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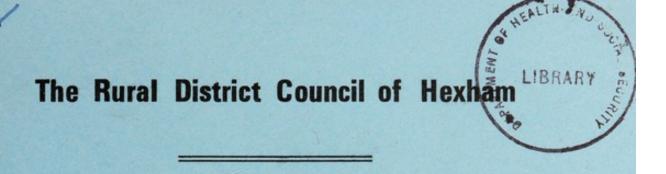
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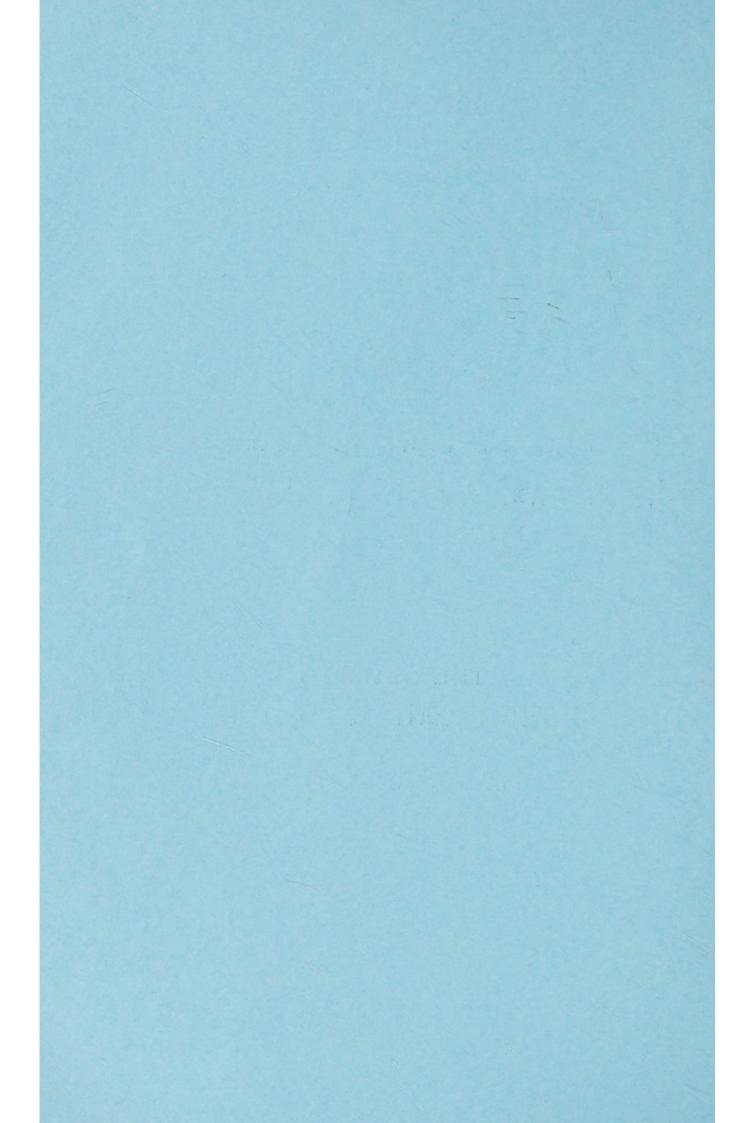
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(Whittonstall)	LLDDAY, MARKETON	stall, Consett.
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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Rural District Council of Hexham.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1972.

The improvements that have taken place in the health and living conditions of people in the District have taken place gradually, but are very considerable. Attempts to identify and discuss these changes over one year are not very profitable as the period is too short, and to gain a correct perspective requires a longer period of observation. Advantage has been taken of the completeness of records to compare conditions 100 years ago with those of today, and in the special report submitted to the Council the development in many fields can be shown. As far as the year 1972 is concerned little change can be recorded. Hexham Rural District is very large and the economy is still based mainly on agriculture. The District contains a wide diversity of communities from the rural hamlet suffering a decline as employment and transport become less easily available to the growing community that is almost a town in population and outlook and whose inhabitants are mostly employed elsewhere. The local requirements, therefore, vary very much, but the Council have succeeded in meeting them by a flexible approach and a considered allocation of resources and every community has benefited from improved housing, water and sanitation. Agreement has been reached with the four neighbouring authorities to form Tynedale District, which will become effective from 1st April, 1974. As the largest of the five in population Hexham Rural District will be well represented at District level, and the many active Parish Councils should ensure that local interests are not overlooked.

