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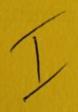
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MARTLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

Year 1971.

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Bedwardine House,
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June, 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my seventeenth Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

The Statistics under Section A on Births, Deaths and Infectious Disease are generally satisfactory. The number of cases of measles (195) is not exceptional, but should be showing some reduction now that Measles Vaccine is available. It is a safe Vaccine thoroughly recommended by the Department of Health and I hope it will gain universal acceptance by the parents of pre-school children.

The one outbreak of importance was due to Salmonella Food Poisoning from the consumption of turkey and involved eighty-four persons to a varying degree. Strangely enough not a single case was resident in the district, the party coming from an Industrial concern in Birmingham, and notifications being registered with a number of other Local Authorities. Ours was the responsibility for investigation however, which highlighted the problems related to Poultry processing and storage (see page 10 - Chief Public Health Inspectors Report), and shows that thorough cooking is not always the answer.

In the Autumn I vaccinated a number of the Staff against Influenza. I hope that the Council will continue to authorise this small Expenditure annually, as a form of Insurance against high rates of Sickness absence, and that those members who opted out will see the sense of receiving protection in the future.

It is with great regret that I record at this time the departure of Mr. B. Roberts, our Chief Public Health Inspector who had been with us for less than two years. He had worked hard at re-organising the department and also gained control of the Housing Management which has benefitted from being linked to Public Health, and I feel sure is the right Management Structure for the future,

Some excellent work was carried out on Food Hygiene and Improvement Grants, and I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. Perry (Additional Public Health Inspector) for his continuing labours in the field of Housing and Slum Clearance which, at times, seems to bear little reward. However, with a certain amount of Council House building now in hand, I hope there will be more evident changes in the future.

All sections of Local Government are beginning to feel the effect of impending re-organisation. I am sure I am not alone in worrrying about the future but am convinced that it is the older members of Staff who will feel the impact most. After twenty-three years in Local Government, one is not going to take kindly to a transfer to the National Health Service, even if one knows in ones heart that it is the right place for the Medical Profession. What concerns me is the breakdown

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I remain Mr. Chairman,

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Rural District of Martley comprising 52,825 acres, is predominantly agricultural in character and lies to the west of the City of Worcester. The River Teme runs through the district dividing it into two parts. The chief industry is agriculture and the district is one of the most important fruit and hop growing areas in the country.

Area in acres		52,8	25
Number of dwellinghouses (31st March, 1971) to Rate Books	accordi	ng 4,6	33
Registrar General®s estimate of resident por (mid 1971)	pulation	13,1	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
B21 Diabetes Sellitus			
Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	93	86	179
Illegitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			3%
Standardised birth rate per 1,000 estimated			
population			14.8
Rate for England and Wales			16.0
B30 Cerebrevascular District			
Still Births			
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-		-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			11
Rate for England and Wales			12
Deaths			
BASCEL DELICE DESIGNATION DEPOSITION STREET			
From all causes	70	47	117
Standardised death rate per 1,000 estimated			
population			9.2
Rate for England and Wales			11.6
Deaths of Infants Under 1 year of Age			
Legitimate	1	-	1 1
Illegitimate	-	-10	-
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legiti- mate live births			6
mate live births Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 ill-			210
egitimate live births			Nil
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live			0.000
births			5
Rate for England and Wales			18

De	aths o	f Infant	s under	4 week	s of	age		Mal	les	Females		Total
I1 Ne	onatal	mate Mortali	ty Rate	per 1,		ive b	oirths		1 TAN	Z. :		1 - 5 12
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1971 - Causes of Death - Registrar General Returns (International "B" Classification - 50 main causes)

B6(2)	Other Tuberculosis			Males	Fema
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B17	Syphilis and its Sequelae			1	
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, Etc	••		1	
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	••		2	
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	Ci.	••	2	
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine		••	1	
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	••	••	7	
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	•••	••	d Potsonin	
B19(10)	Leukaemia		••	2	
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms		••	5	
B21	Diabetes Mellitus			vieżne:	
B24	Meningitis		••	1	
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	n hos		2	
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease				
B27	Hypertensive Disease	27. 63		3	
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	B 1		14	
B29	Other forms of Heart Disease	Lype		is Salponel	
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease			4	
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System			8	
B32	Pneumonia			2	
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	gista		4	
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System			Tasy-ned d	
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver			1	
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	aget 3		1	
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System			4	
B46(11)	Diseases of Muscul-Skeletal System			4	
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	nonlu		1	
BE48	All Other Accidents			2	
VI	Hall, Shrawley, H	M		-	-
TOTAL AL	LL CAUSES			70	4

December North	Under 5	5+	10+	15+	25+	45+	65+	Total*
S Partitude Design	4. 03	4 . 73	lva3 1	Biloca	plant	at Nec	allgna	(i)ers
1. Measles	83	85	15	8	4	oolt do	aligna	(97) 195
2. Scarlet Fever	3	1	1	-	amalq	DON_ SE	anglia	(3) 5
3. Whooping Cough	1	1	1	Duros.T	man to	sok Jr	aligne	(4) 3
4. Food Poisoning			1-9	1018	ples.	2	1 [4	(1) 4
5. Infective Jaundice	11	2	-	3	5	ang iin	eukner ther b	(4) 10
6. Dysentery	-	19	7	3	5	1	radak	(1) 35
7. Meningitis	-	- 10	Synta	monte	l lo e	suce1	thor C	(1) -

^{*} figures in brackets relate to the previous year.

