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Annual Report

OF THE

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AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1972

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Repton Rural District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1972.

We are now approaching the end of an era. After 31st March, 1974 the Repton Rural District Council will cease to function and the District will become part of a new and larger Authority - the South[redacted] Derbyshire District Council. This fact has a special relevance from the point of view of the current Annual Report. It means that unless special arrangements are made there will be no opportunity to present Reports for the year 1973, and the first quarter of 1974. This is because the Vital Statistics for these years will not be available before the Council ceases to exist next April.

In effect then, I have now the privilege of submitting the last full Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the District. This being the case, may I be permitted to thank you Madam Chairman as well as all Members of the Health and Public Works Committee for the kindness and courtesy which you have shown to me and to all members of my Department over the years. Public health work is not always easy and without the wise direction and sympathetic understanding which have continually flowed from the Health and Public Works Committee, our task might well be impossible.

It is right also that I should record here my special thanks for the kindness and co-operation shown me by all Chief Officers and their staffs. The smooth running of this Department owes much to the sense of camaraderie which pervades the Rural District Council offices.

Finally I need hardly mention the great debt I owe to the expertise and loyalty of all in the Public Health Department itself. From Mr. Evans, Chief Public Health Inspector, downwards they have, at all times, been a tower of strength and a source of help. This too has been a tradition over the years.

But now may I revert to the normal purposes of this introduction! The year 1972 has been a good one from the point of view of the health and sanitary circumstances of the area. Much work has been carried out in the field of housing, sewerage and water services. Refuse disposal is satisfactory and much effort has been expended in trying to solve the few refractory environmental problems. The animal health in the Rural District has been good.

To sum up, 1972 has been a year of solid progress in all areas.

Statistics

The Registrar-General's estimated mid-year population for 1972 is 32,480, this compares with 32,300 for 1971 - an increase of 180 persons. This is satisfactory.

During the year there were 439 live births (487 in 1971) and 450 deaths (380 in 1971). This means that deaths outnumbered births by 11. A trend to be avoided if possible. However, the fact that the population actually increased this year means that more people took up residence in the area than left it. From the population point of view, this is a satisfactory outcome.

Birth Rate

The adjusted Birth Rate for 1972 is 14.3, significantly less than for 1971 (16.0) and roughly equal to that for England and Wales (14.8).

Death Rate

The adjusted Death Rate for 1972 was 12.6. This compares with 12.1 for England and Wales. Last year's figure was 10.6.

Infant Mortality

There were 5 deaths under 4 weeks, of which 2 took place in infants under 1 week.

The infant mortality rate for 1972 is 11.0. This compares with 17.0 for England and Wales, and 18.5 for the District in 1971.

Maternal Mortality

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

Causes of Death

There were 450 deaths notified during the year as compared with 380 death in 1971. In other words, there were 70 more deaths in 1972 than in the previous year. If this became an established trend it would be unacceptable. However, a glance at the graphs showing causes of death will indicate that there was a sharp rise in mortalities from Bronchitis and Emphysema and from Pneumonia. These deaths take place mainly in advanced age groups and may represent an unusual occurrence due to the presence in the community of a group of highly vulnerable elderly persons.

According to the International Classification, the most prominent causes of death notified during 1972 were as follows:-

(1)	Cardiovascular Diseases (including Strokes, but excluding Ischaemic Heart Disease)	112	92*
(2)	Ischaemic Heart Disease (Coronary)	105	78*
(3)	Diseases of Respiratory System (including Pulmonary Tuberculosis, but excluding Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus)	102	84*
(4)	Malignant Neoplasms (including Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus 14)	86	61*

*Deaths occurring aged 65 and over

N.B. Deaths from Cancer of the Lung were plainly lower this year than last. However, deaths from malignancy (all sites) were considerably increased this year as compared with 1971.

Other Causes of Death

Motor vehicle accidents accounted for 8 deaths during the year, 3 less than in the previous year. This is a matter of special interest to the Roaf Safety Committee.

All Other Accidents

There were also 8 deaths under this heading during 1972. This was an increase of 3 over the number for 1971. This is a matter of special concern to those interested in Home Safety.

Infectious Diseases

There were 113 cases of infectious disease notified during the year. Measles still form the bulk of these notifications. There were 103 cases during the year, mostly in children around aged 5 years. It is hoped that the new vaccine will gradually eliminate this troublesome disease.

Three cases of Scarlet Fever were notified in children aged 5 years. Scarlet Fever is nowadays a mild illness consisting of a sore throat and a rash. It is interesting from the public health standpoint in that the streptococcus causing the disease can be transmitted to food and thereby cause a form of Food Poisoning. That is why all such cases are visited and enquiries made as to the possibility of there being cases, or contacts, of the disease who handle food. If food handlers are involved, investigations are made to find whether they harbour the organisms and, should this be so, they are kept excluded from work involving food handling until they are no longer infectious.

Two adults were notified as suffering from Infectious Jaundice. Such cases are visited too in order to exclude the possibility of "hypodermic jaundice" and on general epidemiological grounds, since this is a fairly serious illness.

During the year there were 5 notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (respiratory), all in adults. Unfortunately one notified case died of the disease.

It is satisfactory to note that no cases of Dysentery, or Salmonella Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

Animal Infectious Diseases Transmissible to Man

During the year the Department was notified of cases of Salmonellosis and Brucellosis affecting cattle. Appropriate action was taken to protect the farmers involved, and the public.

National Assistance Acts 1948 and 1951

No action under the above Acts was taken during 1972.

Departmental Changes

There were no staff changes during 1972.

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Within the Report there is a list of County Council Clinics and a table showing vaccination and immunisations, for which I am indebted to Dr. A. H. Snaith, the County Medical Officer of Health.

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It is my privilege to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Clerk of the Council, the Treasurer, General Practitioners, Health Visitors, Heads of Departments and Staff and particularly, of course, the Chief Public Health Inspector and the Public Health Department for their help and co-operation during the year 1972.

ALAN F. CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Elevation of the District from 130 to 604 O.D.	
Area	64,239 acres
Registrar-General's estimated population mid 1972 (including members of the armed forces stationed in the area)	32,480
Population Census 1961	37,565
Number of inhabited dwellings end of 1972	10,952
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1972	£2,008,719
Product of 1p Rate, 1st April, 1972	£19,065

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VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Total	M.	F.		
Legitimate	418	217	201	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.51
Illegitimate	21	11	10		
	439	228	211	Area Comparability Factor	1.06
				Birth Rate for purposes of comparison	14.8
				Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	4.78
Stillbirths					
Legitimate	8	6	2	Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) births	20.1
Illegitimate	1	-	1		
	9	6	3		

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 448

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

	Total	M.	F.		
				Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	11.38
Legitimate	5	3	2	Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	11.96
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	5	3	2	Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

	Total	M.	F.		
Legitimate	3	2	1	Deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births ..	6.83
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	3	2	1		

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

	Total	M.	F.		
Legitimate	2	1	1	Deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 total Live Births	4.55
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	2	1	1		

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

	Total	M.	F.		
Legitimate	10	7	3	Stillbirths and Deaths under one week combined per 1,000 Live and Still Births	24.55
Illegitimate	1	-	1		
	11	7	4		

MATERNAL MORTALITY (INCLUDING ABORTION)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	Nil

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DEATHS (including Members of the armed forces who were stationed in the area)	450	DEATH RATE per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.85
		Area Comparability Factor	.91
		Death Rate for purposes of comparison	12.1

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CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

	All ages		TOTAL
	M.	F.	
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ..	-	2	2
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	2	4
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	8	4	12
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	7	6	13
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	9	5	14
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	17	17
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
8. Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
9. Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	13	22
10. Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	5
11. Anaemias	1	-	1
12. Mental Disorders	-	1	1
13. Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	1	3
14. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2	4
15. Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
16. Ischaemic Heart Disease	57	48	105
17. Other Forms of Heart Disease	14	17	31
18. Cerebrovascular Disease	21	33	54
19. Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	10	9	19
20. Influenza	-	1	1
21. Pneumonia	32	37	69
22. Bronchitis and Emphysema	17	4	21
23. Asthma	1	1	2
24. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	2	5	7
25. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	2	3
26. Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
27. Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	2	3	5
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
29. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..	1	-	1
30. Congenital Anomalies	1	3	4
31. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	1	1	2
32. Symptoms and Ill-defined conditions ..	1	-	1
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	2	8
34. All Other Accidents	4	4	8
35. Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries ..	2	-	2
TOTALS	219	231	450

MORTALITY RATES OVER LAST TEN YEARS

Death Rate Per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population

1963	10.77
1964	10.80
1965	12.16
1966	11.61
1967	9.7
1968	11.71
1969	11.7
1970	11.73
1971	11.76
1972	13.85