As in previous years there was a small increase in population by 360 to 21,590, although there were a few more deaths than births and, therefore, no natural increase. The birth rate of 14.1 per 1,000 compares quite well with the national average of 14.8 per 1,000, but the death rate is above the national figure. Three children died in the first year of life, to give an infant mortality rate of 10 per 1,000 live births, a very satisfactory figure as the average for England and Wales was 17 per 1,000. The main causes of death were heart disease and vascular lesions of the nervous

system, while more than half the deaths were of people aged 75 or over, the highest age group classified. These statistics show a satisfactory state of health in the District.

Infectious disease was once more of minimal significance, and of 20 cases notified 18 were of measles. This satisfactory state of affairs is due to the work over many years of nurses and doctors, both in the County Council and general practice in achieving a high standard of immunisation, and to the willing acceptance by parents of the protection offered to their children. Pulmonary tuberculosis is now commonly notified in the elderly, but in 1972 one case was notified in the age group 25 to 35. The single death was attributed to the late effects of pulmonary tuberculosis. There were two notifications of non-pulmonary infection, with no deaths.

The Council completed the building of 54 houses during the year, and a further 40 houses were under construction. Extensions were planned to the housing estates at Acomb and Haydon Bridge. The Council now own 1,315 houses, including 251 for old people. Satisfactory as these figures seem, new building has made little impact on the waiting list, and further large developments will be required. Apart from new building, however, the Council have improved living conditions for many people by the generous support they have given to the scheme for improvement grants. Some 1,700 houses have now been modernised under the discretionary grant procedure, and without this aid many would have been closed or demolished and not replaced. The number of standard grants given is appreciably smaller, but at 239 has made its contribution by providing basic amenities.

The Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company, as statutory water undertakers, continue to supply water of satisfactory quality and quantity to most of the District. The water is not unduly plumbo-solvent, but is deficient in natural fluoride and for this reason the Gunnerton supply is given added fluoride to make the content one part per million. The Company check the water supply frequently, and deal promptly with any unsatisfactory samples or complaints, while the Health Department take check samples, all 24 of which were satisfactory during the year. The Council are still responsible for private and proposed supplies, and here the results are different. of 57 samples taken 34 were

unsatisfactory, and in these cases advice and assistance are given to improve the supply, by connection with the mains if possible. There is, however, often no alternative to the unsatisfactory proposed supply, but remedial measures are almost always satisfactory. Work continues on the mains supply to Bingfield and Keenleyside, and the Council gave consideration to a new supply to Broomley. Now that the larger sewage schemes are nearing completion the smaller communities are being given modern sewage disposal facilities. The works at Newton are nearing completion while schemes for Wall, Hardhaugh and Fourstones are in course of preparation. The main activity during the year was, however, phase 3 of the Mid-Tyne scheme, including the re-sewering of Corbridge, Stocksfield, Wylam and Ovington. Phase 1 of the scheme has, unfortunately, run into difficulties, and no less than 16 bursts occurred during 1972 in the rising or pumping main, constructed of PVC.. The cause of the bursts is not apparent, and is under investigation.

I record with pleasure my gratitude to the members of the Health Committee and the Council for the interest they continue to show in the work of the Health Department, and to the Clerk and other officers for their help and co-operation. The staff carried out their duties most efficiently.

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 Estimated Population 1972	196,030 21,590
Vital Statistics	
Live Births— Males Females Total Legitimate. 169 122 291 Illegitimate 9 4 13	
Live birth rate per 1,000 population Live birth rate England and Wales per 1,000	14.1
population	14.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births Still Births— Males Females Total	4.0
Legitimate 1 2 3 Illegitimate — — — —	
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births Still birth rate England and Wales per 1,000 live	10
and still births	12
Total live and still births	307
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births Infant mortality rate England and Wales per	10
1,000 live births	17
legitimate	10
illegitimate	Nil
per 1,000 live births)	10
week per 1,000 live births Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths	3
under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and	
still births)	13
Deaths from maternal causes	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still	Nil
births	43
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	10
(all causes and ages)	13.7
tion (all causes and ages)	12.1

The following Table classifies deaths according to their age groups.