The four cases of Food Poisoning above were all from one family outbreak Salmonella type - marium.

TUBERCULOSIS

It will be seen that two non-pulmonary cases (joint and renal), were added during 1971, and it was possible to remove five pulmonary cases from the register. From the table below it will be seen that the number of cases on the register has fallen considerably over the last ten years.

Register at 31st December 1971

1 1	Pulmon	Pulmonary		ulmonary	canon of Mone
Year	M	F	М	F	Annual Totals
1962	26	32	2	5	65
1963	17	22	2	5	46
1964	14	21	1	1	37
1965	14	16	1	2	33
1966	15	15	1	3	35
1967	15	15	2	- 2	34
1968	14	15	2	3	34
1969	10	15	2	3	30
1970	9	14	1	1	25
1971	8	10	1	3	23

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. County Health Services

The following services are provided by the County Council in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946.

Care of Mothers and Young Children (Section 22)

The district is served by the following clinics:-

Ante-Natal Clinics

Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport.

Open every Tuesday in the month at 1.30 p.m.

Open every Monday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Cases in the Worcester Area are referred to hospital by their own doctor if necessary.

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Parish Hall, Hallow.

nelsleys, part Low

Hillhampton

Open on the second and fourth Thursday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Broadheath.

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Open on the first and third Thursday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Village Hall, Knightwick Road, Martley.

Open on second Wednesday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Village Hall, Alfrick.

Open on the third Friday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Leigh.

Open on the second Thursday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Great Witley.

Open on the fourth Tuesday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Village Hall, Shrawley.

Open on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.15 p.m.

Parish Room, Holt.

Open on the first Tuesday in the month at 3.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Rushwick.

Open on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Club Room, Suckley.

Open on the second Tuesday in the month at 2.00 p.m.

Midwifery (Section 23)

The services of the county midwife are available without charge to care for mothers during pregnancy, confinement and for a period of ten days afterwards. She should be booked as early as possible in order to receive adequate instructions for the confinement. Visits are paid to the home and examinations carried out monthly in co-operation with the doctor, who will arrange hospital consultations if necessary. Free dental treatment is available during this period and may be arranged through the County Dental Officer.

Health Visiting and Home Nursing (Sections 24 and 25)

After the first ten days the Health Visitor normally takes over the responsibility for the care of the baby from the midwife. She is a trained nurse who has received additional instruction in child care, maintenance of health and the prevention of disease, and is able to offer guidance to the mother until the child goes to school. The health visitor also acts as school nurse and being an experienced medico-social worker, is able to give advice to the adult members of the family on any personal problems related to physical or mental ill health.

The District Nurse is available to act on the instructions of the General Practitioner or hospital when persons are discharged from hospital. She carries out injection proceedures and the general nursing of the sick or elderly at home. In most rural districts the duties of the District Nurse, Midwife and Health Visitor are combined. This is so in the Martley Rural District where there are six full-time and one part-time worker as follows:-

Nurses	Telephone No.	Area
Miss Parsons, Little Cob House, Broadwas-on-Teme, Nr. Worcester.	Wichenford 372	Martley, Clifton, Shelsleys, part Lower Sapey, Brickyard Cottages, Wichenford.
Miss J. Curnow, Berrylands Bungalow, Leigh.	Leigh Sinton 320	Leigh, Bransford, Alfrick, Leigh Sinton, Rushwick.
Miss H. Chambers, Berrylands Bungalow, Leigh.	Leigh Sinton 320	Knightwick, Broadwas, Doddenham, Lulsley, Suckley.
Mrs. R.K. Slingsby, Cherry Cottage, Greenhill Lane, Hallow, Nr. Worcester.	Hallow 235	Hallow, Broadheath, Cotheridge, Crown East, Wichenford, Sinton Gree Grimley Village.
Miss D.M. Jones, Nurses House, Hillhampton, Shrawley, Nr. Worcester,	Gt. Witley 386	Holt, Hillhampton, Shra Gt. Witley, Little Witle Abberley.

Nurses

Telephone No.

Area

Miss J.M. Whitehead, Nurses House, Hillhampton, Shrawley, Nr. Worcester. Gt. Witley 386

Area Relief Nurse (full-time)

N.B. Astley and Dunley are covered by Stourport Nurses (G.P. attachment).

Vaccination and Immunisation (Section 26)

Vaccination and immunisation proceedures are carried out, free of charge, by the patient's own doctor and at the County Council clinics. It is now standard proceedure to offer triple immunisation against diptheria, whooping cough and tetanus at 6 - 12 months old and a booster dose at five years old. Poliomyelitis vaccination is best administered as a single dose at 15 months. The Department of Health and Social Security have now recommended against routine Smallpox Vaccination except in emergency situations and for travel abroad for which an International Certificate is issued.

The following inoculations were completed during the year (figures in brackets relate to the previous year).