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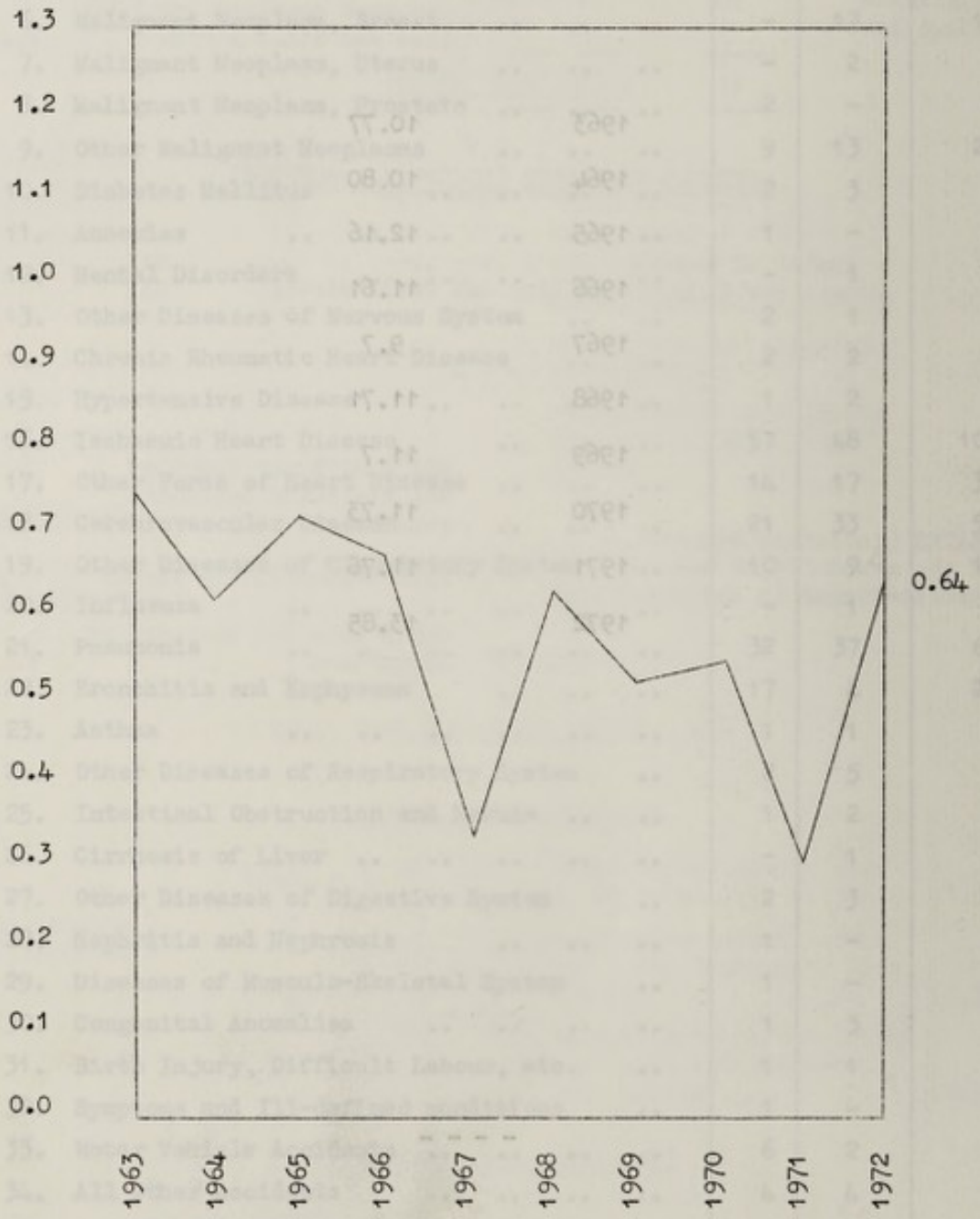
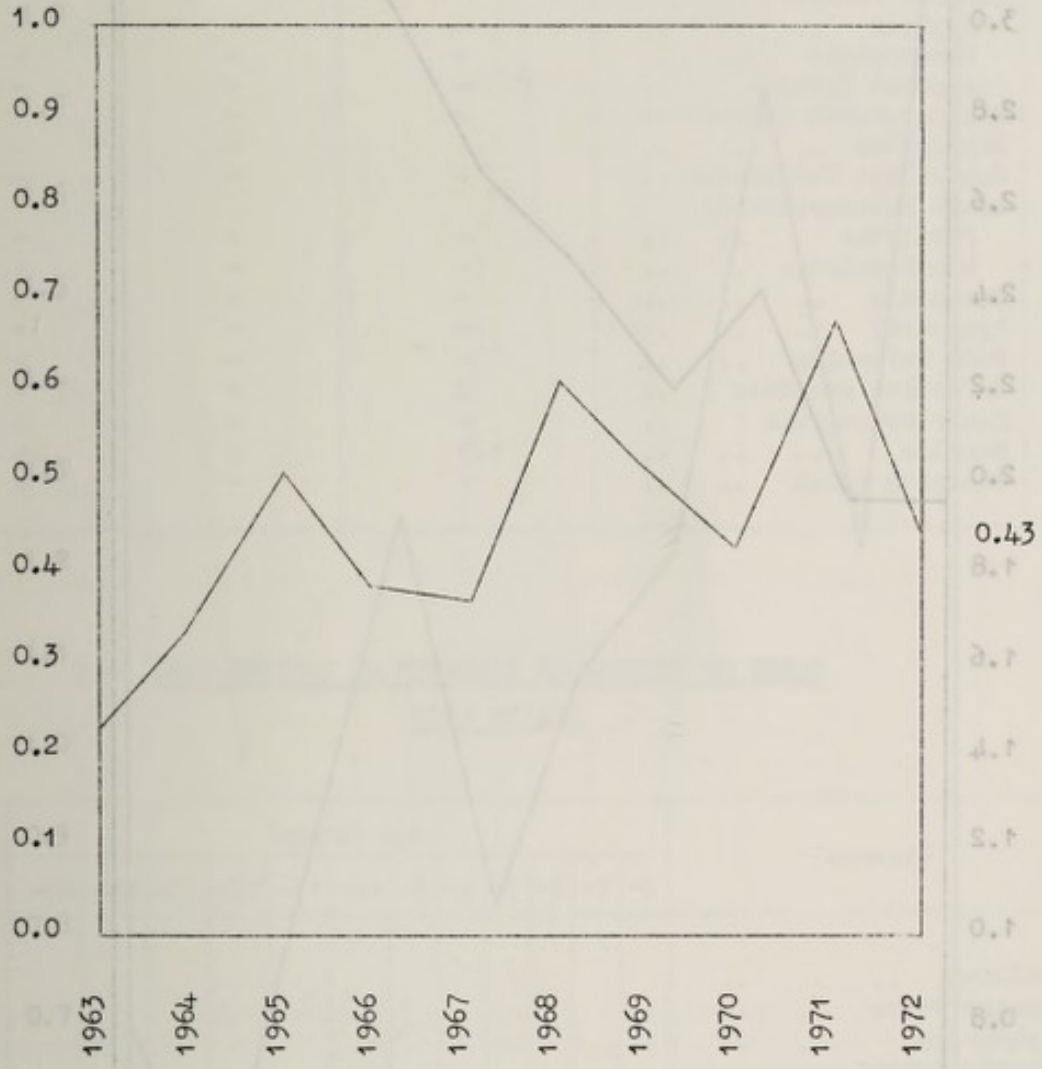
BRONCHITIS

GRAPH showing deaths from Bronchitis each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



