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Northallerton
Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Sanitary Inspector

For the Year

1951



Northallerton Rural District Council.

Chairman :

AIR-COMMODORE A. L. GODMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Vice-Chairman :

THOS. ROBINSON, ESQ.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

** Medical Officer of Health :*

W. SHARPE, M.B., CH.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

** Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector :*

H. TEMPLEMAN, C.S.I.B., Cert. (Meat and other Foods).

** Additional Sanitary inspector : (to Aug., 1951)*

H. THORPE, C.S.I.B.

A. N. ERRINGTON, C.S.I.B. (from Nov. 1951).

Clerk : R. SAWDON.

** Contribution to salary from Exchequer.*

NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1951.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following report on the public health services of the Rural District Council for the year 1951.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health :

W. Sharpe, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector :

H. TEMPLEMAN, M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B.,

Cert. (Meat and other Foods).

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

H. THORPE, C.S.I.B.

County Nursing Staff operating in District :

Miss E. A. Clarke, Ainderby.

Miss E. L. Dicker, Knayton.

Mrs. N. Gattis, Osmotherley.

Miss S. E. Smith, East Cowton.

Miss E. Johnson, Northallerton.

Miss S. Kitching, Brompton.

Miss M. F. McCann, Northallerton.

Ambulance Service.

The district is served by the County Ambulance Station at Racecourse Lane, Northallerton.

Laboratory Service.

Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	..	..	63,512
Population (Estimated mid-year 1950)	..	..	8,417
Population (1931 Census)	..	..	7,683
Inhabited Houses	..	..	2,672
Rateable Value	..	..	£34,585
Product of 1d. Rate	..	..	£141/12/2

VITAL STATISTICS.

				Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
							Local	England & Wales
Live Births :								
Legitimate	..	..	66	61	127	} 15.7	15.5
Illegitimate	..	..	0	5	5		
Stillbirths :								
Legitimate	..	..	1	1	2	} 0.36	0.36
Illegitimate	..	..	0	1	1		
Deaths :								
All Causes	..	..	51	37	88	10.5	12.5
Maternal Causes	..		0	0	0	0.00*	0.79*	
Infants under 1 year of age :								
Legitimate	..	..	1	2	3	} 22.6†	29.6†
Illegitimate	..	..	0	0	0		

* Rates per 1,000 (live and still) births.

† Rates per 1,000 live births.

POPULATION.

		1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
Mid-year population	..	8,417	8,550	8,238	8,052	8,126	8,018	7,620
Birth rate	..	15.7	15.0	18.1	17.6	17.72	17.83	18.76
Death rate	..	10.8	11.5	11.0	12.4	12.3	11.59	11.67

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
ALL CAUSES	52	39	91	10.8	12.5
Tuberculosis	2	0	2	0.24	0.31
Cancer	4	5	9	1.07	—
Cardio Vascular ..	27	23	50	5.94	—
Influenza	2	3	5	0.59	0.38
Pneumonia	2	1	3	0.36	0.61
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	2	4	0.48	—
Digestive Diseases ..	1	0	1	0.12	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	1	1	2	0.24	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	1	0	1	0.12	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	5	4	9	1.07	—
Accidents other than motor vehicles	4	0	4	0.48	—
Suicide	1	0	1	0.12	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever ..	0	0	0	0.00	0.02
Meningoccal infection ..	0	0	0	0.00	0.03
Scarlet Fever	2	3	5	0.59	1.11
Whooping Cough ..	26	20	46	5.47	3.87
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0.00	0.02
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0.00	0.14
Smallpox	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Measles	58	50	108	12.8	14.07
Pneumonia	3	1	4	0.48	0.99
Acute Poliomyelitis (including polio- encephalitis)					
Paralytic	0	0	0	0.00	0.03
Non-Paralytic ..	0	0	0	0.00	0.02
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	0.00	0.02
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	1	0	1	7.58†	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	0	1	1	7.52*	—

* Rates per 1,000 (live and still) births.

† Rates per 1,000 live births.

