the herd.

Bulk Sampling

Routine sampling was started in March and all farms were sampled on more than one occasion during the year, 236 samples being taken.

As a precaution against the spread of Foot and Mouth disease sampling was suspended in the latter part of the year.

The results of the sampling are very encouraging and if they continue to give satisfactory results it may well be that more dairy farmers may wish to take part in the Ministry's Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme (eventually reducing the volume of routine work in milk sampling).

BULK FARM SAMPLING SUMMARY

Month	Farms Sampled	Samples Taken	Ring Test		Culture Test	
			Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
April ..	15	18	1	17	1	17
May ..	2	2	—	2	—	2
June ..	30	87	—	87	—	87
July ..	14	101	1	100	—	101
Sept. ..	12	48	4	44	—	48
Oct. ..	11	37	—	37	—	37
Nov. ..	10	43	—	43	—	43
		236	6	230	1	235

Herd Investigations

Herd investigations were carried out in two cases. One herd was identified as a result of routine milk sampling, the other was notified to this department from another Local Authority. In both cases the herds were relatively small and a total of three cows were excluded from the Milking Herd.

SUMMARY OF HERD INVESTIGATIONS

Month	No. of Farms Sampled	No. of Samples Taken	Ring Test		Culture Test	
			Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
May ..	2	27	2	25	2	25
June ..	1	2	1	1	—	2
July ..	2	3	2	1	—	3
Oct. .	1	14	2	12	1	13
		46	7	39	3	43

The Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations, 1967

These regulations prohibit the application of ionising radiation of food intended for sale for human consumption. An exception is made in respect of low level radiation.

The regulations also prohibit the sale or importation of food which has been subjected to ionising radiation other than that permitted by regulation 4.

Civic Amenities Act, 1967

Part III of this Act deals with the disposal of abandoned vehicles and other refuse.

Its requirements generally place a duty on the Local Authority to remove and dispose of abandoned vehicles and it also requires the Local Authority to provide, free of charge, places for the disposal of refuse by residents living within the District.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection by direct labour is carried out by one 18 cubic yard 'Karrier' rear loader, two 14 cubic yard Shelvoke and Drewry rear loaders and two 10 cubic yard Bedford side loaders. A further 'Karrier' is on order to replace one of the smaller side-loaders. Both of these larger vehicles are fitted with compression plates which increase their capacity to 23 cubic yards. Collection is carried out by contract in the Allendale, Allenheads and West Allen areas.

The only extensions to the collection area made during the year apart from new houses were at Sparty Lea where 12 houses were included and the collection from Allenheads, Carrshield and St. Peter's schools which was taken over from a private contractor.

Reaverhill tip, Barrasford has been closed. The tip was full and surplus soil from the Acomb Housing site was used to cover the site. There are now 12 tips in regular use.

1. By direct labour

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS :						<i>No. of premises</i>
Acomb	..	..		..	..	338
Blanchland	..	..	..	..	..	43
Broomhaugh and Riding Mill				..	..	273
Stocksfield	..	..	..	..	..	705
Corbridge	..	..	..	..	..	1,007
Haydon ..	..	..	..	..	..	554
Healey		..	..	..	..	40
Hedley ..	..	..	..	..	..	55
Hexhamshire and Low Quarter				..	..	103
Horsley	..	..	..	..	..	97
Humshaugh, Walwick and Lincoln Hill				..	..	149
Newbrough, Fourstones and Settlingstones						344
Ovingham	..	..	..	..	..	333
Ovington	..	..	..	..	..	178
Sandhoe, Stagshaw	..	..	..	..	..	69
Slaley, Trygill		..	..	..	..	116
Wall ..	..	..	..	..	..	89
Warden	..	..	..	..	..	60
Wylam ..	..	..	..	..	..	568
Anick, Oakwood, The Riding				..	..	94
North Tyne Area, Whittington				..	..	323
Halton, Shildon, Aydon, Newton Hall, Welton, Stelling, Bywell, Peepy ..				..	..	184
						5,722

FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTIONS :

Langley, Elrington ..	..	..	56
Minsteracres, Kiln Pit Hill, Shotley area, Broomley, Whittonstall ..		..	180
Colwell, Hallington, Bingfield, Fallow- field, St. Oswalds ..	..	..	136
			372

2. By Contract

Allendale and Catton ..	..	439
Allenheads, West Allen ..	..	229
		668
		6,762

Refuse Collection Statistics

Total number of occupied houses in district..	7,532
Total number of houses scavenged ..	6,762
Total number of houses scavenged by direct labour.. .. .	6,093
Total number of houses scavenged by contract	669
Percentage of houses scavenged	89.8%
Total estimated tonnage collected per annum	6,912

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act.

I.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	5	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	77	15	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	22	6	—	—
TOTAL	104	36	1	—

II.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
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	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	1	1	—	—	—

Part VII of the Act

OUTWORK

There are no persons residing in the Hexham Rural District employed as outworkers.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Inspections

The 150 contraventions outstanding from the previous year have now been remedied. A further 30 contraventions were noted from inspections during this year. A large number of these were of a minor nature such as the display of abstracts of the Act.