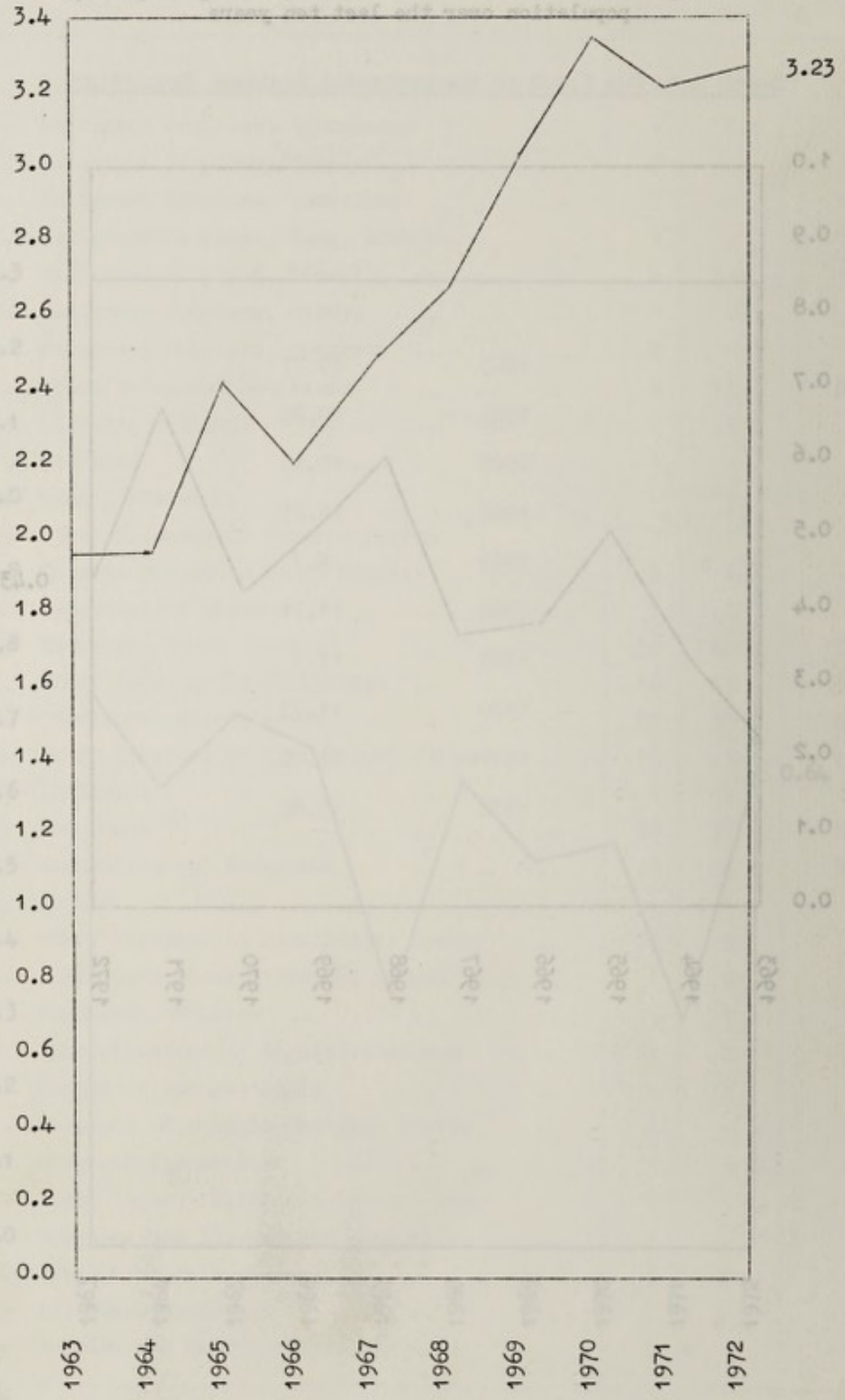
CANCER OF THE LUNG

GRAPH showing deaths from Cancer of the Lung each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



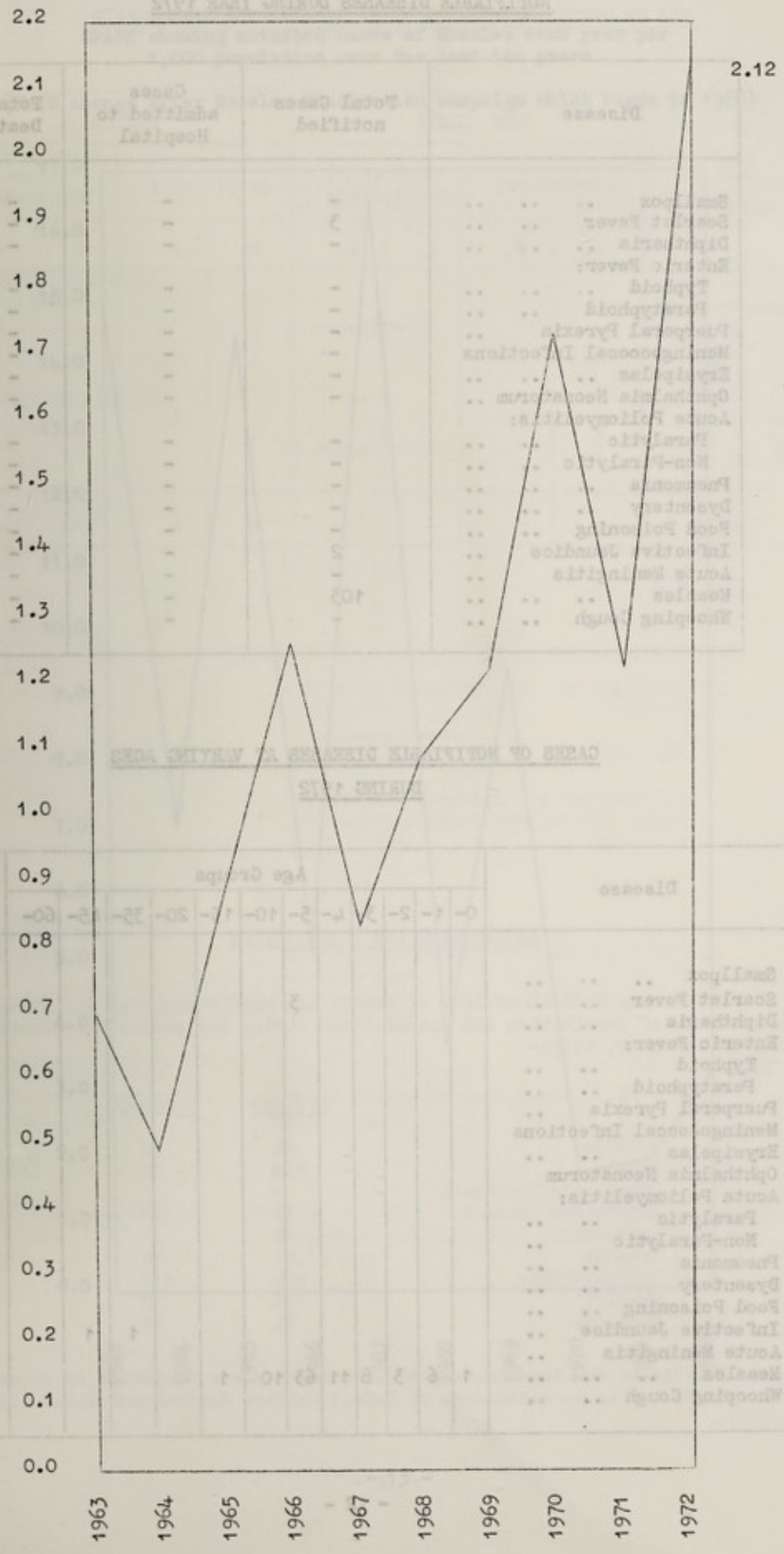
CORONARY DISEASE

GRAPH showing deaths from Coronary Disease each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



PNEUMONIA

GRAPH showing deaths from Pneumonia each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR 1972

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever:			
Typhoid	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis:			
Paralytic	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice ..	2	-	-
Acute Meningitis ..	-	-	-
Measles	103	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-

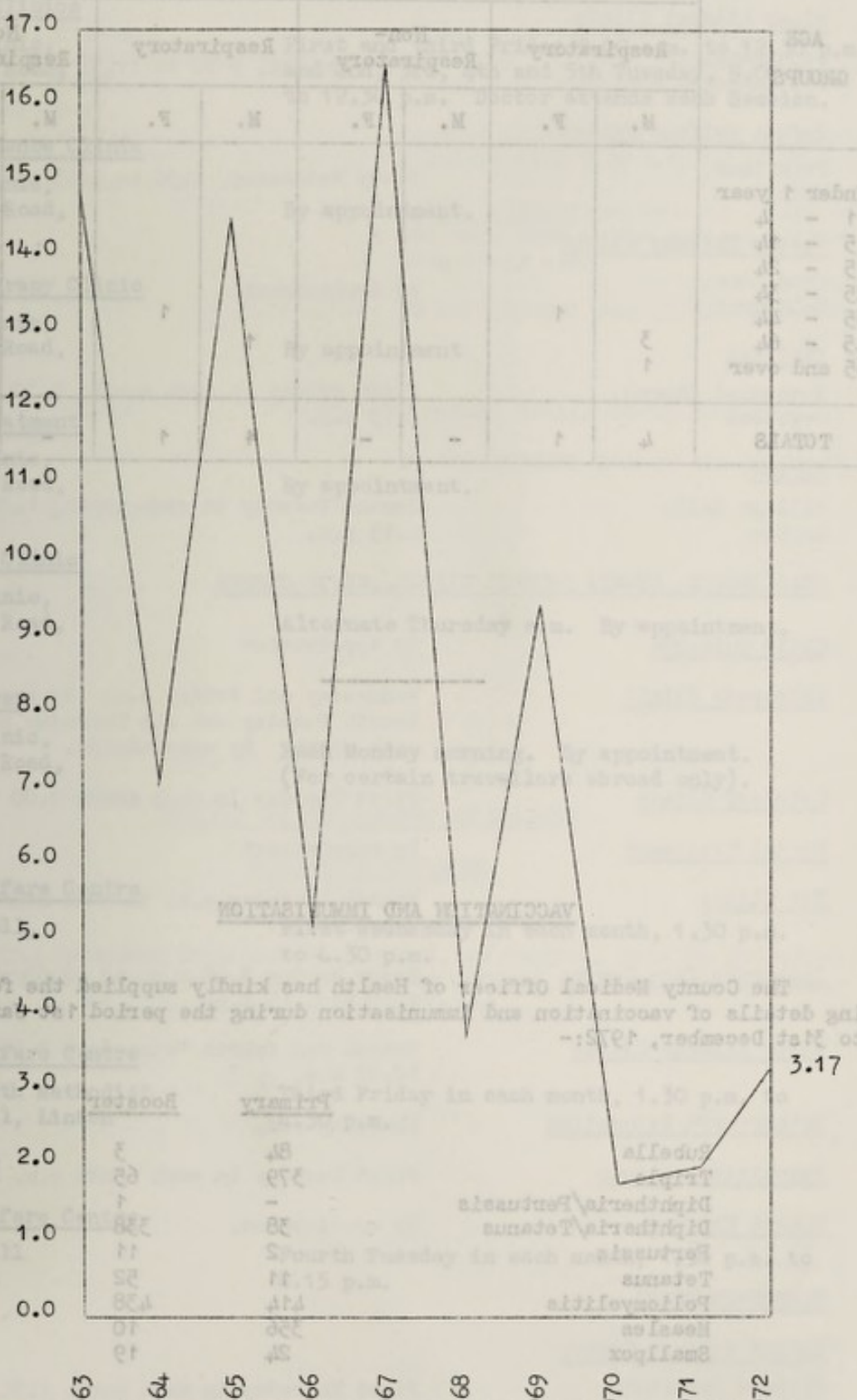
CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1972