AGE GROU	Р		Μ.	F.
Under 4 weeks			2	1
4 weeks and unde	er 1 y	ear	-	_
1 — 4 years				1
5 — 14 years			1	1
15 — 24 years			3	2
25 — 34 years				-
35 — 44 years			3	
45 — 54 years			6	2
55 — 64 years			26	10
65 — 74 years			41	36
75 years and ove	r		52	108
			134	161

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
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
1968	14.9	12.9	3.02
1969	14.7	13.4	10.0
1970	13.7	13.6	17.0
1971	15.6	13.9	3.0
1972	14.1	13.7	10.0

The chief causes of death are as follows:-

D. 0(1)	I at affects of Description T.D.	М.	F.
B.6(1)	Late effects of Respiratory T.B	 1	1
B.19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal cavity etc	 1	-
B.19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	 _	3
B.19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	 3	
B.19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	 1	6
B.19(5)	Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	 1	-
B.19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	 11	3
B.19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	 	3
B.19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	 -	1
B.19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	 1	_
	Leukaemia	 2	_
B.19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	 4	5
B.20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	 	1
B.21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
B.23	Anaemias	î	î
B.46(3)	Mental Disorders	1	1
B.24	Mental Disorders	 1	1
	Meningitis	 1	0
B.46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	 0	3
B.26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	 2	3
B.27	Hypertensive Disease	 2	1
B.28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	 36	41
B.29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	 5	6
B.30	Cerebrovascular Disease	 22	50
B.46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	 6	13
B.31	Influenza	 1	
B.32	Pneumonia	 8	6
B.33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	 6	6
B.33(2)	Asthma	 1	_
B.46(7)	Other Disease of Respiratory System	 1	1
B.34	Peptic Ulcer	 1	-
B.36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	 1	1
B.37	Cirrhosis of Liver	 1	_
B.46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	 3	3
B 39	Other Diseases of Digestive System Hyperplasia of Prostate	 1	
B.46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito Urinary System		1
	Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue		Î
	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System		1
B.40(11)	Congenital Anomalies	 2	1
B.44		 4	1
	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	 -	1
BE.47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	 5	1
BE.48	All Other Accidents	 1	2
BE.49	Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	 1	-
an .	AL ALL CAUSES	 134	161

Infant Mortality during Year ending December 31st, 1972.

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
Meningitis	_	1	1	=	1 1	=	_	_	_	1 1
Mortality	1		-	-0	1	-	140		-	1
Totals	1	1	1	_	3	_	-	_	_	3

TUBERCULOSIS .- New cases and Mortality during 1972 :-

Age periods		New	Cases.		Nett Deaths in Hexham Rural District.							
	Pulme	onary.	Non.	Pulm.	Pulmo	onary.	Non.	Pulm.				
	М.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
0-1	_		_					_				
15		_	_					_				
5-15		_	-	-		_	-					
15-25				-		_						
25-35	1	_	_	-				-				
35-45			-	2		-	-					
45-55		-	-				-					
55—65	-		-		-		-					
65 & over Age	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-				
unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
TOTALS	1	1	_	2	1		_	_				

Infectious Diseases Notified During 1972: Infective Jaundice Measles 18 ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS **YEAR 1972** FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS RETURNED TO REGISTRAR GENERAL :-2nd Qtr. 3rd Qtr. 4th Qtr. Total 1st Otr. OUTBREAKS due to Identified Agents Nil OUTBREAKS OF UNDISCOVERED CAUSE Nil SINGLE CASES :-Agent identified Nil Unknown cause

TOTAL

HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA

(1) Hospitals

There are in the District two hospitals under the management of the Hexham and District Hospital Management Committee. These comprise the Charlotte Straker 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 Social Services Department, 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.

Every 4th Thursday 1-30 — 4 p.m.

Allendale .. Dr. Miles' Surgery.

Alternate Tuesdays 1-30 — 4 p.m.

Corbridge .. Bridge House Surgery, Corbridge

Alternate Mondays:

9-30 — 12 noon. 1-30 — 4 p.m.

Haydon Bridge.. Tyneholme Surgery.

Every Monday: 2 — 4 p.m.

Humshaugh .. Village Hall

Every 4th Thursday:

1-30 — 4 p.m.

Newbrough .. Women's Institute.

Every 4th Wednesday:

1-30 — 4 p.m.

Riding Mill .. Parish Hall

Every 4th Thursday:

1-30 — 4 p.m.

Stocksfield .. The Clinic, Branch End, Stocksfield.

Alternate Mondays:

9-30 — 12 noon. 1-30 — 4 p.m.

Wylam Methodist Church Hall

Alternate Tuesdays 1-30 — 4 p.m.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Allendale .. Dr. Miles' 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. Gourley, the Engineer and Surveyor, for the following details of work in hand or proposed.

WATER

Schemes under construction

Bingfield Keenleyside

Scheme in course of preparation

Broomley

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work under construction

Mid-Tyne Sewerage Scheme Phase 3 Newton

Works in course of preparation

Hardhaugh Wall Fourstones

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WATER SUPPLIES

New Connections

155 new connections were made to the mains, of which 125 were new houses.