As will be seen from the above table the only two diseases to reach epidemic proportions during the year were measles and whooping cough neither of which show a significant incidence above the national rate.

Once again there has been no case of diphtheria notified during the year but I would point out that the absence of the disease has removed the most potent stimulus we had in the production of a high immunisation rate amongst the child population. There is a growing tendency for parents to neglect this very simple and efficient method of protecting their offspring against a very serious disease, and I cannot overstress the importance of immunisation if this scourge is to be kept at bay. There is no room for complacency since the present records show that the percentage immunised in the district is considerably below the desired level.

The foregoing remarks apply even more poignantly to the prevention of smallpox by vaccination. There has been a steady decline in the vaccination rate for a considerable number of years which has been accelerated since the removal of compulsion by the National Health Act which came into force in 1948. With the ever increasing rapidity of international communications the danger of the introduction of smallpox from endemic zones becomes increasingly more easy, and there have been a few examples recently where major disasters having only been prevented by the vigilance and industry shown by the preventive health services in the control of this disease. The situation would call for much less anxiety if only all parents could be persuaded to have their children vaccinated in infancy.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Group	Notifications		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0-4	-	1	-	-
5-15	-	-	-	-
15+	10	-	2	-
	10	1	2	-

There were 22 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 16 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis on the register at the 31st December, 1951, which gives a rate of 4.63 cases of Tuberculosis per thousand population.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

It has not been necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which deals with the compulsory removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

Water Supplies.

These supplies remain as in previous reports but work commenced during the year on the new distribution scheme will ultimately supply piped water to all villages and hamlets in the area which are at present mostly watered by shallow wells. The majority of these wells are an ever present menace to the health of the community and it will be a considerable relief when they can be closed.

Sewage Disposal.

Work has proceeded during the year on the new sewage disposal scheme for the parishes of Brompton and Romanby but due to unforeseen delays and difficulties in construction, the completion of the scheme has been considerably delayed. It is sincerely to be hoped that the system will be in full operation before the end of 1952, and so terminate the existing nuisance in the River Wiske. With the advent of a piped water supply to the villages in the district it is important that plans should be prepared for sewerage these villages and a system of priorities introduced for the whole area.

Milk.

There are seven registered retail Milk Sellers in the area, who are supervised by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Ice Cream.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the district but there are nine registered dealers who are supervised to ensure that they comply with the Ice Cream Regulations.

Meat and Food.

The slaughter and inspection of animals intended for human consumption is centralised at the abattoir in Northallerton and, as in previous years, your Sanitary Inspector has carried out relief duties on meat inspection when required.

In connection with the National Campaign to improve the standard of hygiene in the display and handling of food stuffs, periodic visits have been made during the year to all premises used for the purpose of food distribution.

Factories and Workshops.

The few Factories and Workshops in the district have been visited regularly and advice given on the improvement of sanitary and ablution facilities. In most cases the managements have been interested in the welfare of their employees, and co-operated willingly when constructive criticism was offered.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

A regular collection of household refuse from every village in the area was maintained throughout the year, although at times it was found to be impossible to keep to the recognised schedule of weekly collections in the larger villages and fortnightly collections in the more rural areas.

I must once again stress the necessity for improved tipping facilities. The central tip at Yafforth Road is far from satisfactory and should be closed at the earliest opportunity for the reasons stated in previous reports. Every attempt should therefore be made to acquire a more suitable tipping area.

Rodent Control.

The present joint scheme whereby the same operative covers the Northallerton Rural and Urban areas has worked very satisfactorily during the year. There has been some increase in the number of business premises treated and it would appear from the number of enquiries received that the local population are becoming more rat conscious. Details of the work carried out are to be found in accompanying report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Rivers and Streams.

There is still considerable pollution in a number of the streams in the area due to the discharge into them of undesirable sewage effluent.

Any major improvement must await the construction of modern sewage disposal plants.

Housing.