Disease	Age Groups												TOTAL
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	
Smallpox													-
Scarlet Fever						3							3
Diphtheria													-
Enteric Fever:													
Typhoid													-
Paratyphoid													-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..													-
Meningococcal Infections													-
Erysipelas													-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum													-
Acute Poliomyelitis:													
Paralytic													-
Non-Paralytic ..													-
Pneumonia													-
Dysentery													-
Food Poisoning													-
Infective Jaundice ..										1	1		2
Acute Meningitis ..													-
Measles	1	6	3	8	11	63	10	1					103
Whooping Cough													-

MEASLES

GRAPH showing notified cases of Measles each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years

(NOTE change after Measles Vaccination campaign which began in 1968)



PARTICULARS OF NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS

AND OF DEATHS FROM THE DISEASE IN THE AREA DURING 1972

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year								
1 - 4								
5 - 14								
15 - 24								
25 - 34								
35 - 44		1				1		
45 - 64	3				1			
65 and over	1							
TOTALS	4	1	-	-	4	1	-	-

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the following details of vaccination and immunisation during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1972:-

	Primary	Booster
Rubella	84	3
Triple	379	65
Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	1
Diphtheria/Tetanus	38	338
Pertussis	2	11
Tetanus	11	52
Poliomyelitis	414	438
Measles	356	10
Smallpox	24	19

Facilities for immunisation and vaccination are available on request, when the Doctor is in attendance at Infant Welfare Centres and Minor Ailment Clinics.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CLINICS

DERBY

Ante-Natal and Cytology Clinics

County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	First and third Friday 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday, 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Doctor attends each Session.

Child Guidance Clinic

County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinic

County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	By appointment

Dental Treatment

County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	By appointment.

Chiropody Clinic

County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	Alternate Thursday a.m. By appointment.

Yellow Fever

County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	Each Monday morning. By appointment. (For certain travellers abroad only).

ETWALL

Infant Welfare Centre

Village Hall, Etwall	First Wednesday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

LINTON

Infant Welfare Centre

Linton Heath Methodist Church Hall, Linton	Third Friday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

WILLINGTON

Infant Welfare Centre

Village Hall Willington	Fourth Tuesday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CLINICS

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MELBOURNE

Minor Ailment Clinic

Penn Lane, Melbourne	Every Friday, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Infant Welfare Centre

Penn Lane, Melbourne	Every Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.

Speech Therapy Clinic

Penn Lane, Melbourne	By appointment.

OVERSEAL

Methodist Church, Overseal	First Friday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

REPTON

Village Hall, Repton	Second Tuesday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

SWADLINCOTE, COUNTY COUNCIL CLINIC, CIVIC CENTRE

Child Guidance	By appointment
Chiropody Clinic	Wednesday and Friday a.m. By appointment.. Fourth Tuesday and 4th Thursday p.m. in each month. By appointment.
Cytology Clinic	First Tuesday in each month 9.00 to 12.30 p.m.
Dental Treatment	By appointment
Eye Clinic	Fourth Thursday p.m. in each month. By appointment.
Infant Welfare Centre	Every Monday 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.
Minor Ailment Clinic	Second and fourth Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Mothercraft Relaxation	Thursday a.m.
Psychiatric Clinic	First Tuesday in each month p.m.
Speech Therapy	By appointment.

WALTON-ON-TRENT

Infant Welfare Centre

Village Institute, Walton-on-Trent	First Thursday in each month 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

C H E S T C L I N I C S

BURTON UPON TRENT

The Chest Clinic,
Burton District Hospital Centre,
Outwoods Branch,
Belvedere Road,
Burton upon Trent.

Tel. No. Burton 66333

Monday 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Friday 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Contact Clinics are held on alternate Tuesdays from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

B.C.G. Clinics are held on Friday of the same week as the Contact Clinic from 10.45 a.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT ALL SESSIONS.

DERBY

The Chest Clinic
Green Lane,
Derby.

Tel. No. Derby 40366

Sessions daily, Monday to Friday.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT ALL SESSIONS.

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REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF GLASSES

FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The necessary form may be obtained, on request, from the Principal School Medical Officer of Health, County Offices, MATLOCK, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG, or from the School Medical Officers.

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WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

Mrs. R. Eastman, 9 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley	Shop hours.
The Post Office, Church Broughton	Shop hours.
County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Mrs. E. Stretton, Blenheim Farm, Etwall	Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Village Hall, Etwall	First Wednesday in month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Mrs. M. Rawson, The Green, Findern.	Shop hours.
Mr. W. L. Bates, 133 Main Street, Linton	Shop hours
Methodist Church Hall, Linton Heath.	Third Friday in month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
The Bungalow, Penn Lane Melbourne	Each Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Methodist Chapel, Woodville Road, Overseal.	First Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Village Hall, Repton	Second Tuesday 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Derby and Burton Co-op, High Street, Newhall	Shop hours.
Mr. P. W. Hidderley, 44 Main Street Hilton	Shop hours.

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

(continued)

County Clinic, Civic Centre, Swadlincote.	Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Saturdays 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.
R. & D. Elson Bros., Corner Stores, Bells End Road, Walton-on-Trent.	Shop hours.
Village Hall, Walton-on-Trent	First Thursday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Derby and Burton Co-op, The Castle Way, Willington	Shop hours.
Village Hall, Willington	Fourth Tuesday in month, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Derby and Burton Co-op, Fiveways, Woodville	Shop hours.

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WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

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County Clinic, Civic Centre, Swadlincote.	Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Saturdays 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.
R. & D. Elson Bros., Corner Stores, Belle Vue Road, Walton-on-Trent.	Shop hours.
Village Hall, Walton-on-Trent	First Thursday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Derby and Burton Co-op, The Castle Way, Willington	Shop hours 4.15 p.m.
Village Hall, Willington	Fourth Tuesday in month, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Derby and Burton Co-op, Driveway, Woodville	Shop hours.
Methodist Church Hall, Linton Heath.	Third Friday in month, 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
The Bungalow, Fern Lane Melbourne	Each Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Methodist Chapel, Woodville Road, Overseal.	First Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Village Hall, Repton	Second Tuesday 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Derby and Burton Co-op, High Street, Newhall	Shop hours.
Mr. E. W. Hibberley, 41, Mill Street Milton	Shop hours.

FOOD AND DRUGS

PREPARED FOODS

Twenty-four premises are registered for the preparation, manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale, a decrease of two over the year.

ICE CREAM

Four premises were registered for the first time and transfer of registration took place at eight further premises. The total number of premises registered by this Council for the sale of ice cream now stands at one hundred and eleven.

The number of premises manufacturing ice cream reduced from three to two during the year.

MILK

Eight premises are registered as Dairies.

In addition, twenty-eight persons are registered as milk distributors, an increase of four during the year. In this connection, the majority of distributors either fetch their daily quota directly from the wholesale dairies, or receive a daily delivery sufficient for their business. No milk is stored on their premises.

MILK

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The following is a record of milk samples taken during 1972 by the Derbyshire County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority for this District:-

UNTREATED MILK

Methylene Blue		Brucella Abortus	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
-	-	1	-

PASTEURISED MILK

Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
36*	-	38	-

*two not done

STERILISED MILK

Turbidity	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1	-

ULTRA HEAT TREATED MILK

Colony Count Test	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
-	-

TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES:- 40

BRUCELLA ABORTUS - SAMPLING

At the commencement of 1972 five producer/retailers were still on the Council's Register as purveyors of untreated milk from non-accredited herds.

During the year, one of these qualified for registration under the accredited scheme, two farmers ceased to retail milk after samples taken from their supply proved positive, a further farmer ceased retail sales for personal reasons.

The remaining farmer's production was sampled at quarterly intervals with negative results.

Following receipt of a notification by the Divisional Veterinary Officer of a positive reaction from the milk of a cow in an accredited herd, a series of three samples were taken of untreated cream produced on the farm. These proved to be negative.

Type of Sample	Total number taken	Ring Test		Culture		Guinea Pig	
		Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
Bottle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Herd	41	7	34	5	2	-	2
Group	22	6	16	2	4	-	4
Individual	18	1	17	-	1	-	1
TOTALS	81	14	67	7	7	-	7

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 2

FOOD NOT OF THE NATURE, SUBSTANCE OR QUALITY DEMANDED

Proceedings in respect of a complaint received during the latter part of 1971 alleging dirt in a bottle of milk were held early in 1972. The prosecution was not successful.

During the year, five complaints were received and they were as follows:-

1.	Dark substance in loaf of bread	Warning given.
2.	Metal in breakfast cereal	Warning given.
3.	Mouse remains in Balm Loaf	Proceedings authorised, but outstanding at 31.12.1972
4.	Piece of metal in loaf of bread	do.
5.	Piece of metal in packet of potato crisps.	Warning given.