Sampling

During the year 78 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, and 3 for chemical analysis. The results are tabulated below.

236 samples were taken by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company.

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PUBLIC SUPPLIES

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

	Loca	l Authori	ty	Wat	er Compar	ıy
Parish	No	o. of Samp	oles	No.	of Samples	5
PARISH	Satisfac- tory	Unsatis- factory	Total	Satisfac- tory	Unsatis- factory	Tota
Acomb	 2		2	9		9
Allendale	 3	_	3	22	1	23
Allenheads	 1	-	1	12	1	13
Anick	 			2	_	2
Barrasford	 -		_	4		4
Bingfield	 -	_	_	13		13
Catton	 _	_	-	10	1	11
Colwell	 1		1	12		12
Corbridge	 6		6	12		12
Elrington	 -		_	8		8
Farnley	 		_	12	_	12
Fourstones	 	-	_	1		1
Haydon Bridge	 1	_	1	16		16
Hedlev	 1		1	_		
Humshaugh			_	4		4
Newbrough	 	_	-	6		6
Newton	 2		2	11		11
Ovingham	 1		1	_		
Ovington	 1		1	22	_	22
Riding Mill	 1		1	12		12
Sandhoe	 1	_	1	6		6
Slaley	 _		_	12		12
Stagshaw	 1		1	12	_	12
Stocksfield	 1		1	3	_	3
Wall	 1		1	6	_	6
Woodbine	 -	-		6	-	6
Totals	 24		24	233	3	236

PRIVATE AND PROPOSED SUPPLIES

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

Total Samples	n. Taken		2	1	10	2	2	-	6	1 -	-			10	23	-	-	10	2	2	1	3	10	10	57
Number Unsatisfactory	Chem.		1	-	1	-	-						-			-	-	-	1	-	-	-		1	
Nuı	Bact.		1	1	4	1	2	1		1	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	00	1	1	1	3	3	20	34
Number tisfactory	Chem.	,		1			1	-		1	1	1	1	-	-		1	1	1	1	-	-		1	8
Number Satisfactory	Bact.		1		1	61	-	-	6	-	1	1	-	00	1	1	1	5	2	1	-		23	-	20
Number les Taken	Chem.		-			1	1	1		1		1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1			3
Number Samples Taken	Bact.		_	1	20	7	2	-	6	. —	-	-	_	10	2	1	1	10	67	1	-	3	20	2	54
Address/Description of Property		1 11 11 11 11 11	Middle Hayleazes, Allendale	Middle Knockshield, Allendale	Blackcleugh, Swinhope	Staward Station	Leadgate Farm	ge. Sinderhope	Mohope Youth Hostel Sinderhone	Low House, Whitfield	Bent House, Sinderhone	Low Knockshield, Allendale	The Glebe, Riding Mill	Mowden Hall School	Little Swinburne	Newton Cottages, Dilston	Dilston Crossing House	South View, Haydon Bridge	Hindshield, Haydon Bridge	Kiln Pit Hill Chapel	Kiln Pit Hill Post Office	River Brae, Brunton	Mohope Youth Hostel	Kipperlynn Farm, Stocksfield	vebal drast miori dis front

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DETAILS OF HOUSES AND POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC SUPPLIES

Parish	SUPPLIED TO Ho		SUPPLIED BY STANDPIPE				
Commission for the commission of	No. of Houses	Popul- ation	No. of Houses	Popul- ation			
Acomb Allendale		1272	1	1			
Allendale	798	1681	10	30			
Blanchland	64	181	_	_			
Broomhaugh & Riding	289	630	-	_			
Broomley & Stocksfield	742	1774		-			
Bywell	50	139	_				
Chollerton	151	480		1000			
Corbridge	1136	3320	-	-			
Haydon	876	2218	_	_			
Healey	18	49	- 53				
Hedley	73	200	_				
Hexhamshire	116	362	_	_			
Hexhamshire Low Quarter	104	244	THE PARTY AND				
Horsley	104	312	_	-			
Humshaugh	215	660	_				
Newbrough	272	728					
Ovingham	316	904	_				
Ovington	151	447	-				
Sandhoe	170	398	_	_			
Simonburn	14	42	_				
Shotley Low Quarter	42	127	_	_			
Slaley	162	741	-	_			
Wall	104	251	-				
Warden	97	292	_				
Whittington	70	181	_	-			
Wylam	772	1586	_				

HOUSING

Council House Building

The Council's building programme this year consisted of the completion of a contract for 25 houses at Newbrough and the completion of 29 houses at Allendale, part of a contract for 40 houses at Allenfields estate.

