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SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
King Street,
Scarborough.

1st July, 1957.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the Scarborough Rural District Council -
Mr. Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1956.

As will be seen, the vital statistics for 1956, are, on the whole satisfactory. As usual small variations in actual numbers produce large changes in the rates.

The table of causes of death shows nothing unusual, while notified infectious diseases show a marked decline.

The Council's water supplies have, in general, been satisfactory. Two supplies in Staintondale, as will be seen from the Public Health Inspector's Report, have produced a number of unsatisfactory samples. It is to be hoped that the Council's supply will soon be available for this area.

I have pleasure in acknowledging the continued interest and encouragement of the Committee and the help and co-operation I have received from Mr. Foulkes and the other officials of the Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

W. G. Evans

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

The following Committees of the Scarborough Rural District Council are concerned with matters of public health viz:

Health and Housing Committee

Water and Sewerage Committee

In addition the Authority has a Representative on the Scarborough Area Local Health Sub-Committee (No. 10 Area of the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council).



VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Live & Still Births	Live Birth Rate, per 1000 population	Deaths per 1000 pop.	Infant Deaths per 1000 live Births	Rate per 1000 Births	Still Births	Rate per 1000 Live & Still Births
1953	8,188	113	13.7	85	9.3	4	35.4	41.9
1954	7,590	110	14.5	104	10.96	-	-	26.5
1955	7,630	103	13.1	101	10.5	1	10.0	29.1
1956	7,620	95	12.5	91	11.9	4	42.0	-
England & Wales								
1956			15.7		11.7		23.8	23.0

Causes of Death				Male	Female
Infective or Parasitic Disease	..	..	..	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	..	..	..	2	2
breast	..	..	..	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	3	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	4	12
Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	11	10
Other heart disease	..	..	..	10	14
Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	2	2
Bronchitis	..	..	..	1	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	..	2	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	..	..	..	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	2	3
Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	-	1
Accidents (other than motor)	..	..	..	2	-
Suicide	..	..	..	1	-
				<hr/> 42	<hr/> 49

Infectious Diseases

Whooping cough provided the bulk of the notifications for the year.

Notifications

Whooping Cough	..	..	..	14
Measles	5
Scarlet Fever	4
Pneumonia	1
Erysipelas	3
Dysentery	1
Tuberculosis	2
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National Assistance Act 1948

Again no action was required during the year 1956 on behalf of the Rural District Council under Section 47 of this Act, nor under Section 50.

Section 47 deals with the compulsory removal to hospital or other institutions of persons in need of care and attention, and not receiving it from any other person. Section 50 refers to the burial by a Local Authority of any person for whom no arrangements have been made.

The following part of this Report was prepared by Mr. Foulkes, the Public Health Inspector viz:

HOUSING

Thirty houses were built by private enterprise during 1956.

Twenty-eight houses were re-inspected under the Housing Acts, and two unfit houses were rendered fit during the year as a result of formal action under the Public Health and Housing Acts. No houses were demolished.

Applications for grant under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, were dealt with as follows:

Applications under consideration at 31.12.55	..	2
New applications received during 1956	..	22
	Total ..	<u>24</u>
Number of applications refused during 1956	..	0
Number of applications withdrawn during 1956	..	0
Number of grants approved during 1956	..	19
Number of applications under consideration at 31.12.56	..	5
	Total ..	<u>24</u>

At 31.12.56 twenty-four properties had been improved as a result of grants being made under the above Act.

Surveys and Inspections

Houses Surveyed	.. .. .	816
Housing Inspections other than surveys	..	28
Number of Informal Notices served	..	5
Number of Statutory Notices served	..	0
Number of Informal Notices complied with	..	4
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	..	0
Enquiries made in connection with applications for tenancy of Council Houses	.. .. .	12
Council Houses inspected	.. .. .	59

WATER SUPPLIES

Ø Denotes information supplied by Council's Water Engineer.

Samples were taken from the water supplies within the Council's area periodically and submitted for analysis. With the exception of two private supplies the results, on the whole, have been satisfactory.

(i) Ayton

Forty-three samples of water taken from the supply after chlorination proved to be satisfactory when submitted to bacteriological examination, and 44 Lovibond tests gave satisfactory chlorine residuals. The Thornton Varley Spring was again used to augment the supply during the summer months, and no shortages occurred. Twelve samples of water taken from this spring (before chlorination) all proved to be highly satisfactory.

Ø Two hundred and ninety-three yards of 3" water main were laid in the north eastern and north western sectors of Betton Rise, East Ayton, and connected to the Council's water main in Racecourse Road, in order to supply a proposed new housing development.

(ii) Burniston and Cloughton

The supply was maintained satisfactorily and a sample taken from this source proved to be highly satisfactory.