The number of employees working in registered premises is now reduced to 395 persons from the 402 employed during 1966.

Accidents

There was one reported accident from catering establishments.

There were no legal proceedings instituted during the year.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises inspected during year
Offices	1	19	8
Retail shops	Nil	63	60
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	21	21
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil	1	1
Totals	2	105	91

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed		Total
	Males	Females	
Offices	45	41	86
Retail Shops	46	95	141
Wholesale Departments, warehouses	1	—	1
Catering Establishments .. open to the public, canteens	49	116	165
Fuel Storage Depots.. ..	2	—	2
	143	252	395

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Sec- tion	No. of Contraventions found		Sec- tion	No. of Contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	9	13	Sitting facilities ..	Nil
5	Overcrowding	Nil	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	Nil
6	Temperature	3	15	Eating facilities ..	Nil
7	Ventilation	3	16	Floors, passage and stairs	2
8	Lighting	1	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	Nil
9	Sanitary Conveniences	2	18	Protection of young persons from danger ous machinery ..	Nil
10	Washing facilities ..	4	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	Nil
11	Supply of Drinking water	Nil	23	Prohibition of heavy work	Nil
12	Clothing Accommodation ..	1	24	First Aid General provisions	2
			50	Display of Abstract of Act	3
				Total	30

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All tips and sewage disposal works are regularly treated and are relatively free from rodent infestation. A total of 254 inspections were carried out at the Council's refuse tips and sewage disposal works.

Sewers have been test baited and found free from infestation.

At the latter end of the year rodent control work was suspended where access to the tips and agricultural premises was over farm land, due to stringent precautions adopted against the spread of Foot and Mouth disease.

Owing to illness, the rodent operator was absent for some 12 weeks and the routine work was suspended. However, where treatments were necessary they were carried out by other members of the department.

1. Agricultural Premises :

No. of premises inspected	No. of premises infested .. 39				No. Clear
97	Rats .. 23		Mice .. 16		58
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	
	1	22	2	14	

2. Business Premises :

No. of premises inspected	No. of premises infested .. 14				No. Clear
73	Rats .. 9		Mice .. 5		59
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	
	—	9	—	5	

3. Dwelling Houses :

No. of premises inspected	No. of premises infested .. 122				No. Clear
204	Rats .. 71		Mice .. 51		82
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	
	1	70	3	48	

4. Refuse Tips :

No. of tips inspected	No. of tips infested .. 7				No. Clear
15	Rats .. 7		Mice .. —		8
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	
	3	4	—	—	

5. Sewage Disposal Works :

No. of S.D.W's inspected	No. of S.D.W's infested .. 10				No. Clear
	Rats .. 10		Mice .. —		
	Major —	Minor 10	Major —	Minor —	
52					42

Details of premises treated for insect pests :

70 premises were treated for insect pests.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Three new applications and four applications for renewal of licence to keep a boarding establishment were received. The premises were all satisfactory and licences were issued.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

The owner of the only pet shop in the District, which was licenced the previous year, did not renew his licence.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS**Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960**

Other than individual sites there are 6 sites providing accommodation for between 15 and 40 caravans.

The Orchard, Corbridge	(40 caravans)
The Hermitage, Ovingham	(15 caravans)
Lilswood, Hexhamshire	(15 caravans)
Allendale Station	(40 caravans)
East Lands End, Haydon Bridge	(23 caravans)
Town Foot, Slaley	(Caravan Club site - Unlicensed).

A new application for a site licence for 6 caravans was applied for, this was not licenced during the year as the work required was not carried out.

Advice has been given to the applicant so as the provisions of the above act can be satisfactorily complied with.

Planning permission has been given for the use of Barrasford Park as a site to accommodate approximately 150 caravans. The developer has not yet applied for a site licence.

Work has commenced on the development of part of Fallowfield Dene as a caravan site. When fully developed, it will provide accommodation for approximately 90 caravans, but as it will be under the control of the Caravan Club, no site licence will be required.

SUMMARY OF VISITS

From 1st January, 1967 to 31st December, 1967

COUNCIL HOUSING :

Allocation	455
Maintenance and Management	1,889

HOUSING :

Improvement Grants	126
Survey for Improvements	6
General	284
Privy Conversions	17
Housing Survey	60

SUPERVISION OF FOOD :

Meat Inspection	425
Food Inspection	34
Food Premises	197
Food Vans	20
Ice Cream Premises	4
Ice Cream Sampling	6
Milk Sampling	293

WATER SUPPLIES (General)	34
WATER SUPPLIES (Sampling)	108
DRAINAGE	52
TESTING OF DRAINS	1
FACTORIES ACT	36
PEST CONTROL	1,630
INFECTIOUS DISEASES	21
ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT	14
CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT	20
OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT	64
NUISANCES	71
REFUSE COLLECTION	280
CLEAN AIR ACT	1
MISCELLANEOUS	97

TOTAL	6,245
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