(i) Diptheria Immunisation

No.	of	children who	completed a primary	course	145	(164)
No.	of	children rece	eiving a reinforcing	dose	137	(220)

(ii) Tetanus Immunisation

No.	of	children	who completed a primary course	150 (169)
No.	of	children	receiving a reinforcing dose	159 (266)

(iii) Whooping Cough Immunisation

No. of children who completed a primary course 131 (159) It is not considered necessary to give reinforcing doses.

(iv) Measles Vaccination

No. of children who completed a	primary course	140 (171)
Reinforcing doses should not be	necessary.	

(v) Poliomyelitis Vaccination

No.	of children	who completed a primary	course	143 (183)
No	of children	receiving a reinforcing	dose	143 (218)

(vi) Smallpox Vaccination

No.	of	persons	receiving primary	vaccination	92	(148)
No.	of	persons	re-vaccinated		22	(21)

Worcestershire County Council operate a scheme for the preventive innoculation of all children leaving school. This is a valuable protective measure against tuberculosis. Details for the whole County are available in the County Medical Officer's Annual Report.

Other Services (4.0) askruff frogrammed by Stourport Murses (5.P. attachment).

Details of other services provided by the County Health Department are also to be found in the County Medical Officer's Report viz:-

Ambulances (Section 27)
Prevention Care and After Care (Section 28)
Health Education
Geriatrics
School Health and School Dental Services
(Education Act 1944)

brackets relate to the previous year).

The County Analyst issues a separate report to the County Council.

2. Hospital Services

These services are administered by the Birmingham Hospital Board (Mid or South Worcestershire Hospital Management Committee).

- (a) General Hospitals with casualty departments are situated at Worcester, Kidderminster and Tenbury.
 - (b) Maternity beds are available at Worcester and Stourport.
- (c) Infectious diseases are usually admitted to Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester, but may be admitted to one of the Birmingham Hospitals.
- (d) The elderly and chronic sick are accommodated at Shrub
 Hill, Worcester, Avonside, Evesham and Blakebrook, Kidderminster.
 - (e) Psychiatric hospitals for mental disorders are available at Powick, Worcester or Barnsley Hall, Bromsgrove.
 - (f) Laboratories are available at all General Hospitals but at Worcester Royal Infirmary a branch of the Public Health Laboratory Service has been established. This organisation, with reference laboratories in London and elsewhere, is designed to assist local authorities in their investigation of outbreaks of communicable disease.
 - (g) Veneral diseases are diagnosed and treated at a special outpatient department of Worcester Royal Infirmary adjacent to the Chest Clinic. Sessions are held from 5-7 p.m. on Mondays for women, and 5-7 p.m. on Tuesdays for men. No appointment is necessary and treatment is strictly confidential.

3. General Medical Services

There are three General Practitioners resident in the district. Many others visit their patients from Worcester, Stourport and Malvern. It is impossible to compile a suitable list, therefore, but the Worcestershire Executive Council (County) do publish one and this is normally available at any General Post Office. The services of dentists, opticians and pharmacists also come under the control of the Executive Council to whom enquiries should be made.

4. Social Services

On 1st April, 1971, the new Social Services Departments came into existence under the control of the County Director - Miss N. Riley. The Social Services Act resulted from the Seebohm Report and produced an amalgamation of the Welfare, Childrens and Mental Health Departments with certain other functions transferred from the Health (e.g. Home Helps and Child Minders). Four Area Offices were opened on the appointed day, Martley Rural District being placed under the control of the Southern Area. This is rather unfortunate as the County Nursing Services were also divisionalised, Martley Rural District being placed in Area 3 with Kidderminster, which hardly results in effective liason between those Departments and the District Authority. However, it is obvious that with the re-organisation of Local Government and the Unification of the National Health Service in two years time all three services will have to be re-grouped.

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SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

A comprehensive water scheme had been completed throughout the district prior to the North West Worcestershire Water Board becoming statutory undertakers in 1962. Since that date steady progress has been made with water connections and a number of small extensions have been carried out. Mains water is available in all parishes and overall approximately 80% of domestic properties are connected. The remaining properties are supplied by shallow wells the majority of which produce water which is bacteriologically suspect. Further details are found on page 6 of the Chief Public Health Inspectors Report.

The Astley boreholes, however, provide excellent water which, although rather hard, is pure. The water has no plumb-solvent action and the fluoride content is low (0.12 p.p.m.) So far the water has not been fluoridated. Chemical and Bacteriological Analysis is shown below:-

Mains Supply No. 1 Pumping Station, Astley.