Ø Work commenced on the laying of 2,350 Yds. of 4" water main to connect the Cloughton mains to the Stainton Dale mains at Bridge Farm, Stainton Dale, in order that the Parish of Stainton Dale (including the village of Ravenscar) can be supplied from the Scalby U.D.C. Bulk supply.

A new private borehole was sunk at Cloughton, and samples taken from this source eventually proved to be highly satisfactory after some initial unsatisfactory samples.

One sample of water taken from a new private borehole for chemical analysis proved to be satisfactory.

Water Supplies (Cont.)(iii) Snainton, Brompton and Sawdon

Forty-three samples of water taken from this supply after chlorination proved to be satisfactory upon analysis. Of 4 samples taken from the unchlorinated supply 2 were highly satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory upon analysis.

Ø Work commenced upon the sinking of a borehole at Nettledale Lane, Snainton, with a view to providing an alternative source of supply to the Troutsdale Springs.

(iv) Hutton Buscel, Wykeham and Ruston

Of 43 samples of water taken from this private supply, 41 were satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory upon analysis.

(v) Ravenscar

Of 35 samples of water taken after chlorination, 35 were satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory upon analysis. One sample of the unchlorinated water proved to be satisfactory.

(vi) Stainton Dale

Of 34 samples of water taken from the unchlorinated Stainton Dale Private Supply for analysis, 7 were highly satisfactory, 5 satisfactory, 2 suspicious and 20 unsatisfactory. Of 24 samples of water taken from the Parish Well at Stainton Dale, which is also not chlorinated, 2 were highly satisfactory, 1 satisfactory and 21 unsatisfactory.

(vii) Harwood Dale

Of 2 samples of water taken from private sources, 1 was highly satisfactory and the other unsatisfactory upon analysis.

(viii) Cayton, Seamer, Irton and Lebberston

The Scarborough Corporation supply to these parishes was satisfactorily maintained.

(ix) Gristhorpe

The Filey U.D.C. supply to the above parish remained satisfactory.

(x) General

An analysis of the results of all water samples taken during the year is given at Appendix 'B'. Numbers of Dwelling Houses and Population on public water mains are given at Appendix 'C'.

DRAINAGE(i) Seamer Regional Sewerage Scheme

Fifty-three further premises have been connected to the Seamer Regional Sewerage System, and samples taken of the effluent from the Sewage Works have proved to be satisfactory.

(ii) General

Sewerage schemes for the parishes of Gristhorpe, Lebberston, Hutton Buscel, Wykeham and Ruston, Brompton and Sawdon, Snainton, and Burniston and Cloughton, are still in abeyance.

CAMPING

The 44 licensed camping sites within the District were kept under observation, and with one exception the conditions prevailing at these camping grounds were found to be satisfactory. The unsatisfactory conditions prevailing at the one camp had not been rectified by the end of the camping season as promised by the proprietor, and renewal of this licence for the year 1957 was refused when application was made to the Health and Housing Committee in December 1956.

TIPS

Conditions on all the Council's tips have been fair, and the tips have been disinfested frequently.

FOOD HYGIENE

No special Clean Food Campaign was introduced within the Council's Area, although the comparatively few food premises were included in regular tours of inspection. The Food and Drugs Act 1955 and Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 came into operation on the 1st January 1956.

Details of Food Premises situated within the District are as follows:-

<u>Business</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Grocers	28	27	27	0
Butchers	9	9	6	3
Fish and Chips	5	5	5	0
Catering	33	26	26	0
Licensed Premises	26	26	26	0
Ice-cream Retailers	26	18	18	0
Milk Retailers	19	25	25	0

There are no premises within the District where ice-cream is manufactured by means of Heat Treatment.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The licences of the 5 slaughter houses within the District were renewed upon application by the owners, and the premises have been inspected regularly in addition to the visits made in connection with the inspection of meat.

Details of inspections and condemnations of meat are given at Appendix 'A'.

MILK SAMPLES

The results obtained upon analysis of samples of milk taken during the year were as follows:-

			<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>
Methylene Blue Test	35	5
Brucella abortus	1	-
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Totals	..		36	5
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INSPECTIONS

Slaughterhouse inspections	40
Visits to Slaughterhouses for the purpose of inspecting meat	562
Factory and Workshops Act, 1937	..	..	..	..	..	34
Diseases of Animals Act (Anthrax)	..	..	..	..	..	13
Infectious Diseases - Enquiries	..	..	..	..	..	7
- Fumigations	..	..	..	..	..	5

Inspections (Cont.)