At Haydon Bridge tenders were let for the erection of 66 houses at Greenwich Gardens, and negotiations were in progress for the purchase of land at the railway yard.

Land has been purchased for the erection of approximately 48 houses at Acomb, and for 7 bungalows at the station yard Riding Mill.

Negotiations for the purchase of land for the erection of 14 bungalows at Corbridge, and 4 flats at Stocksfield are proceeding.

Houses Completed in 1972 :-

			With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
A	y Local Authori llendale ewbrough	ty 	29 25	- 1-100	29 25
в. О	ther Persons or	Bodies		72	72
		181 - 6281	54	72	126

Houses under Construction at 31st December, 1972

		With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
Α.	By Local Authority Allendale	11	_	11
В.	By other Persons or Bodies	- 1	60	60
		11	60	71

Modernisation

The modernisation of pre-war Council houses has continued, and estates at Corbridge, Haydon Bridge, Hums-

haugh and Wall were completed.

27 houses at Broadway, Fourstones, are in course of completion, and plans are being prepared for similar work on the agricultural cottages erected during the war.

Central Heating

The installation of central heating continues, details of which are given below:—

Types of Central Heating Installed:

Year	Gas	Solid Fuel	Electric	Total Number of Installations
1970	106	110	10	226
1971	79	35	12	126
1972	54	41	34	129
Totals	239	186	56	481

Garages

The Council has 219 lock-up garages situated on various estates.

Sale of Council Houses

As a result of the Council's decision to sell houses to tenants the following eight houses were purchased during the year.

No. 21 Sidgate, Newbrough.

No. 38 Sidgate, Newbrough. No. 27 Broadway, Fourstones.

No. 23 East Acres, Barrasford.

No. 6 Leazes Terrace, Corbridge.

No. 2 Leazes Terrace, Corbridge.

No. 14 St. Helen's Lane, Corbridge.

No. 7 Parson Road, Wylam.

Council House Applications

The number of applications for Council house accommodation at the end of the year was 670, a decrease of 99 compared with the previous year. 54 new houses were completed and occupied, and 40 families were housed as a result of casual vacancies. 15 transfers were effected to give tenants accommodation more suitable to their needs.

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DETAILS OF COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES AT 31st DECEMBER, 1972

				Houses acquired	Post War	Houses		del
DISTRICT	Pre- War cultural for cultural houses Agri- Cottages Imp me	for Improve- ment	General Purpose	Old Persons	Flats	Tota		
Acomb .		26			95	28		149
Allendale .		-	_	1	32	24	1	57
Barrasford .		-	_	-	29	9	-	38
Bingfield .		_	4				_	4
C - 1 11			_	-	5	-	-	5
Corbridge .		23		7	205	48	12	295
				(in	c. 2 shops)		
Fourstones .		12	- N	Land Link	15	_	-	27
Gunnerton .		_	_	_	15	_	-	15
Haydon Bridg	e	19	_	_	113	23	-	155
Hedley .		_	_	1	_	_	-	1
		-	4	20	9	-	-	33
Humshaugh .		6		6	6	6	-	24
Juniper .		_	2	_	_	-	-	2
		_	_	-	66	22	-	88
New Ridley		12	_	-	_		-	12
Ovingham .					73	23		102
		15-79,000	_		20	18	-	56
		1	-		_	2	-	3
Settlingstones		-	-	16	_	_	-	16
		-	4		12	12	-	28
		-	-		73	16	-	89
		8			8	3	-	19
O		-	4		U - 1	*******	-	4
Wylam		OF THE	-	THE PARTY OF	76	17	-	93
		131	18	51	852	251	12	1315

Improvement Grants

The effect of the increase of the maximum grant provided for in the Housing Act, 1971, became evident during this year. The total number of grants approved rose to 244, approximately double the figure for the previous year. The extension for a further year of the higher maximum grant will no doubt ensure the continued flow of applications.

It should be noted that there has been an increase in the number of applications from the owners of rented houses.

Of the 244 grants approved during the year 213 were Discretionary grants and 31 were Standard grants.

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

1.	Tenanted farmhouses, f	arm a	nd esta	ite	
	cottages				34%
2.	Owner-occupied houses				42%
3.	Rented houses				24%

The total number of grants approved since the inception of the scheme in 1949 is 1,944 representing 23.5% of the houses in the District.