UNSOUND FOOD

The following items were surrendered as unfit for human consumption and removed for destruction:-

	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Canned meats				18
*Other Foods (general)	2	1	3	10
**Frozen Foods		4	0	7
TOTAL WEIGHT CONDEMNED	2	6	0	7

*Outdated food stocks at wholesale warehouse.
**Condemnations resulting from breakdown in refrigerators.

In addition, 104 hens' eggs were found to be unfit for human consumption due to an abnormal odour.

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

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1966

The maintenance of satisfactory hygiene standards in food purveying vehicles is irksom and never-ending and unless operators are conscientious and scrupulously clean in carrying out their duties, standards quickly fall and immediately create conditions of health hazard.

Routine inspections were carried out of the various types of food vehicle operating within the District. As a result, Informal Notices were sent to owners in respect of seventy-seven contraventions in nineteen vehicles.

Although there is no room for complacency, these figures represent a reduction in this section of approximately 25% on 1971. It was not found necessary to recommend Statutory action in any case.

Details of the contraventions are set out below

REGULATION	CONTRAVENTION	NUMBER FOUND
4	Insanitary vehicles	2
5	Cleanliness of vehicle and state of repair	7
6	Cleanliness of equipment	6
7	Protection of food from risk of contamination	3
9	Food handlers to wear overclothing	1
13	Display of name and address of owner	6
16	Provision of wash-hand basin, etc.	33
17	Provision of First-Aid materials	9
18	Provision of washing facilities for food and equipment	10

The largest single item, the provision of a wash-hand basin was very difficult to overcome due to lack of space in the vehicles, but after representations from your Health Department to a firm manufacturing this type of equipment, a suitable unit was developed that we were able to recommend to the trade.

The real answer is the purpose-built vehicle and these are increasing in numbers.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

Inspections of the various premises falling within this category such as food shops, cafes, restaurants, public houses, etc. continued throughout the year.

These visits resulted in the sending of Informal Notices in respect of matters requiring attention at 53 premises, a 25% increase over 1971. The number of contraventions also rose from 166 to 204, a 23% increase.

A disturbing feature was the number of licensed premises, 18, which were found to be unsatisfactory and, in this connection, it would be of real value if Licensing Magistrates would call for a report from the local Health Department when considering applications for change of tenancy in licensed premises.

In a number of instances within this category some reluctance has been evident in the preparation of schemes to eliminate unsatisfactory matters, and it may be necessary to resort to statutory action to secure acceptable standards if normal persuasion fails.

Such proceedings were only taken in one instance during 1972 resulting in fines totalling £115, plus £25 costs.

Details of contraventions are set out below:-

REGULATION	CONTRAVENTION	NUMBER FOUND
6	Insanitary premises	19
7	Cleanliness of articles of equipment	26
9	Protection of food from risk of contamination	11
10	Personal cleanliness	4
11	Open food handlers to wear overclothing	1
16	Sanitary conveniences, cleanliness and efficiency	25
17	Water supply to food premises	1
18	Provision of wash-hand basins, hot water, etc.	48
19	First-aid materials	14
20	Accommodation for clothing	4
21	Facilities for washing food and equipment	6
23	Ventilation of food rooms	2
25	Cleanliness and repair of food rooms	36
26	Accumulation of refuse	4
27	Temperature for keeping of foods	3

Once again the absence of washing facilities for personal hygiene is the largest single item of contravention.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

The number of licensed slaughterhouses within the District remains at eight.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES (HYGIENE) REGULATIONS, 1958, AS AMENDED BY THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES (HYGIENE)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1966

All slaughterhouses were visited during the year by a District Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, together with a Public Health Inspector. Items of structural repair, or redecoration, found necessary during these visits were made satisfactory.

Generally, the standard of the licensed premises remains good.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Licences to slaughter animals at slaughterhouses in this District have been issued to seventeen applicants, the same number as in the previous year.

MEAT INSPECTION

The reduction in numbers of animals slaughtered within the District noted in 1970 and 1971 continued into 1972. This loss affected all classes of animals slaughtered for human consumption, and is difficult to understand unless it is that the housewife generally is buying less. Certainly the overall quality of the meat produced at slaughterhouses within the District was maintained at the high standard set in previous years.

One hundred per cent inspection of all carcases and offal was again carried out. The total amount of meat and offal condemned rose by approximately one ton. Although the figure quoted appears to be high, it represents only 1.2% of the total weight of meat inspected, based on average carcase weights.

A comparison of statistics for meat and offal condemned during the year as against 1971 shows an upward trend.

Year	Heifers and Bullocks	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	TOTAL
1971	2,836	275	83	8,979	3,376	12,549
1972	2,396	64	19	5,429	2,848	10,756

	1971				1972			
	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Whole carcases rejected		14	3	12		16	3	17
Part carcases rejected		16	2	25		16	2	12½
Offals rejected	6	19	1	26	7	18	0	3
TOTAL WEIGHT REJECTED ..	8	11	0	7	9	11	2	4½

MEAT INSPECTION

(continued)

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2,396	64	19	5,429	2,848	-
Number inspected	2,396	64	19	5,429	2,848	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	-	5	-	2	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	623	16	3	1,469	906	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	26.00	25.0	15.78	34.07	31.81	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	19	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.67	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected by Cysticercus Bovis	0.21	-	-	-	-	-

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY ACT, 1967

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY (HUMANE CONDITIONS) REGULATIONS, 1971

Two premises are registered within the District under the provisions of the above Act. Slaughter of birds is mainly carried out in the weeks before Christmas.

Visits are made during this period in connection with hygiene conditions in the slaughtering rooms, dressing rooms and cold stores. Conditions are generally satisfactory.

FISH AND CHIP PREMISES

One new premise was registered and two transfers of registration were recorded during the year, making a total of nine registered premises within the District for the preparation and sale of fish and chips.

All premises have been maintained in a reasonable condition.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Upon receipt of notifications from General Practitioners of infectious disease, the premises are inspected and appropriate investigations made according to the nature of the disease and, in all cases, after close consultation with the Medical Officer of Health.

Where necessary, disinfection is carried out.

WATER SUPPLIES

DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLES	No. of Samples taken		Results of examination			
	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.		Chem.	
			Satis.	Unsat.	Satis.	Unsat.
(a) Mains, S.S W.W.C.	38	33	38	-	29	4
(b) Mains, S.D.W.B	99	-	90	9	-	-
(c) Other supplies (wells)	9	10	2	7	1	9
(d) Ingleby (Private Supply)	8	4	4	4	4	-

In Group (a) 29 chemical and 28 bacteriological samples were taken by the Company's own staff as routine checks. Four of the chemical were classified as unsatisfactory chiefly due to discolouration and, in this connection, the remaining chemical samples in this group were taken by your Health Department, following receipt of complaints.

Seven of the bacteriological samples were also taken by this Department as checks on the storage reservoir of a private school.

In Group (b) the whole of the samples were taken by the Board and the total of 99 included repeats on the 9 unsatisfactory samples.

Group (c) were taken either as a result of housing survey visits, or on receipt of improvement grant applications.

In the instances of unsatisfactory samples, the owners concerned are, where practicable, advised to secure a supply of mains water. In one case this was successful. The remainder were given information on small chlorination plants and other precautionary measures.

Finally Group (d) - during 1972 the South Derbyshire Water Board laid a new main through the village and six connections had already been made by the end of the year.

	As at 31.12.1972	Population served at 31.12.1972
No. of houses in district supplied directly from mains	10,798	32,394
No. of houses in district supplied from standpipes	9	27
No. of houses supplied from sources other than mains	145	435

WATER SUPPLIES - YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

The District as a whole is exceptionally well served with mains supply of water and the following is a statement of the position in the area

