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NORHAM & ISLANDSHIRES RURAL
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1973



CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Chairman and Members of the Berwick & Islandshires Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In presenting this NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRES RURAL DISTRICT Annual Report I express appreciation and thanks to members and colleagues alike for the help and courtesy shown to me during the twelve months I have occupied this post.

There are just three items I would make special mention of: first the sewage plant at Deepwater **ANNUAL REPORT** 1973 and which, after a breaking in stage, appears to be settling down to become an efficient unit. The forthcoming holiday season will, no doubt, test this effluently. The second matter concerns **CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR** water supplies following two dry summers. With increased demand on supplies, this could well be a pointer to more regular arrangements to have extra water supplies throughout the district. Finally it must be most satisfying to all concerned with housing to see how much has been done of housing improvement grants in upgrading and prolonging the life of older dwellings. 1973 was a record year in this respect.

This opportunity is also taken to thank members of the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company Staff for information on supplies supplied for this Report.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Chairman and Members of the North & Islandshires Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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D.S. Halley

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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D.S. Bailey

Chief Public Health Inspector

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WATER SUPPLIES

As in previous years, the bacterial quality and quantity of main water supply by Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company was satisfactory. No practical steps had been introduced to reduce to an acceptable level the excessive iron oxide in the Holy Island water supply. Equipment for this purpose was on order at the close of the year and it is hoped this problem will soon be solved.

Routine sampling of private water supplies continued in 1973. Fifty-four samples were taken with varying results. In each case, where unsatisfactory samples were procured, the source was investigated while storage and distribution systems were checked. In four cases sterilization of systems was undertaken. The resulting record of sample results should prove useful over a prolonged period.

Because of long dry periods in 1972 and 1973, private water supplies in two areas proved insufficient for domestic and farming needs. In consequence, representation was made to the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company to provide a main supply.

Routine bacteriological sampling of main water supplies by Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company gave the following results:-

Source	Number of Samples	Number of 'Satisfactory' Samples	Number of 'Unsatisfactory' Samples
Berwick supply to Norham & Island-shires R.D.C.	29	25	4*
Glendale supply to Norham & Island-shires R.D.C.	37	25	1*
Holy Island supply	12	12	0
Duddo (private source)	14	13	1*

*Special additional check samples found to be satisfactory

All the supplies are known not to be plumbo-solvent and are well protected against contamination.

SEWERAGE

Effluent samples from sewage treatment plants were all found to be satisfactory.

The new sewage plant at Haggerston was completed and brought into operation during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

In addition to the work shown in the following table, three sewer treatments were undertaken.

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	1,907	143
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	20	2
(b) Total number of properties infested by (i) Rats	20	2
(ii) Mice	2	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	8	2
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	-	-
(ii) Mice	2	-

HOUSING

Considerable interest continued concerning improvement of sub-standard property and results of the previous years' survey were evident as will be seen from the following statistics relating to Improvement Grants.

STATISTICS FOR 1973

Number of houses completed during 1973:-

- (a) By the District Council Nil
- (b) By private enterprise 2

Number of inhabited houses in District 1,453

Number of houses owned by Local Authority 374

CLOSING AND DEMOLITION

1. Houses demolished in Clearance Areas	Nil
2. Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas	Nil
3. Houses closed not demolished	Nil
4. Other houses permanently discontinued as dwellings	Nil

REPAIRS

Houses made fit by informal action	Nil
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In this connection considerable repairs have been carried out to houses as a condition of improvement grant.

CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

Number of houses in Clearance Programme remaining to be dealt with at end of year	5
Qualification Certificates approved	5

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Number of privy closets in District at end of year	10
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IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(a) Applications submitted to Local Authority	87
(b) Applications rejected	Nil
(c) Applications approved	87
(d) Approximate average grant approved per house	£1,435
(e) Total number of houses approved for grant since inception of scheme	488

Standard Grants

(a) Number of applications received and approved	-
(b) Total number of approvals to date	28

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Extensive improvements were continued at one caravan site with the provision of hard standings, new roads, main drainage and water supplies being introduced to all stances with the exception of the area designated for towing caravans. Twenty-three inspections were made to the two sites in this area and conditions were satisfactory.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection

Ninety-two visits were made to the one private slaughterhouse in the district. The statistics for animals slaughtered and condemnations are as follows:-

Animals slaughtered and inspectedBullocks/Heifers

184

Sheep

118

Food Condemned:-

Bovine Livers (12)	132 lbs
Part bovine carcase	10 lbs
	<u>142 lbs</u>

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

Thirty-three visits were made to food premises when conditions were generally found to be satisfactory.

The following table shows the number of food premises and the position regarding hand washing facilities and facilities for washing food equipment:-

	No. of Premises	Premises Complying with Reg. 16	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of Premises Complying with Reg. 19
Bakeries	1	1	1	1
Bakers Shops	1	1	1	1
Butchers Shops	1	1	1	1
Cafe/Restaurants	7	7	7	7
Grocers Shops	9	9	9	9
Hotels/Guest Houses	17	17	17	17
Hostel	2	2	2	2
Mead Factory	1	1	1	1
Public Houses/ Licensed Premises	7	7	7	7
School Kitchens	6	6	6	6
Slaughterhouses	1	1	1	1
<u>Totals</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKET STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

Eleven inspections were made under the provisions of these Regulations and two informal notices served.

ICE CREAM

All six samples of ice cream sent to the Public Health Laboratory were reported as Grade I.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

Thirty-one inspections were made of installations, seven ullage tests undertaken and forty-three licences renewed.

SUMMARY OF NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS

Animal Boarding Establishments	1
Caravan Sites	23
Complains and Nuisances	25
Food Premises - Hygiene	33
Houses	46
Ice-Cream Premises	2
Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles	11
Rodent Control	28
Offices and Shops	5
Slaughterhouses - Meat Inspections etc.	92
Storage of Petroleum	31
Water Supplies	49

APPENDIX 1FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to Health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13	Nil	Nil	Nil
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	16	Nil	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found - Nil

3. OUTWORK - SECTIONS 133 and 134

Outworkers employed within the District - Nil