I must again draw the attention of the Council to the public health problem of families who are overcrowded or living in unfit and sub-standard houses and some regard should be given to the re-housing of these families in order that a start can be made on the improvement or demolition of houses which are definitely prejudicial to health. There is no doubt that some of the older houses are progressively falling into a state of decay through lack of a positive programme regarding this side of the housing problem.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

WM. SHARPE,

M.B., CH.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1951.

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

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ended 1951 :—

General Sanitary Work.

658 Inspections and 415 Reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 259 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon. The total number of nuisances abated was 340.

No Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1951.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	..	..	570
Inspection of Council Houses	..	..	162
Interviews with Owners and Builders	..	..	326
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	24
Verminous Premises	..	..	7
Total Inspection of Housing Conditions			1,089
Private Slaughterhouses	..	..	12
Bakehouses	..	..	6
Milk Retailers	..	..	14
Ice Cream Sellers	..	..	20
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	5
Food Preparing Rooms	..	..	10
Food Premises	..	..	20
Total Inspections with regard to Food			87
Investigation of Complaints	..	..	375
Drain Tests	..	..	81
Rat Inspections	..	..	221
Building Licences	..	..	71
Factories and Workshops	..	..	42
Water Supplies	..	..	45
Water Samples (Bact.)	..	..	21
„ „ (Chem.)	..	..	1
Rivers and Streams	..	..	20

Building Construction Inspections	..	..	..	624
Sewage Works Inspections	..	..	..	50
Refuse Tip Inspections	..	..	..	27
Total of other Inspections				1,578
Grand total of Inspections				2,754

Summary of Sanitary Improvements, 1951.

Repairs to Roofs	..	..	..	68
„ „ Walls, Pointing, etc.	..	..	..	51
„ „ Fallpipes and Eaves gutters	..	..	..	17
„ „ Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens	..	..	..	61
„ „ Windows and Doors	..	..	..	30
„ „ Floors	..	..	..	16
„ „ Staircases	..	..	..	3
„ „ Yard Surfaces	..	..	..	12
„ „ and improvements to House Drains	..	..	..	63
„ „ Coalhouses and Wash houses	..	..	..	16
Damp conditions remedied	..	..	..	24
Dirty and verminous house cleaned	..	..	..	—

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved	..	..	..	29
Burst pipes and taps repaired	..	..	..	42
Internal supplies provided	..	..	..	37
Pumps repaired	..	..	..	32
Wells cleaned	..	..	..	12

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C's and Yard Gullies cleansed	..	..	..	29
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished	..	..	..	17
New Water Closets provided	..	..	..	50
Dust Bins provided and renewed	..	..	..	117
Setpots provided	..	..	..	16

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleared	..	..	..	80
New Sinks provided	..	..	..	11
Systems improved	..	..	..	47
Cess pools and Septic Tanks emptied	..	..	..	63
Water Courses Cleaned	..	..	..	9
New Septic Tanks with Filter	..	..	..	8

Shops.

Walls, Floors, Ceiling and Windows Cleansed, Repaired and Decorated	4
New Sink provided, Old Curtains removed—Cleansed ..	1

Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	1
Walls, Floor, Ceiling, Cleansed and Decorated ..	3
Clean Towels provided	1
Hot Water	1

Factories.

W.C's Repaired	2
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Repaired, Cleansed and Painted	—
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Cleansed only	1
New Lighting (to Closets)	—

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated ..	1
Total ..	975

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	26	30	2	Nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
TOTAL		26	30	2	Nil	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9
(a) insufficient	10	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
(c) Not separate for sexes	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	60	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	60
TOTAL	60	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	60

Factories with Power.**Year 1951.**

Ainderby Steeple	..	..	..	1
Borrowby	..	..	..	2
Brompton	5
East Cowton	1
East Harlsey	1
Osmotherley	6
Romanby	9
Great Smeaton	1
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				26
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Trades.

Builders	3
Linen Manufacturers	2
Bakers	2
Motor Repair Shops	11
Blacksmiths	5
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers	..			1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	1
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	1
Saddlers	1
Joiners	7
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				37
				<hr/>

Housing and New Buildings.