Physical Characters

Colour	-	None	
Odour	and a - com	None	pH 7.6

Deposit - None

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in solution (dried at 180	°c)			 	300
Solids in solution (afer ignition	n)			 	205
Chlorine Present as Chloride	00			 	30
Hardness Non-carbonate as CaCO	0 0	00		 	104
Hardness Carbonate " ")				 	160
Hardness Total " "				 	264
Ammonical Nitrogen				 	Trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0 0			 	Trace
Nitrate Nitrogen				 	7.7
Nitrite Nitrogen	0 0			 	Trace
Permanganate Value (4 Hours at 27	7°C)			 	0.10
M 1 - 1/ - 1 - 1 - 1	0.0			 	None detects
Free Carbon Dioxide				 	6
Calcium as Ca	0.0			 	57
pH saturated with calcium carbona	ate a	t 20°	C =	 	7.65
Saturation Index = 7.60 - 7.65 =	0 0			 	0.05

Bacteriological Examination

Number	of	colonies	developing	upon	agar	
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The state of the s				DELOGYE
(a) in two days at 37°C	 	 	 	O per one
(b) in three days at 22°C	 	 	 	O per one
Probable number of coliform ba				
Probable number of faecal coli	 	 	 	0 per 100

Opinion - The chemical condition of the sample is satisfactory. The saturation index is that of a water with little or no corrosive tendency. The water is hard.

2. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Difficulties were encountered during the year with the various major Sewerage and Sewage Disposal schemes in hand due to restricted Government Finance, delays in Ministerial approval and prolonged negotiations with Worcester City who had offered their help. Not a great deal of work was in evidence therefore, until the end of 1971.

Fortunately the Bransford and Leigh Sinton (Powick and Malvern) scheme had been completed, an Official opening ceremony being held at the new Powick Sewage works in November, 1970. This has enabled a number of connections to be made in the villages of Bransford and Leigh Sinton.

At Clifton-on-Teme, a considerable number of new dwellings had been built which made the proposed Passveer Ditch Scheme urgent. Fortunately an allocation financially was made in October, 1971 by the Worcestershire County Council from their locally allocated quota which enabled the scheme to be drawn up and approved for commencement on 1st January, 1972.

Martley and Wichenfor' sewerage and sewage disposal scheme also involving Passveer Ditch treatment was held up by the Ministry, but finally given approval, the work now being underway.

The Broadheath Sewage works is now in the process of being abandoned, Worcester City having agreed in 1970 to accept sewage into their mains from this Area. The 8"D pumping Main to the City boundary was completed and the changeover made in March, 1972; but agreement has not been finalised concerning the treatment of septic sludge at Broadheath. It has been agreed in principle (as recommended by the Ministry Inspector) that the Broadwas and Cotheridge sewers should also be connected at Broadheath and the Sewage passed to Worcester City. The charges to be levied will be based on the current Sewage Rate for the City in relation to the Rateable Value of the properties concerned.

Unfortunately, there are continued delays in setting up a Cesspool Emptying Service which is long overdue. (see Chief Public Health Inspectors Report.)

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

There were no basic changes in the Refuse Collection Service during the year, but undoubtedly improvements resulted from the service being brought under Radio Control, as complaints were dealt with more promptley. The three Refuse Tips at present in use are at Grimley, Martley Hillside and Yarhampton. These are under the control of the Surveyor (Mr. M.J. Jakeways) who has been negotiating recently for the renewal of the Planning Approval on the Grimley Site and for a new site at Knightwick.

SECTION D

HOUSING AND SLUM CLEARANCE

The decision to redesignate Mr. B. Roberts as Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer was particularly helpful in this sphere. It enables Mr. Vernon (Assistant Housing Manager) to work more closely with the Public Health Inspectors on problems related to health and substandard housing. With House lettings placed in Zones and a Points Scheme in operation for both Adult Families and the Elderly it has been possible to give priority to such items as poor structure, damp, lack of amenities, medical conditions and the inability to climb stairs. Although no more properties have been available for re-letting than in the past this has provided a sound basis for the future in assessing need and it is hoped that more Slum Clearance work will eventually be possible.

The Housing Committee looked carefully at the needs of the District during the year and found it to be considerable. As a result work has gone ahead rapidly for the construction of twenty-nine dwellings at Holt, (2, 3 and 4 bedroomed houses) and a Houses for Sale scheme at Bransford (thirty-four dwellings) adjacent to which will be an Elderly Persons Block with a Warden (thirty units). Category II Units are also being considered at the Heath, Hallow and Clifton-on-Teme. Private Building should also be encouraged which depends on Planning Permissions in the various Villages where infilling is permitted and Village Studies are to be carried out by the County Planning Department.

Improvement Grants - continued to occupy a large proportion of Mr. Perry's time. It is interesting to note that 551 Discretionary Grants have been dealt with since this concept came into being under the Housing Act 1949 (i.e. in twenty-one years) and also 252 Standard Grants have been approved (see Chief Public Health Inspectors' Report - page 4).

However, it is not at all clear what impact this is having on the total Housing Stock of the District. In 1947 (after the Rural Housing Survey was initiated) there were 463 unfit houses in the District and I estimate that 200 have been demolished nevertheless Mr. Roberts' Survey (p.5) seems to indicate that there are still 300 unfit houses in the District to be dealt with. It would appear that we are hardly keeping pace with the process of decay, which has been occurring in many properties (which may be anything from 60-300 years old) despite a vigourous Improvement Grant campaign which has been encouraged by the Government Policy for many years.