Nuisances - Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
- Found	..	40					
- Outstanding at 1.1.56	3						43
- Informal notices served	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
- Informal notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
- Statutory notices served	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
- Statutory notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
- Abated during the year	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
- Outstanding at 31.12.56	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Camping Sites - Registered Sites in the District	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
- Nos. of Caravans, Chalets and Tents	..	..	..	..	..	..	1143
- Applications for licences refused	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
- Inspections carried out	..	..	..	..	..	..	87
- Notices re breaches of Camping Bye-laws	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
- Notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
House drains tested and approved	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
do. and disapproved	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Lengths of sewer tested and approved	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
do. and disapproved	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Private Sewage Works inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Drainage Systems inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ditches inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
W.C.'s provided to new houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Additional W.C.'s provided to old properties	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
W.C.'s provided for camping sites, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Privies converted to W.C.'s	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pail Closets converted to W.C.'s	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Privies abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Pail Closets abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
Private Sewage Works Provided (Camping Grounds)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Cesspools abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Septic Tanks abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Cesspools provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Septic Tanks provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Urinals provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Properties connected to main sewers	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
Tip Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Refuse Collection Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Samples of water taken for analysis (Chemical and Bacteriological)	..	..	..	..	..	..	259
Lovibond Tests	..	..	..	..	..	..	169
Private water supplies inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
New petroleum installation inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	10

RODENT CONTROL(a) Minor Infestations - 19 Rats and under

Sewers	..	..	..	..	2
Surface	..	..	..	..	6
Private Dwellings	..	..	..	..	146
Re-chargeable properties	..	..	..	..	5
Total					<u>159</u>

(b) Major Infestations - 20 - 199 Rats

Sewers	..	..	..	..	2
Surface	..	..	..	..	12
Private Dwellings	..	..	..	..	18
Re-chargeable properties	..	..	..	..	56
Total					<u>88</u>

Number of bodies - 1038

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

Following is an abbreviated copy of Form 572 (Revised), which has been forwarded direct to the Ministry of Labour and National Service in accordance with the Regulations:-

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(a) Factories in which S.1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s	47	31	3	-
(b) Factories not included in (a) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A.'s	-	-	-	-
(c) Other Premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	47	31	3	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Pro-secutions were insti-tuted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Total	3	2	-	-	-

3. Part VIII of the Act - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110(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 Notices in un-wholesome premises served	Prosecutions
(Making, etc.) Wearing (Cleaning and) apparel (washing)	1	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-

Appendix 'A' to Report to the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended
31st December, 1956.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	371	20	1656	465
Number inspected	371	20	1656	465
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	2	0	14	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	89	7	109	42
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	24.5	35.0	7.4	9.7
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	2	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	29	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	7.4	0	0	1.9

Appendix 'B' to Report to the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended
31st December, 1956.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES - FROM MAINS

* Denotes Chlorinated Supply

PARISH	Bacteriological					Chemical				
	1 H. Sat.	2 Sat.	3 Susp.	4 Un- Sat.	Total	1 H Sat.	2 Sat.	3 Susp.	4 Un- Sat.	Total
Ayton *		43			43					
Burniston and Cloughton	1				1					
Gristhorpe *		3			3					
Ravenscar *		35		2	37					
Snainton *		43			43					
Steinton Dale	7	5	2	20	34					
Wykeham *		41		2	43					
Totals	8	170	2	24	204					

Appendix 'B' (Cont.)

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES - FROM OTHER SOURCES

PARISH	Bacteriological					Chemical				
	1 H. Sat.	2 Sat.	3 Susp.	4 Un- Sat.	Total	1 H. Sat.	2 Sat.	3 Susp.	4 Un- Sat.	Total
Ayton	12				12					
Burniston and Cloughton	6		2	3	11	1				1
Harwood Dale	1			1	2					
Ravenscar		1			1					
Snainton	2			2	4					
Stainton Dale	2	1		21	24					
Totals	23	2	2	27	54	1	-	-	-	1

Appendix 'C' to Report to the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended
31st December, 1956

Dwelling Houses and Numbers of Population within the Scarborough Rural District
supplied from water mains

PARISH	Estimated Population	No. of popula- tion supplied		No. of Dwellings supplied		Number of Standpipes
		Direct	Standpipe	Direct	Standpipe	
Ayton - East	581	570	-	219	-	-
Ayton - West	476	436	9	137	3	3
Burniston	654	639	-	213	-	-
Brompton and Sawdon	506	499	-	168	-	-
Broxa	25	15	-	5	-	-
Cayton	961	952	9	334	3	2
Cloughton	616	574	-	193	-	-
Gristhorpe	231	231	-	74	-	-
Hackness	144	105	3	26	1	1
Harwood Dale	125	-	-	-	-	-
Hutton Buscel	350	324	-	108	-	-
Irton	205	199	-	70	-	-
Lebberston	153	153	-	48	-	-
Seamer	1026	998	3	343	1	1
Silpho	36	33	-	11	-	-
Snainton	689	664	-	232	-	-
Stainton Dale	295	189	3	63	1	1
Suffield	64	35	-	10	-	-
Troutdale	40	-	-	-	-	-
Wykeham and Ruston	470	428	3	113	1	1
TOTALS	7,647	7,044	30	2,367	10	9