624 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and building under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1950	Completed during 1951	Under Construction at end of 1951
Birkby	1	1	—
Brompton	14	—	—
Cotcliffe	1	—	—
East Harlsey	1	1	—
Hutton Bonville	2	—	—
Great Smeaton	2	1	—
Osmotherley	3	1	—
Morton-on-Swale	1	—	—
Romanby	7	—	—
Warlaby	—	1	—
Welbury	—	1	—
West Harlsey	1	—	1
	33	6	1

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Ainderby Steeple	4	—	—
Appleton Wiske	4	4	4
Borrowby	4	—	—
Brompton	42	—	—
Danby Wiske	2	—	—
Deighton	—	2	—
East Cowton	4	—	—
Great Langton	2	—	—
Great Smeaton	2	2	—
Hornby	—	2	—
Kirby Sigston	2	—	—
Nether Siltton	—	2	—
Osmotherley	6	1	8
Ellerbeek	—	2	2
Romanby	66	—	24
Thornton-le-Beans	2	—	—
Yafforth	—	2	—
Welbury	—	—	2
	140	17	40

BUILDING LICENCES.

The table below gives details of work licensed during 1951 :—

	No.	Value
New Dwellings ..	4	£ 8,275
Repairs and Adaptations	15	4,304
	19	£12,578

PLANS. 82 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds and Greenhouses	Cowsheds & Dairies	Other Agricultural Buildings	Wash-houses coal-houses & W.C's	Total
Ainderby Steeple	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Appleton Wiske	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	5
Birkby	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	5
Borrowby	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Brompton	1	-	4	4	1	2	1	13
Cowton East	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Cowton South	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Danby Wiske	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Deighton	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Harlsey East	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Harlsey West	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Hutton Bonville	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Hornby	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Kirby Sigston	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Morton-on-Swale	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Nether Siltton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Osmotherley	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	5
Romanby	1	3	3	9	-	1	1	18
Smeaton Great	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sowerby-under Cotcliffe	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Welbury	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Thornton-le-Beans	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Thimbleby	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Thrintoft	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	4
Yafforth	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
TOTAL	6	13	13	15	16	15	4	82

Housing Survey Statement.

Categories	}	1. Satisfactory in all respects.
		2. Minor Defects.
		3. Repairs or Structural Alterations.
		4. Suitable for Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.
		5. Unfit.

Number of working class houses in the area . . 2,250.

Progress details of Survey	No. of Houses Surveyed	CATEGORIES					No. of over- crowding cases
		1	2	3	4*	5	
Totals returned on previous statements . .	1,903	934	732	130	15	107	49
Details for the year . .	21	-	11	9	-	8	5
Transfers during the year	-	+20	+8	-14	-	-6	-8
Totals up to the period 31st March, 1952 . .	1,924	954	751	125	15	109	46

* NOTE:—Figures in this column will include houses also accounted for in columns 2, 3 and 5.

DETAILS of action taken during the twelve months period ended 31st March, 1952.

3. Number of applications for new houses on the Council's waiting list excluding those who occupy houses included in items 4 or 5	351
4. Total unfit houses (category 5)	109
5. Number of overcrowding cases at above date	45
Estimated housing need	505
6. Number of houses in the course of erection	30
7. Estimated number of additional houses to be constructed during the period to 30th September, 1953	82
	112
8. Net deficiency if any	393

Shops.

During the year 61 routine inspections were made. There were 11 instances of contraventions or improvements affected.

Streams and Water Courses.

Streams have been cleansed at Thrintoft, East Cowton, Morton-on-Swale and East Harlsey.

The Beck at Water End, Brompton, was cleansed by the Internal Drainage Board during the year and this should receive some attention annually to avoid deterioration.

Rodent Control.

Consequent upon the passing of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Rural and Urban Councils appointed a full-time Rodent Operator. He commenced duties in November, 1950, and divides his time equally between the two Authorities. Apart from dwelling houses, farms and the Council's own property, *i.e.* refuse tips, sewers, and sewage works, treatments were carried out for British Railways.