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The decision to redesignate Mr. H. Roberts as Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer was particularly helpful in this sphere. It enables Mr. Vernon (Assistant Housing Manager) to work more closely with the Public Health Inspectors on problems related to health and a substandard housing. With House lettings placed in Zones and a Points Scheme in operation for both Adult Families and the Elderly it has been possible to give priority to such items as poor structure, damp, lack of exemities, medical conditions and the inshifty to climb stairs. Although he nors properties have been available for re-letting than in the past this has provided a sound basis for the future in assessing need and it is boyed that more Slum Glearance work will eventually be possible.

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SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING 1971

	1970	1971
Total inspections recorded (not including rodent control or water samples)	1,380	1,579
General Sanitation		
Sewage scheme survey	130	ur (mr)
Miscellaneous visits re: complaints (including housing		106
Visits re: drainage, sewerage, watercourses and stream	NAOVOR	112
Water supplies	77	52
Water samples taken - private 1970 1971 48	nnesti	
public 20 41		
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Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Ac	of he LV	4
Factories Acts	10010	28
Visits re: verminous persons	Honga	1
Premises fumigated Public cleansing - tips	9	18
- premises	6	5
Clean Air Act	2	2
Animal Boarding Estabishments Act	4	21
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	13	33
Noise Abatement Act	4	21
Swimming Baths	-	2
Mortuary	3	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act - Agricultural - Non-agricultural	225 206	120 249
Hop pickers accommodation	3	3
Inspection of Food and Food Premises		
Complaints	2	5
Butchers Shops	4	13
Ice cream retailers	8	4
Cafes, Canteens etc.	10	28
Bakery	-	1
Food Vehicles	5	7
Licensed Premises (Public Houses etc.)	14	, 72
Grocers	37	. 43
Housing		
Complaints of disrepair	111-	21
Rent Acts	g Act,	1957

Housing continued	1970	1971
Housing Surveys	258	187
Mortgage Surveys	-	5
Inspections for re-housing	23	Index 55
Improvement Grants - Discretionary - Standard (including building regulations inspections)	288 157	426 82
Individual Unfit	29	30
Moveable Dwellings (Caravans)	27	19
Dangerous Structures (Housing)	2	6
Licensed Caravan Sites	no tak	30
Qualification Certificates	rotek	10
Infectious Diseases		
Visits and enquiries	8	18
Other Visits (including accompanied visits and non- specified appointments.)	99	104

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1. HOUSING - Figures in brackets relate to 1970.

The total number of dwellings in the Rural District at the end of 1971 was 4,641 including 620 agricultural dwellings and 52 caravans. Of the permanent dwellings 688 were owned by the Council and this figure includes 284 built before 1945.

Provision of Housing Accommodation

Number of Council Houses started or completed during 1971	Nil	(Ni1)
Number of Private Houses completed during 1971	60	(51)
Number of Private Houses under construction 31.12.1971	92	(63)
Unfit Dwellings		
Inspections during 1971		
Dwellings inspected for fitness	332	(325)
Dwellings found to be unfit	54	(41)
Proceedings under Part II of the Housing Act, 1957.		
Dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	14	(8)
Dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	4	(1)
Dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made	3	(2)

Dwellings in respect of which Demolition or Closing Orders were made:-

Dwellings in respect of which undertakings not to re-let

2 Cottage, Station Road, Bransford.
29 Catterbutts, Astley.
The Bungalow, Pewcroft Farm, Suckley.
1 Knoll Cottages, Broadheath.
2 Knoll Cottages, Broadheath.
1 Simberton Cottage, Monkwood Green, Grimley.
Simberton House, Monkwood Green, Grimley.
The Wayside, Martley.
Mill House, Broadwas-on-Teme.
The Bungalow, Sinton Green, Grimley.
3 Upperwick Cottages, Rushwick.
Oakhall Cottage, Sinton Green, Grimley.
112 Berrow Green, Martley.
Park Cottage, Whitbourne, Suckley.
4 Strand Cottages, Peachley Lane, Broadheath.

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Dwellings where undertakings not to re-let were accepted:-

1 Cottage, Station Road, Bransford.
Part of Jewry House, Martley.
Close Cottage, Clifton-on-Teme.

Rehousing

(a) were accepted

During the year the Council rehoused the following families from substandard properties subject to Orders made under the Housing Act, 1957.

The number of applicants on the Council's waiting list was 185 (235) at the end of the year.

During the year 19 (26) lettings were made as compared with 28 in 1969 and 26 in 1970.

The number of homeless families under eviction rehoused was 7 (7).

Improvement Grants

(a) Standard Grants - Total number of applicants since commencement of scheme 252 (238).

	A T P TO A D	Applicatio	ns		Aznos	Number of	Houses
Year	Rec t d	Appr*d	Refused	Grants Paid	Amount Paid	Tenanted	Owner/ Occupied
1970	20	20	Nil	17	£4,657	Nil	17
1971	14	14	Ni1	12	£2,588	3	9

Amenities provided - 1971

Fixed bath or shower	9	(15)
Wash hand basin	9	(16)
Hot and cold water supplies	9	(17)
Water closets	12	(16)
Sinks	6	(10)
Septic tanks	6	(13)
Mains water supplies	2	(1)
Bathrooms added	2	(7)

(b) Discretionary Grants - Total number of applicants since commencement of scheme 551 (501). The total number of houses involved in 1971 was 59.