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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						
1968	46	16,336						
1969	74	35,205						
1970	93	57,885						
1971	110	82,745						
1972	213	122,922						
Totals	1,705	£662,773						

Summary of Standard Grants Approved

1		В.	ASIC AME	NITIES PRO	OVIDED	
Year 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972	No. of applic- ations	Fixed bath or shower	Wash- hand basin	Internal water closet	Hot water system	Septio Tank
1960	1	_		_	1	_
1961	5	1	3	4	1	
1962	10	4	5	9	2	
1963	13	5	4	10	4	
1964	27	19	20	27	17	1
1965	30	18	18	28	17	13
1966	24	13	15	22	14	6
1967	21	9	10	21	9	13
1968	16	11	11	15	11	5
1969	18	6	8	18	6	1
1970	21	9	10	17	9	3
000000000000000000000000000000000000000	22	14	14	23	12	1 3 5 5
1972	31	16	18	27	18	5
Totals	239	125	136	221	121	52

HOUSING ACT, 1957

Unfit Houses

Action was taken under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957, in respect of 4 houses which were considered to be unfit for habitation. One Undertaking was received, the other three dwellings were demolished by the owners.

HOUSING ACT, 1969

Qualification Certificates

Twenty-seven applications were received, and thirtyeight Certificates were issued.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair.

Privy Conversions

One grant towards the cost of converting a privy into a water closet was made during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Slaughterhouse Act, 1958

There are four licensed Slaughter Houses in the District three of which are in regular use.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.

1633 animals were slaughtered during the year. Inspection was carried out in all cases, and the carcases 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 carcases and offals inspected.

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CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Control of the second	Cattle excl'd'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number of animals killed Dressed and undressed	323	2	1	1301	6
Carcases	323	2	1	1301	6
All diseases except Tuberculosis: Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part or organ was	-	_	1	2	_
condemned	47	1		7	
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part or organ was	-	arybeki y	-		_
condemned	_	_		_	_
Cysterci: Carcases of which some part or organ was			of som		
condemned Carcases submitted to	1		The same of	1	_
refrigeration Generalised or totally			70,000	matt.	-
Condemned		-		-	_

SUMMARY OF CARCASE MEAT AND OFFALS CONDEMNED

	Tuberculosis	Other diseases and conditions	TOTAL
Cattle (excluding Cows)	-	784 lbs	784 lbs
Cows Other animals		20 lbs 77 lbs	20 lbs 77 lbs
TOTAL	- T T	871 lbs	871 lbs

Diseases	Diseases or Condition						
				lbs.			
Abscesses				175			
Cysticercus Bo	vis			3			
Cirrhosis				206			
27.5				53			
Traumatism				401			
Other parasitie	c cond	itions		13			
Immaturity				20			
				871lb=.			

SUMMARY OF UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR SEIZED

Other Tinned Foods Other Foods	Surrendered	Seized	Legal proceedings
Tinned Meats	50 lbs		
Other Tinned Foods	233 lbs	_	
Other Foods	_	_	_
TOTALS	283 lbs		

FOOD HYGIENE (General) REGULATIONS, 1960

36 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.

Dairies	1				-		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
12. Poultry Packing Stations 13.						1	-		1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1
II. Hospitals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	3
Bakehouses.	1	1	!	1	7	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
9. Wet Fish Shops.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	_	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8. Fish & Chip Shops.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ļ	1	1	1	1	2
7. Cafes		-	-	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	İ	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
6. General Dealers, Grocers and Confectioners.	10	13	2	3	7	1	5	13	80	1	-	1	1	-	7	1	3	3	-	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	11	91
5. Butchers	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	3	67	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	13
Works Canteens	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	3
3. School Canteens	1	3	1	1	5	-	1	3	8	1	1	1	-	1	-	_	-	1	-	-	1	_	I	1	-	-	-	26
2. Social & Working Men's Clubs		-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	ıo
I. Hotels and Inns	3	11	1	2	1	1	80	6	2	1	_	-	_	7	7	-	21	7	7	7	1	7	-	5	1	-	4	62
•	:	:	:	20	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	ter	:		:	:	:	:	:	er	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
n	:	:	:	Riding							:	Quar		:		:	:	:		Quarter	:	:	:	:			:	
Parish	Acomb .	Allendale .		1gh/	1	Bywell	Chollerton .	Corbridge .	Haydon .	Healey .	Hedley .	Hexham Low Quarter	Hexhamshire	Horsley .	Humshaugh	Newbrough .	Ovingham .	Ovington .		W	Simonburn	Slaley	Wall	Warden	West Allen	gton	Wylam .	

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no pasteurisation plants in the District.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 16)

There are 63 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream, and 15 for the preparation, storage and sale of preserved foods.

