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Health Department,
King Street,
Scarborough.

7th October, 1964.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year ended 31st December, 1963

TO:- The Chairman and Members of the Scarborough Rural
District Council.

Madam Chairman, My Lord and Gentlemen,

Years of more or less disappointment have made me wary of indulging in print, any great enthusiasm over one year's vital statistics. The next year's figures usually bring one back to reality with a jolt.

This year, however, the temptation is overwhelming. There can surely be little wrong with the health of a community in which the birth rate is well above the national average and the death rate well below. In these two figures are measured the essentials of human existence.

There is little else to note in the first section of the report. The two cases of paratyphoid mentioned, occurred in one family and there were no secondary cases. It was not possible to determine the source of the infection.

I acknowledge with thanks the continued help of the Council's officials and the courtesy and consideration of the Committee.

I am,
Madam Chairman, My Lord and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

W. G. EVANS,

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., 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
- Sewerage, Drainage and Refuse Collection 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

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 8,120 shows an increase of 300 compared with 1962.

Births

A total of 140 LIVE and STILL Births gave a birth-rate (adjusted) of 21.03 per 1,000 population.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	82	52	134
Illegitimate	3	2	5
	<u>85</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>139</u>

Illegitimate LIVE Births per cent of total LIVE births = 3.59%

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Year	Population	Live & Still Births	LIVE Birth Rate, per 1000 population. (adjusted)	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1000 live Births	Still Births	Rate per 1000 live and still births
1960	7780	78	12.2	99	11.04	2	25.6	-	-
1961	7470	108	17.0	114	12.97	1	9.3	1	9.2
1962	7820	100	15.2	120	12.9	3	30.3	1	10.0
1963	8120	140	20.87	99	9.15	3	21.6	1	7.1
England & Wales (Provisional) 1963			18.2		12.2		20.9		17.3

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total infant deaths per 1000 LIVE births	21.6
Legitimate " " " 1000 legitimate LIVE births	22.3
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	14.4
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	14.4
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1000 total LIVE and STILL BIRTHS)	21.4
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	Nil

Deaths

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.....	7	4
Leukaemia, alcukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	-	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	13
Coronary disease, angina	13	6
Hypertension with heart disease	-	3
Other heart disease	6	11
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	5
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	1
Totals	42	57

Infectious Diseases

<u>Notifications</u>	
Scarlet Fever	1
Measles	54
Tuberculosis Non- Pulmonary	1
Paratyphoid Fever	2
Whooping Cough	4
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National Assistance Act, 1948, S. 47

Again it was not necessary during the year to take action on behalf of the Authority under this Section which 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.

The following part of this Report was prepared by Mr. W.G.G. Lewis, the Public Health Inspector, viz:-

HOUSING

Development by private enterprise continued to expand during 1963 and 204 new houses were completed, compared with 170 in 1962. No new dwellings were erected by the Council.

At the end of the year the Council resolved to make its first clearance area. This is situated at Cloughton and contains thirteen dwellings as well as a number of other buildings. It is proposed to re-develop the site and erect twelve old person's bungalows.

HOUSING (CONTINUED)

During the year three unfit houses were closed and twenty-seven repaired as a result of informal action. No houses were demolished.

Applications for grant under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, during 1963 were as follows:-

Twenty-one applications for a discretionary grant and eight applications for a standard grant were approved. This makes a total of 199 grants approved by the Council since the Act came into force. The fact that the regional sewage disposal scheme should shortly be completed is expected to result in a considerable increase in grant applications during the coming year.

Surveys and Inspections

Number of houses inspected for defects	53
Number of houses unfit for human habitation:-	
In Clearance Area	12
Number of houses closed	3
Number of unfit houses capable of repair	38
Number of unfit houses made fit by informal action	31
Number of houses demolished	Nil
Number of inspections made	149
Enquiries made in connection with applications for the tenancy of a Council House	35
Inspections made in connection with applications for improvement grants	69
(This does not include visits of inspection during the progress of the work).	

WATER SUPPLIES

The Scarborough Corporation is the Statutory Water Undertaker and supplies the bulk of the population of the rural district. There are, however, private supplies serving:-

Wykeham
Ruston
Part of Hutton Buscel
Part of Staintondale
Hackness
Part of Harwood Dale
Broxa
Suffield
Silpho

A total of 31 samples were taken from private supplies, with the following results:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	
Bacteriological Examination	17	11	28
Chemical Analysis	2	1	3
	19	12	31

WATER SUPPLIES (CONTINUED)

In addition, 23 tests were made of the chlorine content of the private chlorinated supply supplying Wykeham, Ruston and part of Hutton Buscel. On two occasions these tests revealed a breakdown in the chlorination plant, which was immediately rectified.