PARISH	Supplying Undertaker	Total Houses	Estd. Popn.	Total Houses supplied		Estd. Popn. supp.	No. of houses not on mains
				Direct	By Stand-pipe		
Ashe	S.D.W.B.	15	45	15	-	45	-
Barton Blount	S.D.W.B.	15	45	8	-	24	7
Bearwardcote	S.S.W.W.C.	10	30	8	-	24	2
Bretby	S.S.W.W.C.	276	828	262	-	786	9
do	N.W.L.W.B.	-	-	5	-	15	-
Burnaston	S.S.W.W.C.	134	402	51	-	153	6
do	S.D.W.B.	-	-	77	-	231	-
Calke	Private Sup.	11	33	11	-	33	-
Castle Gresley	S.S.W.W C.	447	1,341	447	-	1,341	-
Catton	S.S.W.W.C.	22	66	7	-	21	15
Cauldwell	S.S.W.W.C.	27	81	26	-	78	1
Church Broughton	S.D.W.B.	122	366	115	-	345	7
Coton-in-the-Elms	S.S.W.W.C.	246	738	245	-	735	1
Dalbury Lees	S.D.W.B.	70	210	68	-	204	2
Drakelow	S.S.W.W.C.	65	195	62	-	186	3
Egginton	S.S.W.W.C.	132	396	132	-	396	-
Etwall	S.S.W.W.C.	835	2,505	830	-	2,490	2
do	S.D.W.B.	-	-	3	-	9	-
Findern	S.S.W.W.C.	396	1,188	386	-	1,158	5
do	S.D.W.B.	-	-	5	-	15	-
Foremarke	N.W.L.W.B.	21	63	15	-	45	6
Foston & Scropton	S.D.W.B.	163	489	161	-	483	2
Hartshorne	S.D.W.B.	1,329	3,987	1,133	-	3,399	4
do	N.W.L.W.B.			192	-	576	-
Hatton	S.D.W.B.	600	1,800	597	-	1,791	3
Hilton	S.S.W.W.C.	504	1,512	496	-	1,488	8
Hoon	S.D.W.B.	13	39	13	-	39	-
Ingleby	Private Sup.	20	60	14	-	42	-
do	S.D.W.B.			6	-	18	--
Linton	S.S.W.W.C.	805	2,415	802	-	2,406	3
Lullington	S.S.W.W.C.	49	147	47	-	141	2
Marston-on-Dove	S.D.W.B.	16	48	11	-	33	5
Netherseal	S.S.W.W.C.	303	909	303	-	909	-
Newton Solney	S.S.W.W.C.	237	711	231	-	693	6
Osleston and Thurvaston	S.D.W.B.	81	243	78	-	234	3
Overseal	S.S.W.W.C.	751	2,253	751	-	2,253	-
Radbourne	S.D.W.B.	45	135	40	-	120	5
Repton and	S.S.W.W.C.	662	1,986	656	-	1,968	6
Milton	N.W.L.W.B.	49	147	48	-	144	1
Rosliston	S.S.W W.C	177	531	174	-	522	3
Smisby	S.D.W.B.	97	291	83	-	249	14
Sutton-on-the-Hill	S.D.W.B.	39	117	38	-	114	1
Ticknall	S.D.W.B.	237	711	220	9	687	8
Trusley	S.D.W.B.	32	96	32	-	96	-
Twyford and Stenson	S.D.W.B.	37	111	36	-	108	1
Walton-on-Trent	S.S.W.W.C.	323	969	319	-	957	4
Willington	S.S.W.W.C.	775	2,325	775	-	2,325	-
Woodville	S.D.W.B.	745	2,235	745	-	2,235	-
do.	N.W.L.W.B.	19	57	19	-	57	-
TOTALS		10,952	32,856	10,798	9	32,394	145

S.D.W.B. - South Derbyshire Water Board
S.S.W.W.C. - South Staffordshire Waterworks Company
N.W.L.W.B. - North-West Leicestershire Water Board

DRAINAGE

Number of houses in District connected to sewers	9,574
Number of houses in District not connected to sewers ..	1,378
Number of connections made during the year:-	
(a) existing houses	14
(b) new houses	234
(c) other premises	3

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Conversions to water-closets during 1972:-

(a) Privy Middens	Nil
(b) Pail closets	23
(c) Waste water closets	Nil

The total number of conversions to water-closets up to the end of the year since the beginning of 1942 is 1,979

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HOUSING STATISTICS

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for house defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	202
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	257
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	54
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to in preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	148

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action by the Local Authority, or their Officers	63

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(1)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-	
(i)	By owners	Nil
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ..	Nil
(2)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses and other premises in respect of which Statutory Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses and other premises in respect of which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices	1
(3)	Proceedings under Sections 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders were made ..	46
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders, or by Agreement	54
(c)	Closed in pursuance of an Undertaking given by the Owner under Section 16 and still in force ..	Nil

HOUSING STATISTICS

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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR (CONTINUED)

(4) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957

(a)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(b)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil
(5)(c)	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, Closing Orders made under Section 10(1)	Nil

4. HOUSING ACT, 1957, PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(1)(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of year	Figures not available
(b)	Number of families dwelling therein	
(c)	Number of persons dwelling therein	
(2)	Number of alleged overcrowding cases investigated	3
(3)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year by rehousing	Nil
(4)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has again taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

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HOUSING ACT, 1969

as amended by the

HOUSING FINANCE ACT, 1972

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

During the year applications were received in respect of forty-two properties under the above legislation.

Applications in respect of six properties were refused on the grounds of disrepair. Of these, Certificates were issued at a later date on four dwellings after the completion of satisfactory schedules of work.

The owners of ten properties, originally issued with Provisional Certificates of Qualification, also completed agreed schedules of work and qualified for the full Certificate.

Finally, there were twenty-six properties which were considered to be satisfactory when application was made and Certificates were issued.

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act were received during the year ended 31st December, 1972.

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HOUSING ACT, 1969

I M P R O V E M E N T G R A N T S

The improvement and repair of existing dwellings to bring them up to a satisfactory standard received a worthwhile boost with the increase in the maximum allowance under the Housing Act, 1969.

The right to include the cost of repairs for the first time in the preparation of improvement schemes on a 50% basis was of real value to many applicants.

To your Public Health Inspectors who are so closely concerned in maintaining the fitness of dwellings and improving the standards of living, the increased grant was a useful additional incentive in the fight to retain existing housing stock.

The accompanying table again shows increases over the previous year in the average cost per unit for both types of grant but, at the same time, it is worthwhile noting that this average cost is still below the maximum allowances reflecting, I am sure, great credit on local builders in their efforts to keep costs down.

DETAILS OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	IMPROVEMENT GRANTS		STANDARD GRANTS		BOTH GRANTS	
	January, 1954 to 31 December, 1972	1972	July, 1959 to 31 December, 1972	1972	January, 1954 to 31 December, 1972	1972
Number of applications received	728	56	1,117	50	1,845	106
Number of dwelling units involved	898	63	1,118	50	2,016	113
Number of units withdrawn	74	11	103	12	177	23
Number of units refused	13	2	9	-	22	2
Number of units approved, but not completed ..	53	-	33	-	86	-
Number of units improved	758	51	973	89	1,731	140
TOTAL GRANTS PAID	£236,783.46	£39,735.68	£164,461.06	£23,002.95	£401,244.52	£62,738.63
AVERAGE COST PER UNIT ..	£312.38	£790.90	£169.02	£258.46	£231.80	£448.13

UNFIT HOUSES

The clearance of unfit houses becomes increasingly difficult with each succeeding year. In the "good old days" an unfit dwelling had such a low value that it was virtually impossible to restore it at "reasonable cost".

Today, however, in this affluent society "reasonable cost" is very seldom considered. A house can be a derelict shell of a building and still attract buyers who are prepared to go to any lengths financially to restore and preserve it as a dwelling.

It would seem that in most cases the chief consideration is how desirable is the site, and would the Planning Authority permit redevelopment of the site if the existing dwelling was demolished?

There have been three such cases within the District during 1972. In two of these Demolition Orders have been extended and improvement schemes accepted. The third had not been determined at the end of the year.

Progress in clearing properties with long-standing Orders was again disappointing, some seven families being still in occupation of homes within this category at the end of 1972.

Details of the year's progress and of outstanding matters are set out below:-

(1) Houses having Demolition or Closing Orders or which were the subject of Clearance Area procedure before the 1st January, 1972 and which were not demolished on the 31st December, 1972

Nos. 81 and 83 Burton Road, Castle Gresley. Void. Undertaking 1969
51 Burton Road, Castle Gresley. Void. Semi-det. C.O. 1969
The Rhymes and Broomhill, Foston. Semi-det. 1 still occ. D.Os. 1968
31 Uttoxeter Road, Foston. Middle cottage in 3, 1 still occ. C.O. 1966
Nos. 4 and 6 Uttoxeter Road, Foston. Semi-det., 1 still occ. D.Os. 1967
70 Egginton Road, Hilton. Void. Semi-det. C.O. 1969
Belmont, Long Lane, Osleston. Void. D.O. 1969 - time extended
Nos. 45 and 47 Burton Road, Overseal. Void. D.O. 1969
54 Mount Pleasant, Repton. Void, end house in terrace. C.O. 1969
Block of 4 Archway Cottages, Main Street, Ticknall, 1 still occ. D.Os. 1962
130 Moira Road, Woodville. Still occupied. D.O. 1969
303 Ashby Road, Boundary, Smisby. Still occupied. D.O. 1970
Keeper's Cottage, Sutton-on-the-Hill. Void. Undertaking not to re-let.
Nos. 27 and 29 Main Street, Overseal. 1 still occupied. C.A. 1971
131 Moira Road, Woodville. Void. D.O. 1971
80 Burton Road, Castle Gresley. Void. D.O. 1971
Nos. 17 and 19 Peacehaven Cottages, Bargate Lane, Willington. D.O. 1971, 1 still occupied.