Milk — Sampling

During the year 27 farms retailing raw milk were sampled at quarterly intervals. Of this number 7 farms have received accreditation and are no longer the responsibility of the Council for sampling purposes. Two other farms have ceased milk production, leaving a total of 18 to be sampled.

BRUCELLA MILK SAMPLING

Month	No. of	Samples	Ring	g Test	Culture Test		
Month	Farms Sampled	Samples Taken	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	
Jan.	14	19	1	18	_	1	
Feb.	_	-	_	-		-	
March	_	-	-		-	_	
April	8	11		11		_	
May	16	26	1	25	_	1	
June	1	1	_	1	_	_	
July	4	4	1	3	_	_	
Aug.	9	15	2 2	13	-	3	
Sept.	6 5	16	2	14	-		
Oct.	5	5	_	5	-	2 2	
Nov.	12	14	2	12	_	2	
Dec.	-	_	_	_	-	_	
Total	75	111	9	102		9	

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council's collection vehicles comprise one 40/50 cu.yd. Shelvoke and Drewry "Pakamatic," one 38 cu.yd. Shelvoke and Drewry "Pakamatic," two 14 cu. yd. Shelvoke and Drewry rear loaders and two 18 cu. yd. "Karrier" rear loaders.

Two 38 cu. yd. vehicles are at present on order, and will replace the two 14 cu. yd. vehicles which are ten years old.

There are now 8,270 houses in the district. A weekly service is given to 7,033 houses, a fortnightly service to 380 houses and a monthly collection to 127 houses. The latter are mainly farms and outlying properties.

84 properties in the West Allen area are now provided with a fortnightly collection in place of the previous monthly collection.

The tip at "Y" Wood, Ovingham, has now been closed and the lease terminated. Prudhoe Urban District Council has provided tipping facilities at their West Wylam tip free of charge.

Collections are now made from 92 per cent of the dwelling houses in the district.

127 houses were included in the collection service during the year, these were mainly new properties.

By Direct Labour : WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: Acomb 376 Blanchland 45 Broomhaugh & Riding Mill 297 Stocksfield 767 Corbridge 1.185 Haydon 572 Healey 44 Hedlev 60 Hexhamshire and Low Quarter... 104 Horsley 111 Humshaugh, Walwick and Lincoln Hill 153 Newbrough, Fourstones, Settlingstones 367 Ovingham .. 426 Ovington 194 Sandhoe, Stagshaw 66 Slaley, Trygill ... 119 . . Wall 90 a.. moto.. send... Warden .. 60 ... Wylam 773 Anick, Oakwood, The Riding ... 96 North Tyne Area, Whittington ... 386 Halton, Shildon, Aydon, Newton Hall, Welton, Stelling, Bywell, Peepy 190 6,481 FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTIONS: 56 Langley, Elrington Minsteracres, Kiln Pit Hill, Shotley area, Broomley, Whittonstall 178 Colwell, Hallington, Bingfield, Fallowfield, St. Oswalds. 146 380 2. By Contract Allendale and Catton 496 Allenheads, West Allen ... 277 773 7,634

Refuse Collection Statistics

Total number of occupied houses in the district	8,270
Total number of houses scavenged	7,634
Total number of houses scavenged by direct labour	6,861
Total number of houses scavenged by contract	773
Percentage of houses scavenged	92%
Total estimated tonnage collected per annum	7,590

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 Part I of the Act.

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

PREMISES (1)		Number	Number of			
		on Register (2)	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	3	annot be	ani Pal	lor _	
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	96	9	_	_	
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	27				
	TOTAL	126	9			

II.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	Numb	Number of cases in which			
PARTICULARS (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Refe To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	_	_	_
Overcrowding (S.2)			_	_	-
Unreasonable temperature	_	_	_	_	_
(S.3) Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	_	_	_	_
Ineffective drainage of floors	_	_	_	_	
SanitaryConveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	1	1	_	_	_
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	_	_	_
(c) Not separate for sexes	_	_	_	_	_
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	_		_		
TOTAL	4	4	_	_	_

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 contraventions outstanding from the previous year have now been remedied.

The number of employees working in registered premises is now :—

116 males and 247 females — a total of 363 persons.

Accidents

There are no reported accidents during the year.