Year	Rec'd	Appr°d	Refused	Grants Paid	Amount Paid	Number of	Owner/Occupied
1970	35 670	31	Station Ro	24	£12,315	1	23
1971	-59	59	Nil	21	£16,406	5	16

At the end of the year, work was in progress on 22 (25) Standard Grants and 5 (47) Discretionary Grants.

The number of applications for improvement grants have increased greatly during the past two years and Mr. Perry has spent much time in dealing with this aspect of the environmental health work.

During the year the Department of the Environment issued a circular recommending that Public Health Inspectors should be responsible for this work. It is of vital importance that in every case where compliance with the twelve-point standard and the thirty year life can be met, that these conditions should be adhered to.

It is not excessive to require that an improved house should be fit for habitation within the terms of Section 4 of the Housing Act 1957 (as amended), a standard which has, for many years, been considered low.

The approach to improvement grants in the department has undergone revision since the implementation of the Housing Act 1969 and standards have been raised.

In addition to improvements in the field of private housing, the Council is pursuing a policy of modernisation of its housing stock. During the year a further 15 (10) houses were improved bringing the total to 161 (146). A further 115 (130) houses and bungalows remained unmodernised at the end of the year.

Housing Management

During the year it was decided to amalgamate the Housing Management function of the Council within the Public Health Department. The main reasons for this were:-

- (1) The increasing inter-relationship of the Public Health and
 Management function in dealing with unfit housing and house
 lettings.
 - (2) The close involvement of the Public Health Department in allocating housing points.
 - (3) Generally improved intelligence concerning housing matters.
- (4) The public would have only to deal with one department, a fact resulting in improved service.

The conclusion drawn from modern trends is that it is unrealistic to divorce housing from environmental health. The action which, for many years, has been taken by Public Health Inspectors in the private housing sector includes management, slum clearance, improvement, repair, control of caravans, and overcrowding as well as control of noise, atmospheric pollution, private drainage and purity of water supplies etc. The arrangement which this Council has fostered is, I believe, proving to be a satisfactory way of providing an important public service.

General Comment

In September of 1970 a housing survey was commenced to assess the extent of disrepair and unfitness in the private sector housing. From the information so far obtained it seems that there are approximately 300 unfit houses in the district. An active policy of demolition and re-housing has been started to deal with the larger numbers involved, and the Council is pursuing a scheme of house building to increase the publicly owned housing

stock and hopes to properly utilise those existing houses which are underoccupied. The housing survey has been successfully used as platform to publicise the improvement grant scheme available to owners of unmodernised houses, and is resulting in large numbers of enquiries.

A total of 187 houses had been surveyed during the year, of these 158 were in need of some repair, lacking one or more basic amenity or unfit. The total number of houses now surveyed is 445 and of these 95 were found to be unfit and 321 in need of repair or lacking basic amenities.

2. WATER SUPPLY

(a) Private Supplies

(1) General - During the year no cases of shortage of drinking water were reported.

A large percentage of the houses in the district (approximately 20%) gain their water supply from shallow wells and springs, many of which are polluted. A full survey, particularly of estate water supplies, of which no details of quality were available has now been started and supply at Doddenham has been improved as a result.

(2) Private Supplies to Council Houses - During the year the polluted water supplies to three small groups of isolated unmodernised Council bungalows were replaced by mains water.

The distance of these bungalows from the public mains has made the decision to provide mains water difficult to justify on economic grounds but the provision of mains water was considered essential. The Council has decided, in principle, to carry out full modernisation of the bungalows which are:-

1 - 4 Worcester Road, Holt.
2 Fieldbrook, Abberley.
1 and 2 Dick Brook, Astley.
1 - 4 Shelsley Walsh.

The only property not yet connected to a mains water supply is No. 2 Fieldbrook, Abberley, and plans for this are in hand. The water, in the meantime, is regularly sampled to assess its quality and the occupiers affected have been advised in methods to be adopted and its purification and use.

(3) Details of Samplings and Connections -

Number of Samples taken from private sources - 47 (33)

Number found to be satisfactory - 21 (8)

Number found to be unsatisfactory - 26 (25)

Where necessary owners and occupiers were notified of methods for purification and use.

Eleven properties were connected to the public water supply by the Council and five following informal action by the Public Health Department.

(b) Mains Water atnomepnaria equip (d)

The statutory undertakers for the public supply of water throughout the district are the North West Worcestershire Water Board. (ii) Clifton-on-Teme - The preparation of

Details of the chemical quality of the mains water are contained one maindthe report of the Medical Officer of Health (171)

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(b) Future Arrangements

- (i) Broadheath extension work should be completed in 1972.
- (ii) Clifton-on-Teme The preparation of this scheme continued and work will commence early in 1972.
- (iii) Martley Following a local investigation by an engineering inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, approval was given for the commencement of the scheme which is scheduled for 1972.
 - (iv) Broadwas and
 Cotheridge Negotiations were made with Worcester City for
 pumping sewage through the Broadheath works. No
 further progress was made.