The Council having accepted the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries financial grant scheme under Circular N.S. 19 give a free service to all private dwellings for the eradication of Rats and Mice. A charge is made for any treatment executed on business premises based on the labour involved, cost of baits and poison, travelling expenses, etc.

The following Table gives particulars of the work carried out during the year :—

	Infestations		No. of Inspections made	No. of Properties inspected
	Major	Minor		
Local Authorities Premises ..	3	4	86	7
Business Premises ..	2	13	60	27
Private Premises ..	1	29	112	48
Agricultural Property ..	8	6	60	28
Survey ..	—	—	112	—
	14	52	430	110

The estimated number of rats destroyed as calculated by the Ministry of Agriculture's formula is 1,244.

Water Supplies.

In August, work commenced on the Council's water supply distribution scheme and fair progress is being made.

It has been decided to afford a temporary piped supply of water to the village of Great Langton by utilising the private estate supply of Kiplin Hall. This is expected to be accomplished during 1953.

Seasonal shortages of water occurred during the year, particularly in the late summer and early autumn, but it was not found necessary to lead water to affected parishes.

The following Table shows details of those Parishes with piped water supplies.

Parish	Houses		Population	
	Direct Piped	Stand pipe	Direct piped	Stand pipe
Brompton	481	—	1,380	—
Romanby	446	—	1,320	—
Osmotherley	232	16	528	58
Nether Siltion	22	8	74	25
West Rounton	22	5	60	12

NOTE :—The above figures relate only to the villages ; the outlying properties in the Parishes have wells.

Bacteriological Analysis of Water, 1951.

No.	Date of Sampling	Address	Summary of Analyst's Report
1	10-1-51	Pump, Fairholme Farm, Morton-on-Swale	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
2	21-2-51	Tap, Kiplin Hall ..	No contamination
3	14-3-51	Spring, Over Siltion, Sherwood, Fleming and Dent	Slight contamination with Intermediate aerogenes cloacae
4	14-3-51	House tap, Over Siltion, Sherwood, Fleming and Dent	Some contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
5	2-4-51	Pump, Glebe Farm, Welbury	Some contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
6	21-5-51	Pump, Manor House Farm, Little Smeaton	No contamination with Coliform Organisms
7	30-5-51	Spring, Honeykiln Farm, Nether Siltion	Slight contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)

No.	Date of Sampling	Address	Summary of Analyst's Report
8	18-6-51	Spring, Beacon Hill, Farm, Kirby Sigston	No contamination with Coliform Organisms
9	18-6-51	Tap, The Stores, Borrowby	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
10	20-6-51	Tap, Kiplin Hall ..	Heavy degree of contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
11	27-6-51	Tap, Kiplin Hall ..	Moderate degree of contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
12	27-6-51	Fothergill's House ..	Some Contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
13	27-6-51	Stream, Kiplin Hall Estate	Some Contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
14	3-7-51	Well, Garage, Clack Lane Ends, Osmotherley	Gross contamination with Intermediate aerogenes cloacae
15	11-7-51	Garage, Clack Lane Ends, Osmotherley	Gross contamination as above
16	13-11-51	Cleveland View, Appleton Wiske	Gross contamination as above
17	19-11-51	Pump, Great Langton ..	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
18	19-11-51	Tap, 9, The Link, Romanby	Gross contamination with Intermediate aerogenes cloacae
19	26-11-51	Tap, 9, The Link, Romanby	Gross contamination as above
20	26-11-51	N.E. Standpipe, Osmotherley	Gross contamination as above
21	6-12-51	Chester House, Sowerby under Cotcliffe	Gross contamination as above

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

During the year, the Council operated two Karrier refuse vehicles : one ten cubic yards capacity and the other seven cubic yards capacity. Each village in the rural area is served by the vehicles.

The delivery of a new twelve cubic yard capacity Karrier is expected by January, 1952 to replace the seven cubic yard capacity Bantam Karrier and this should effect an improvement in the service which for some months past has been badly strained.

As mentioned previously, an effort should be made by the Council to obtain a new refuse tip sufficiently central yet removed from habitation. The existing claypit off the Yafforth Road (within the Urban area) is not ideally placed and, indeed, is fast becoming filled up.