UNFIT HOUSES

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(2) Houses which were the subject of consideration for Demolition or Closing Orders, or Clearance Area procedure during 1972 and were not demolished at 31st December, 1972

6 Cottages, Heath Top, Church Broughton. D.Os.
Nos. 1 and 2 Lady Leys Cottages, Lullington. Void. D.Os. Time extended.
Railway Cottage, Findern Lane, Stenson. Void. D.O. Appeal pending.
127 Hillside Road, Linton. Void. Undertaking not to re-let until improvement scheme submitted.
52 Main Street, Rosliston. Closing Order, but demolished for redevelopment.
32 Main Street, Overseal. C.O. Improvement scheme submitted. Void
Nos. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31 Pinfold Lane, Repton. D.Os.
Nos. 98, 100, 102, 104, 106 and 108 Repton Road, Hartshorne. C.A.
Nos. 1, 2/3, 4, 5, 6 Springhill Cottages, Hartshorne. D.Os. No. 6 void.
Nos. 12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,36 and 38 Albion Street, Woodville. C.A.
Nos. 66,68,70,72,74 and 76 Main Street, Repton. Decision outstanding Dec.1972
Hare Hill Cottage, Church Broughton. Decision outstanding December 1972

(3) Houses demolished during 1972 which were either the subject of action under the Housing Act, or were demolished during redevelopment of a site

(a) Moor End Cottage, Hoon. D.O.
Nos. 52, 52B, 54, 56 and 58 High Street, Woodville. D.Os.
Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 10 Mount Road, Castle Gresley. C.A.
Nos. 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 38 Mount Road, Castle Gresley. C.A.
Nos. 94, 96, 98 and 100 Main Street, Linton. D.Os.
Nos. 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127 and 129 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley. C.A.
Nos. 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 Whitehouses, Woodville Road, Overseal. D.Os.
37 Sutton Lane, Hilton. D.O.
Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Church Cottages, Cauldwell. D.Os.

(b) 105 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley. N.C.B. subsidence. No order.
Nos. 25,27,29,31,33 and 35 Burton Road, Castle Gresley, N.C.B. subsidence. No order.
Warren Farm, High Street, Linton. P.D.
Detached Cottage, Tinderbox Lane, Burnaston. P.D.
52 Main Street, Rosliston. P.D.
Potlocks Cottage, Twyford Lane, Findern. P.D.
Nos. 4 and 6 Hartshorne Road, Woodville. P.D.

Ten of this latter group were classified in the demolition category.

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ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

There are five premises licensed under the above Act. During the year all premises were inspected and found to be satisfactory.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two Licences were issued during the year in respect of the keeping of premises as pet shops.

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THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Licensed sites within the district numbering seventeen operate at a reasonable level, with few complaints. The one large site which has a total of fifty-eight pitches has not been fully occupied at any time during the year.

Mains services of water, sewerage and electricity are available on this site.

CARAVAN SITES ACT, 1968

The "resident" itinerant population varied widely week by week during 1972. It reached a peak of twenty-seven during the month of May and dropped to a low of two or three caravans in the early Autumn.

The atrocious social behaviour of a small number of these caravan dwellers generated the usual complaints alleging abuse, interference in the free use of the highway, dumping of rubbish and the use of hedgerows and ditches as lavatories.

Two or three families within this category were particularly bad and the nuisance provisions of the Public Health Act were used with some success by the service of Twenty-four Hour Notices to clear the site and provide sanitary accommodation.

Negotiations continued throughout the year with a view to the establishment of a permanent site within the District, and I am sure that if these people are to be integrated into our own, then the provision of such sites on a "national" basis is essential. It would also seem desirable to reduce the inflow of new families until the present situation is resolved.

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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Routine control of the Council's refuse tips and sewage works once again paid adequate dividends throughout the year in restricting the use of these sites for breeding purposes for the rat population.

No evidence was found of any major infestation, and prompt attention to individual complaints meant that the overall picture was fairly satisfactory without being complacent.

Some evidence was found of Warfarin resistance in mice, chiefly in dwelling-houses. Alternative poisons and trapping were used successfully to clear these pockets.

The annual test baiting of sewers within the District was carried out during the month of August. Twenty-four parishes were visited and it is pleasing to record that at only three points, one in each of three parishes, was there evidence of rat infestation. Subsequent treatment cleared these.

Details as compared with the two previous years are set out below:-

Annual Test Bait of 10% of Sewer Manholes	1970	1971	1972
No. of manholes in Local Authority sewerage system	1552	1914	1938
No. of manholes baited	160	168	276
No. of manholes showing "take"	4	5	3

In addition to dealing with rats and mice, your Pests Officer has dealt with many other types of complaint including requests for clearance of ants, bats, bees, beetles, cockroaches, flies, rabbits, silverfish, snails and sparrows. The sparrows were the subject of a special treatment at a farm grain store using a narcotic bait (Alpha-Chloralose) under Licence from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Satisfactory results were reported.

This section of work is carried out almost entirely by your Pests Officer, Mr. W. T. Randle, and a summary of visits is as follows:-

Local Authority premises ..	346
Private premises	1,406
Business premises	277
TOTAL VISITS	2,029

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CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956-1958

Applications in respect of three premises were received during the year seeking:-

(a) prior approval to the installation of a furnace, and

(b) approval of the height of chimneys to serve the furnaces

Under (a), one application was in respect of the replacement of a coal-fired Lancashire boiler with an oil fired boiler and was a direct result of an approach to the Company concerned following observations of unsatisfactory emissions of dark smoke from the chimney.

The remaining two were new installations and were designed to use sulphur-free natural gas.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Monitoring of solid and gaseous pollution continued throughout the year at all six sites established within the Rural District. Analysis of the results showed a marginal increase in both deposited matter and $S.O._2$ for Drakelow House gauges, as compared with 1971 and, in this respect, it had been acknowledged by the Electricity Authority that trouble had been experienced during the year at the adjacent Power Station.

All other gauges, apart from the isolated bad result, show an average reduction, and this is a continuing trend from previous years, as can be seen from the accompanying tables:-

Sulphur pollution - Analysis by Lead Peroxide Method				
Annual daily average milligrams of $S.O._3$ for 100 sq.cm. per day				
Gauge	1969	1970	1971	1972
Walton-on-Trent (Pumping Station)	1.36	0.95	0.92	0.71
Drakelow House	0.93	1.01	0.70	0.73
N.C.B., Bretby	1.88	1.82	1.51	1.29
Brooklyn, Egginton	1.06	0.88	0.84	0.63
Main Street, Milton	1.22	1.11	0.94	0.72
Sewage Works, Findern	1.53	1.69	1.27	1.13

Average total Solids in tons per square mile per month				
Gauge	1969	1970	1971	1972
Walton-on-Trent (Pumping Station)	11.59	10.07	12.84	11.75
Drakelow House	11.38	13.05	12.14	12.17
N.C.B., Bretby	10.46	9.82	8.71	8.65
Brooklyn, Egginton	10.61	9.84	9.91	7.94
Main Street, Milton	9.49	9.32	8.69	8.25
Sewage Works, Findern	13.53	12.32	11.61	8.76

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

A number of complaints were received during the year alleging noise nuisance. The chief sources of complaint were in respect of industrial premises and two of these

(a) an aluminium recovery plant, and
(b) a large open-cast coal and clay site

were responsible for the majority of the complaints.

The Council's decision to purchase an octave band noise level meter proved to be a worthwhile investment and enabled readings to be taken inside the factory (a) to identify the individual sources of noise. Following advice from your Public Health Inspectors, modifications were carried out by the Company. These achieved a reduction in the total volume of noise. Readings taken after midnight in the neighbourhood of this factory to assess the degree of nuisance were all of a very low level and statutory action could not be justified.

This equipment has also been used to assess the volume of traffic noise as an environmental factor in determining the future of a cottage in close proximity to a busy country road used extensively in the early mornings and evenings by commuters travelling to Derby.

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DEPOSIT OF POISONOUS WASTE ACT, 1972

THE DEPOSIT OF POISONOUS WASTE (NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OR DEPOSIT) REGULATIONS, 1972

This Act, which became operative on the 30th April, 1972, was the first real attempt to control thoughtless and selfish dumping of many kinds of hazardous and poisonous waste which were not only harmful, but detrimental to our whole way of life.

The Regulations which quickly followed were the tools in the hands of Local Authorities to enforce the principles of the Act.

Shortly before the operative date, notification had been received of a known dumping of sodium cyanide waste on a tip within this Rural District. Tipping, which had been spread over a number of years, had already ceased. Expert advice was sought from the Department of the Environment and, as a result, it was decided not to disturb the waste. As a safety measure the watercourse bordering the tip is checked by your Public Health Department and the Trent River Authority at regular intervals for evidence of cyanide.

Regarding the main provisions of the Act, there is no known deposit of waste taking place within the Rural District.

Various sludge and liquid wastes are being produced in this area and transported, under Licence, to authorised tipping sites in other parts of the country.

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PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961. PART I OF THE ACT

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	NUMBER OF Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	94	43	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	94	43	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable, or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	5	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

O U T W O R K

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

There were twelve Outworkers reported as employed within the Council's area during the year. The Outworkers' premises have been visited and, in each case, found to be satisfactory.

NATURE OF WORK	SECTION 133		SECTION 134			
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
The making of wearing apparel	6	-	-	-	-	-
Lighting fitting manufacture	5	-	-	-	-	-
Cigarette lighter manufacture	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	12	-	-	-	-	-

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Out of the total of 170 premises registered under the above Act, it was only possible to visit 75 during the year, and this means that approximately 56% received no visit.

However of the premises visited, 39 were the subject of general inspections. The inspections revealed 89 contraventions of the Act among 30 premises. The majority of the contraventions were dealt with on request. Outstanding matters will receive further attention.