(v) Other Schemes -

- (a) A small scheme for part of Holt Heath is due to be started at the beginning of 1972.
- (b) The present policy of allocation of finances for small sewerage schemes has failed to provide for the urgently needed sewering of Shrawley and Grimley Villages, schemes for which have already been approved. The urgency of the need for these schemes cannot be overemphasised.
- (c) Various small schemes involving modernisation of Council houses were in the course of preparation.
- (d) Amongst areas in desparate need of sewering, the Longley Green area of Suckley is a priority.

(c) Work Completed During the Year

The only scheme completed during the year was the provision of an extended aeration plant to serve the Council Bungalows at Highfields, Knightwick.

(d) House Drainage

The following new drainage installations were approved and installed during the year:-

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Septic tanks	16	(22)	26	(39)	42
Connections to public sewers	35	(31)	16	(4)	51
Connections to private treatment plant	s <u>3</u>	(Nil)	Ni1	(Nil)	34
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The Council does not own a mechanical cesspool emptier and during the year discontinued arrangements with Stourport U.D.C. and Droitwich R.D.C. for the emptying of privately owned plants. The cost of emptying private septic tanks had been previously re-charged to the owners in full, together with an administration charge.

Private tanks were emptied by direct negotiation between the owners and a firm of contractors operating in the district.

There is a pressing need for the provision of a Council operated service to ensure regular emptying of Council and private septic tanks. All septic tanks should be emptied at least annually and in this district, of clay soil and ineffective effluent soakaways there is a large number of malfunction tanks causing widespread pollution of roadside ditches and watercourses. The standard design of septic tank approved for use in this area has often proved to be inadequate and unsuitable. The Council will provide in the near future, a service which it is hoped will be sufficiently inexpensive to encourage owners to call for regular emptying and thus reduce the hazards to public health. A nominal charge of £2 will be made for one emptying annually and economic charges are to be made for additional emptyings, and of properties using septic tanks which are within reach of a main sewer.

4. FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

(a) General

Last year it was reported that of the thirty-five food premises (canteens, butchers shops, general stores, licensed premises and restaurants) visited between July and December, only two complied with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1960 in full. A total of 80 visits were involved. This year eighty-three premises were visited and by the end of December, 34 complied with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 and 173 visits were involved. The standards of some premises were again found to be low but it has been very encouraging to gain, in almost every instance, the willing co-operation of proprietors and much progress has been made.

The hygienic and quality control measures of modern food storage, preparation and distribution involve technicalities of which the lay man is unaware and there is an urgent need for training of food handlers in basic hygiene and management. This is most important in the catering industry, which draws its staff often from homes without modern amenities, such as wash hand basins or hot water. The progress in improved standards and facilities continues to be encouraging. Over a thousand contrventions have been notified to owners and more than four hundred had been remedied by the end of the year with work continuing on the remainder. I estimate that the total cost of work is in the region of forty thousand pounds.

(b) Education

The proprietor of each food business operating in the district was circulated with an explanation of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970; information concerning bacterial control and food poisoning; a code of guidance for hygienic practice and for care of certain foods such as cooked meats. This information was well received and proved of considerable benefit as a preliminary to the visit and inspection of the premises.

(c) Food Poisoning

The danger of salmonella food poisoning from Poultry, which is a national problem, was highlighted by an outbreak at a very high class estabishment. Of a party of eighty-four people, twenty-seven were taken ill after eating a similar meal. All members of the staff submitted faecal specimens which proved negative. Salmonella organisms were found in turkey meat and in the faeces of some of the people who were taken ill. The turkeys were traced

to a Poultry dressing factory and the Marketing Company was requested to give full and clear instructions on the wrappings for the thawing of frozen birds, and this request was complied with. The dangers with frozen Poultry lie in the fact that full cooking, which kills the bacteria causing food poisoning will not take place unless the deepest areas of the meat are fully thawed out.

(d) School Canteens

The standard of school canteens operated by the Worcestershire County Council is again worthy of comment. In general the kitchens and food preparation and storage rooms are well equipped with the highest order and the calibre of staff employed in kitchen work is high.

(e) Number and Types of Food Premises Operated in the District:-

Licensed premises	40
Butchers Shops	4
Day and Residential Schools	27
Social Clubs and Halls	21
Cafes	3
Grocers and Other Food Shops	54
Bake Houses	1
Ice Cream Manufacturers	Nil
Ice Cream Retailers	75

(f) Slaughterhouses

There are no licensed slaughterhouses presently operating within the district.

(g) Poultry Inspection

A number of small establishments where poultry are slaughtered are operated within the district. It was not possible due to pressure of other work, to carry out systematic inspections during the year.

(h) Milk was anoldsevated baseudt a seed palgarmoons

Licensing and sampling powers under the Milk (Special Designation)
Regulations 1960, are operated by the Worcestershire County Council.
Frequent samples of milk are taken by the County Public Health Inspector. The number and results of samples taken in 1971 are as follows:-

Pasteurised Milk	02-1	30	(27)
Sterilised Milk	7539	1	(Nil)
Untreated Milk	4979	6	(4)
Total	1 day	37	(31)

one sample failed the phosphatase test for pasteurised milk.

During the year 6 samples of raw milk were examined for Brucella Abortus. None of the samples proved positive.