The following tables give details of the service during the year :—

Refuse Collections.

KARRIER BANTAM C.A.J. 630 (3 MAN CREW).

PARISH	EMPTIED			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	582	960	—	} Total hours worked by Crew 6,477
Brompton ..	11,870	7,060	254	
Danby Wiske ..	492	864	20	
Great Langton ..	340	695	18	
Little Langton ..	200	144	6	} Total number of loads 688
Morton-on-Swale ..	1,350	1,146	—	
Romanby ..	26,550	500	98	
Thrintoft ..	244	260	—	
Yafforth ..	182	442	—	} Total Mileage 4,723
Silton Over ..	5	8	—	
Silton Nether ..	10	20	—	
	41,825	12,999	396	

KARRIER C.K. 3 (D.P.Y. 293) (3 Man Crew).

PARISH	EMPTIED			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	—	—	128	Total hours worked by Crew 6,280
Appleton Wiske ..	472	1,110	128	
Brompton ..	420	301	20	
Borrowby ..	560	1,081	152	
Birkby ..	4	82	—	
Deighton ..	230	321	4	
East Harlsey ..	488	760	94	
East Cowton ..	617	1,128	118	
Hornby ..	78	251	66	
Hutton Bonville ..	68	132	20	
Kiplin ..	—	—	8	Total number of loads 538
Morton-on-Swale ..	—	—	126	
Osmotherley ..	5,252	312	26	Total Mileage 7,964
Romanby ..	1,020	30	10	
Smeaton Great ..	372	596	76	
Smeaton Little ..	—	—	24	
Silton Nether ..	148	312	44	
Silton, Over ..	134	36	8	
Thrintoft ..	—	—	58	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	78	264	66	
Welbury ..	370	702	20	
West Rounton ..	244	288	56	
	10,555	7,706	1,252	

Milk and Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

There are 7 registered retail milk-sellers in the area during the year 14 inspections of premises were made.

There are 9 dealers in ice-cream registered by the Council, 2 Osmotherley, 2 Romanby, and 5 Brompton. 7 dealers sell pre-packed products and 2 dealers bulk ice-cream, which is obtained from manufacturers in Northallerton. There are no manufacturers within the Rural area. 20 inspections were made and 2 samples procured. Both samples proved satisfactory (Grade 1).

Food Inspection.

The slaughter of animals for human consumption is centralised in Northallerton, and the Council's Sanitary Inspectors undertake relief duties at the abattoir when the Urban District Sanitary Inspector is away.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year, the settling tanks were emptied in the Parishes of Ainderby Steeple, Morton-on-Swale, Thrintoft, Yafforth, Danby Wiske, East Cowton, Great Smeaton, Hornby, West Rounton, Appleton Wiske, Welbury and Borrowby.

The tanks in Brompton were pumped off and cleansed twice during the year.

The Brompton/Romanby Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme remained uncompleted at the end of the year and it is to be hoped that this scheme is finished soon as conditions at the point of discharge at Romanby are far from satisfactory.

The following table shows details of new sewers laid during 1951 :

Parish	Lin. Yds.				
	15" Diam.	12" Diam.	9" Diam.	7" Diam.	6" Diam.
Appleton Wiske	—	—	—	—	95
Deighton	—	—	—	—	133
Ellerbeck	—	—	—	—	43
Morton-on-Swale	—	—	98	—	—
Romanby	—	—	—	—	122
Brompton	63	703	258	3,274	359
	63	703	356	3,274	752

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following new water closets were provided by way of conversion.

Parish.	No.
Brompton	6
East Harlsey	1
Nether Siltan	1
Welbury	1
Romanby	2
Osmotherley	4
Morton-on-Swale	1
Appleton Wiske	1
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Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none within the Rural Area.

In September, Mr. H. Thorpe resigned to take up an appointment with the Sheffield Corporation, and Mr. A. N. Errington, of York, was appointed to succeed him as Additional Sanitary Inspector.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. TEMPLEMAN.