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	metale .	17	
Retail shops Catering establishments open to the	Andrew Helm	54	10
public, canteens	-	28	_
Fuel Storage Depots	Maria	10 Miles	_
Totals		99	10

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS

EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

suniverguell stort	Number of per	0.01	
Class of Workplace	Males	Females	Total
Offices	13 43	19 105	32 148
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens Fuel Storage Depots	60	123	183
	116	247	363

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Sec- tion	No. of Contraventions	found	Sec- tion		o. of traventio	ns f	ound
4	Cleanliness	Nil	17	Fencing ex		ts	
5	Overcrowding			machine			Nil
6	Temperature		18	Protection			
7	Ventilation			persons f			
8	Lighting	Nil		dangerous		ery	Nil
9	Sanitary		19	Training of			
10	Conveniences			persons we			3711
10	Washing facilities	Nil	00	dangerous		ry	Nil
11	Supply of drinking	27.1	23	Prohibition			37:1
10	water	Nil	0.1	heavy wor			Nil
12	Clothing accom-	Nil	24	First Aid G			Nil
10	modation		50	provisions			1811
13	Sitting facilities	Nil	50	Display of of Act			Nil
14	Seats (Sedentary workers)	Nil		OI ACT			INII
15	Eating facilities	Nil					
16	Floors, passage and	1411					
10	stairs	Nil					
	Statis	2,11				-	
	A STATE OF THE STA			Total			Nil

Civic Amenities Act, 1967

Abandoned Cars

It was necessary to take action in only nine instances during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1959

All tips and sewage disposal works were regularly treated, and are relatively free from rodent infestation. A total of 536 inspections and re-visits were made at the Council's refuse tips and sewage disposal works.

Sewers have been test baited and found free from infestation.

1. Agricultural Premises :

No. of premises	No. of	premises	infested	28	No. Clear
inspected 73	Rats	20	Mice	8	15
	Major 1	Minor 19	Major 1	Minor 7	43

2. Business Premises:

No. of premises	No. of	premises	infested .	. 19	No. Clear
inspected 52	Rats	13	Mice	6	90
	Major	Minor 13	Major	Minor 6	33

3. Dwelling Houses:

No. of premises	No. of I	No. Clear			
inspected 795	Rats 134		Mice 90		571
	Major 1	Minor 133	Major 2	Minor 88	571

4. Refuse Tips:

No. of tip	No.	No. Clear			
inspections 406	Rats	14	Mice	—	202
	Major	Minor 14	Major	Minor	392

5. Sewage Disposal Works:

No. of S.D.W inspections	No. of infestations			6	No. Clear
	Rats	6	Mice	–	194
130	Major 1	Minor 5	Major	Minor	124

Details of Premises treated for Insect Pests

186 premises were treated for insect pests.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Seven applications for renewal of licences to keep boarding establishments were received. The premises were all satisfactory and licences were issued.

Pet Animal Act, 1951

There are no licensed premises in the District.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Other than individual sites there are 8 sites providing accommodation for between 15 and 60 caravans.

The Orchard, Corbridge	(40 caravans)
The Hermitage, Ovingham	(15 caravans)
Lilswood, Hexhamshire	(15 caravans)
Allendale Station	(40 caravans)
Eastlands End, Haydon Bridge	(23 caravans)
Town Foot, Slaley (Caravan Club S	ite — Unlicensed)
Fallowfield Dene, Acomb (Caravar	
licensed)	
Barrasford Park, Barrasford	(60 caravans)

SUMMARY OF VISITS

SUMMARY OF VISITS					
From 1st January, to 31st	Decem	ber,	1972		
Council Housing:					
Allocation				717	
Maintenance and Management				4,066	
Housing Acts, 1957-1969				-,	
Improvement Grants				826	
Survey for Improvements				41	
Housing Inspections (I.U.H.)				34	
Housing Survey				2	
Qualification Certificates — Vi				63	
Miscellaneous				35	
Public Health Acts, 1936-1961					
Nuisances				95	
Privy Conversions				19	
Drainage and Drain Testing				113	
Refuse Collection and Disposal				427	
Disinfestation etc		,		3	
Water Sampling etc				126	
Infectious Disease				7	
Miscellaneous				26	
Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and Regu	ulations	;			
(Supervision of Food)					
Meat Inspection				285	
Food Inspection				19	
Food Premises				36	
Food Vans etc				3	
Ice Cream Premises				1	
Ice Cream Sampling				13	
Milk Sampling				64	
Milk, other visits				12	
Miscellaneous				21	
Slaughterhouses Act & Regulations				9	
Other Acts					
Caravan Sites & Control of De			Act	6	
Offices, Shops & Railway Prem				9	
Factories Act, 1937-1961				9	
Prevention of Damage by Pest				1,937	
Clean Air Act, 1956				2	
Animal Boarding Establishmer	its Act			3	
Civic Amenities Act				22	
TOTAL				0.071	
TOTAL				9,051	
				-	