Contraventions were as follows:-

Section	6	Provision of thermometers	13
"	7	Adequate ventilation	3
"	8	Adequate lighting	1
"	9	Sanitary accommodation	15
"	10	Washing facilities	8
"	12	Accommodation for clothing	2
"	15	Accommodation for taking of meals	2
"	16	Maintenance of passageways, stairs, etc.	7
"	17	Guarding of machinery (bacon slicer)	1
"	24	First Aid equipment	21
"	50	Display of Abstract of Act	16

Two non-fatal accidents were notified during the first quarter of the year. Investigations did not reveal any matters requiring further action.

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THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

REGISTRATIONS 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 receiving inspections during the year
Offices	1	21	6
Retail Shops	15	115	60
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	3	2
Catering Establishments, including Canteens ..	2	27	7
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	4	-
TOTALS	18	170	75

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	116
Retail Shops	297
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	8
Catering Establishments	126
Canteens	31
Fuel Storage Depots	9
TOTAL	587
TOTAL MALES	211
TOTAL FEMALES	376

SUMMARY OF VISITS

Water supply (samples, complaints, etc.)	81
Drainage (other than Improvement Grant schemes)	305
Stables and piggeries	3
Offensive Trades	1
Pet Shops	2
Hairdressers and Barbers	1
Caravan Sites (including itinerant sites)	315
Factories (sanitary accommodation)	43
Outworkers	17
Scrap Metal Dealers	3
Clean Air (pollution gauges, etc.)	111
Shops (miscellaneous visits)	11
Animal Boarding Establishments	14
Miscellaneous Sanitary visits	178
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	156
Visits to houses under Public Health Act (complaints, etc.)	128
Visits to houses under Housing Act	129
Visits re overcrowding	3
Visits re dirty houses	9
Miscellaneous housing visits (housing survey, etc.	1,930
Visits re Improvement Grants	2,467
Miscellaneous visits re Infectious Disease	51
Noise Abatement (complaints, etc.)	39
Slaughterhouses (meat inspection)	1,119
Bakehouses (Food Hygiene)	2
Butchers (Food Hygiene)	41
Canteens (Food Hygiene)	7
Dairies and milk distributors (Milk and Dairies Regulations)	3
Fishmongers and Poulterers (Food Hygiene)	4
Fried Fish Shops (Food Hygiene)	16
Grocers (Food Hygiene)	86
Greengrocers and Fruiters (Food Hygiene)	4
Ice Cream premises (manufacture, sale and registration)	40
Restaurants (Food Hygiene)	33
Mobile Food Shops (Food Hygiene)	62
Wholesale premises	10
Schools (Food Hygiene, and by request)	20
Hospitals (Food Hygiene)	3
Clubs (Food Hygiene)	8
Licensed premises (Public Houses, Hotels) General sanitation and food hygiene	99
Milk (Brucellosis sampling)	62
Miscellaneous food visits	51
Civic Amenities Act (abandoned cars, dumped rubbish)	41
Deposit of Poisonous waste	11
TOTAL VISITS:	7,719

These totals do not include the visits for refuse collection and disposal made by your Cleansing Superintendent. The Pest Control Officer's figures are also given separately.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the
Repton Rural District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1972, as follows:-

(1) Refuse Collection

I am pleased to report that weekly collections were maintained to 96.9% of properties throughout the year. This is somewhat lower than the figure for previous years, but does not mean that we have lowered the standard of the service. In the case of Bank Holiday weeks extra sacks are issued on the previous week and no attempt is made to collect the properties normally dealt with on the holiday days. No inconvenience is caused, and all households are visited on the same day each week - usually within half-an-hour of the same time.

An extra 303 properties were added to the rounds during the year and absorbed without difficulty.

In February all premises were finally converted to the plastic sack system of refuse storage. Partly due to the increased consumption of sacks, but mainly due to the high competition in the plastic sack industry, it has been possible to obtain a reduction in price of 50p per thousand. To facilitate the handling of the substantial number of sacks involved a roller conveyor has been installed in your stores area.

All your employees now enjoy three weeks holiday each year. Obviously the employment of spare labour to cover holiday absence would be a costly business. It has been decided to experiment in the next holiday year by closing down the collection service for three separate weeks. Double sacks will be issued the previous week.

(2) Special Collections

The free service for the collection of any unwanted bulky item continues to be widely used and 879 visits were made during the year. I know that this service has meant a reduction in the amount of dumped articles which disfigure the countryside and, therefore, the high costs of cleaning up such rubbish. It is perhaps significant that where it has been possible to trace the culprits in such cases they have always resided outside your District.

(3) Civic Amenities Act, 1967

Eighteen "wrecks" of abandoned vehicles were removed by the Council's contractors during the year. Eleven were removed after informal action.

In addition, there was one "runner" removed and subsequently sold.

In two cases offenders were able to be traced and were prosecuted. Both were found guilty and fined £50 and £30 respectively.

(4) Refuse Disposal

Disposal has continued at the Bretby tip - the long awaited incinerator is expected to be commissioned and operational during the first few weeks of the New Year.

After a long period of uncertainty, it has now been decided that refuse disposal will become the responsibility of the first tier authority on re-organisation. It may be that, in time, this will be found to have some advantage.

(5) Pail Collection

The continued reduction in this service is most welcome and it is hoped that your policy to concentrate on the conversion of the remainder will be successful.

(6) Cesspool Emptying

This service continues to operate satisfactorily with the usual problem of disposal of contents.

(7) Vehicles

All your vehicles are being submitted for testing in advance of the deadline of September 1973 when all municipal vehicles have to be tested.

Two new refuse vehicles were put into service in April 1972, the replaced vehicles being sold for scrap. At the end of the year it was decided to seek quotations for the replacement of one refuse vehicle, one cesspool emptier and the vehicle used for special collections.

(8) Labour

No alterations were made in your labour force during the year. It has long been accepted that the labour force in cleansing had a high turnover rate, but in your case the last new employee was taken on three-and-a-half years ago. From my point of view a most satisfactory situation.

(9) Statistics

Year	Additional properties during year	Premises possible	Premises cleared	%	Days possible	Days Worked	%
1967	207	729,032	694,606	95.3	8,498	7,500	88.3
1968	3,056 less	612,401	592,368	96.7	7,210	6,343	88.0
1969	255	583,968	571,651	97.9	6,815	6,012	89.7
1970	147	596,294	588,290	98.7	6,355	5,728	90.1
1971	178	605,695	604,493	99.8	4,480	3,993	89.1
1972	303	618,995	600,049	96.9	4,420	3,957	89.5

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to members and colleagues for the support and co-operation given to me. The past year has had more than its share of problems and I have, at times, been in need of help and advice. All the help I could wish has been given from all quarters.

R. A. DAVOLL,
Cleansing Superintendent.

SECTION D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

(1) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Parish of Burnaston
Sewerage Scheme

This scheme was satisfactorily completed and commissioned in September 1972. The permanent restoration to road surfaces has also now been completed.

Parish of Egginton
Sewerage Scheme

This scheme was satisfactorily completed and commissioned in August 1972. It is anticipated that the permanent restoration of road surfaces will be carried out in April, 1973.

Parish of Hatton
Sewerage Scheme

Work commenced on this scheme in October 1972 and is progressing satisfactorily. Completion is expected by January 1974.

Parish of Hilton
Sewerage Scheme

This scheme was satisfactorily completed and commissioned in November 1972.

Parish of Lullington
Sewerage Scheme

Work is progressing satisfactorily on this scheme and substantial completion is expected in January 1973.

Parish of Overseal
Green Lane Sewerage Scheme

Tender documents have been prepared for this scheme and grant under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Acts 1944-1965(a) applied for. It is anticipated that tenders will be invited in May 1973 with a view to starting work in July 1973.

Parish of Smisby
Annwell Place Sewerage Scheme

Relief works will be carried out in 1973 pending a final decision on the route of the M.42 Motorway which may affect the irrigation site and the full sewerage scheme which was originally proposed for this area.

Parish of Sutton-on-the-Hill
Sewerage Scheme

Investigations are being carried out to ascertain the possibility of a pumping scheme for this village, the sewage to be treated at either Hatton or Hilton. It is hoped that work will start in September 1973.

(2) STREET LIGHTING

Street lighting continued throughout the year, up to the expenditure allowed.

(3) HOUSING

The following private properties were completed during the year ended 31st December, 1972:-

Bearwardcote	1	Hilton	5
Bretby	3	Linton	19
Castle Gresley	10	Newton Solney	23
Church Broughton	3	Overseal	10
Coton-in-the-Elms	55	Repton	12
Dalbury Lees	1	Rosliston	7
Etwall	17	Walton-on-Trent	7
Findern	9	Willington	5
Foston and Scropton	2	Woodville	3
Hartshorne	9		

The following Council properties were completed during the year ended 31st December, 1972:-

Castle Gresley	12
Linton	16
Overseal	7

(4) FOUL DRAINAGE CONNECTIONS

(a) New properties connected to sewer 199

(b) New properties not connected to sewer (septic tanks) 2

(c) Other connections made during the year:-

(i) existing houses 50
(ii) other premises 2

W. SPILMAN,
Engineer and Surveyor.