(i) Food Sampling

The responsibilities for formal sampling and analysis are undertaken by the Worcestershire County Council.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

This service is administered by the Councils' Engineer and Surveyor.

(a) Refuse Collection

As reported last year again no further extensions took place in the weekly collection and paper sack system.

(b) Refuse Disposal

Three refuse tips are in use, those at Martley and Yarhampton being disused quarries and at Grimley in a disused gravel working.

Fewer complaints of fly nuisance were received concerning the tip at Martley. It is essential that an alternative tipping site should be established as soon as possible. The Martley tip was reported last year to have exceeded its capacity and additional refuse presents the possibility of a serious fire hazard by its close proximity to the wooded area of Martley Hillside. The County Council must agree to allow the use of other land for tipping. This position and ease of control of the disused railway cutting at Knightwick, make it eminently suitable. It seems ridiculous that this site may not be released because of the tenuous possibility that it could form part of a nature walk.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Mortuary, Red House, Martley.

The accommodation was used five times during the year.

(b) Caravan Sites

2 site licences were issued for residential caravans on individual sites during the year.

The number of sites and caravans now licensed is as follows:-

		No. of	Sites	No. of	Caravans
Residential Caravans	-	63	(61)	85	(80)
Holiday Caravans	-	17	(17)	223	(223)
		80	(78)	308	(303)
				-	

In additional there are approximately twenty-five unauthorised sites.

(c) Hop Pickers Accommodation

Inspections were carried out on temporary accommodation used by Hop Pickers. The number of persons accommodated in barracks falls annually as less workers are required, due to increased mechanisation.

The general condition of accommodation visited was found satisfactory in respect of hygiene and fire prevention.

(d) Rodent Control

During the year Mr. L. Parry, the pest control officer retired and it was decided that the farm contract scheme for rodent control should be terminated. Only 88 contracts had been secured in 1970 and the number was decreasing annually. Between April and his retirement in July, Mr. Parry, in addition to his other work, undertook twenty farm contracts with a total revenue of about £60.

The time was considered opportune for an appraisal of the rodent control service. It was decided that Mr. Parry would not be replaced and that a contract should be taken out with a company specialising in pest control. The contract, for a trial period of one year, was started in August and has proved to be both eminently successful and comparitively economical (£700 instead of approximately £1,300 in wages, travelling allowances and materials.)

The service now provided is based on complaints being received by Miss Underhill, who maintains records and issues the instruction to the contractors. The contractors work in close liason with Mr. Perry and myself and consult on difficult cases.

In addition to an agreed 200 rodent treatments at domestic dwellings, the service provides for full control of cockroaches, wasps, hornets, fleas, and bed bugs. Also for twice weekly fly control at Martley refuse tip and for fly control at Yarhampton, during the summer months. Rodent control is also provided at Council sewage works and refuse tips

The service provides a twenty-four hour cover and does not cease, as previously, during the operatives holiday period.

Treatments carried out during the year:-

Type of Premises	Treatments	Visits
Agricultural premises	20 (681)	74 (780)

This information is taken from records kept by the Rodent Control Officer.

(e) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1965

Registrations and general inspections:-

Class of Premises	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total Number of registered premises at the end of year	No. of premises receiving general inspection during the year	
Offices	1 (Nil)	14 (13)	4 (4)	
Retail Shops	1 (1)	14 (13)	8 (5)	
Tholesale Shops	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	
Catering Establ-	Nil (Nil)	16 (13)	27 (10)	
uel Storage Depots	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	
OTALS	2 (1)	41 (39)	39 (19)	

Number of visits to all kinds of registered premises = 39 (19)

Analysis by workplace of persons employed in registered premises

Class of Workplace		Number of P	ersons Employed
Offices		38	(36)
Retail Shops		19	(19)
Wholesale Departments, W	arehouses	Nil	(Ni1)
Catering Establishments		46	(46)
Canteens		Nil	(Ni1)
Fuel Storage Depots		Nil	(Nil)
	TOTAL	103	(101)
			117

Total Males 36 (36) - Total Females 67 (65)

The number of premises registered is considered to be about half of the total premises which should be registered. It is hoped that more time will be available for work under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act during 1972.

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PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS during 1971 for purposes of provision as to health (Figures in brackets relate to 1970)

	of premines receiving peneral a of year the year	Number	Number of			
	Premises (1)	on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupier Prosecut (5)	
(i)	1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5 (5)	2 (1)	in 1970 and	and The Sold of Section 2 of the Section	
(ii)		35 (38)	16 (4)	the rod	AJMANNA NO CON- Seriol- Ind	
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	iper to abnot	d lie of silily	Number of	ul arkinto	
	Total	40 (43)	18 (5)	Stage of b	Perry	

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(96)		Number of cases in which defects were found			
Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To HM Inspector (4)	ferred To HM Inspector (5)	prosecuti were insti
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2		a madman and	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	910.1 = lpm	ad f-thora	is life -cooling	in Latest on	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	stus eat	tob tob see	IN SMIS SIGN	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-		-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-		
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	3	_	_	-	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	_		_
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relat- ing to Outwork)	-	- 4 -	-	-	
Total	9 (2)	6 (2)	-	-	

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

Nil return

PART VIII OF THE ACT - CUTWORK

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