DRAINAGE

(i) General

During the year work has progressed on the regional sewage disposal scheme and has been largely completed, apart from house connections, in Snainton, Brompton, Sawdon, Ruston, Wykeham and Hutton Buscel. The Osgodby Lane area at Cayton was completed and it is hoped to start work at Burniston and Cloughton early in 1964.

The extensions to Seamer Sewage Disposal Works have been completed.

(ii) Connections to the Sewer

During the year 204 new houses were erected and of these 195 were connected to the Council's sewers, in addition 167 existing properties were connected, some by private individuals and some by the Council. The number of houses not connected to the sewer at 31.12.63 was 1,477.

(iii) Closet Accommodation and Drainage

Number of houses with water carriage system	3,003
Number of houses without water carriage system	386
Number of conversions to water carriage system during 1963	169

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are 45 licensed sites within the Rural District containing a total of:-

	1,811 Caravans
	42 Chalets
	3 Coach bodies
Total	<u>1,856</u>

During the year 170 visits of inspection were made and some site operators required to carry out work. The general standard of the sites in the area is good and the majority of the site operators are co-operative.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Council has operated a refuse collection service throughout the majority of its area, providing a fortnightly collection in the more developed parishes and a monthly collection in the more remote and scattered areas, the disposal being by means of controlled tipping at Brompton, West Ayton and Burniston. The cost of providing this service during 1963 was £5,884.

REFUSE DISPOSAL (CONTINUED)

The number of new dwellings erected has resulted in the service running late and a large amount of overtime being worked but it is anticipated that the Council's decision to purchase a tractor and a covered trailer will relieve the position for another year after which the purchase of an additional vehicle becomes inevitable in order to maintain the service. The purchase of a tractor with a dozer blade will also do much to ensure that the tips can be properly maintained.

The new depot building to house the refuse and other vehicles at Seamer Sewage Works was completed by the end of the year,

FOOD HYGIENE

No special Clean Food Campaign was introduced within the Council's area, but 52 visits were made for the purpose of checking compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Details of food premises situated within the Rural District are as follows:-

<u>Business</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Grocers	39	30	30	-
Butchers	9	36	34	2
Fish & Chips	4	4	4	-
Catering	37	28	28	-
Licensed Premises	26	10	10	-
Ice-Cream Retailers	41	44	44	-

(These figures for inspections are not included with the figures for Food Hygiene Regulations inspections).

There are no premises in the Rural District where ice-cream is manufactured by means of heat treatment.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The licences of the five slaughterhouses within the Rural 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. All premises were found to be satisfactory. The licensee of one slaughterhouse has given notice that he intends to convert his premises to a shop during 1964. A 100% inspection was carried out of animals slaughtered in the Rural District.

1958 Regulations

A survey was made of all slaughterhouses and notices served upon the owners with respect to the defects found. All premises now comply with the above-named regulations.

INSPECTIONS

Slaughterhouse Inspections	24
Unsatisfactory conditions found and remedied	7

INSPECTIONS (CONTINUED)

Slaughter of animals regulations contravention found and remedied	2
Visits to Slaughterhouses for the purpose of inspecting meat	552
Food & Drugs Act; 1938 - Food Premises (other than Ice-cream)	106
Unsatisfactory and remedied by informal action	2
Premises used for the retail of ice-cream	44
Diseases of Animals Act (Anthrax)	-
Infectious Diseases - Enquiries	3
Fumigations	1
Other Diseases - Enquiries	-
Verminous Premises Inspected	-
Verminous Premises Treated	-
Nuisances - Inspections	43
Found	20
Outstanding at 1.1.63	-
Total requiring abatement	20
Informal Notices served	20
Informal Notices complied with by end of year	18
Statutory Notices served	-
Statutory Notices complied with	-
Abated during the year	-
Outstanding at 31.12.63	-
Smoke Abatement - observations	34
Camping Sites - Registered Sites in the District	45
Number of moveable dwellings:-	
Caravans 1,811	
Chalets 42	
Tents 3	
Others 3	
Total	1,859
Inspections carried out	170
Unsatisfactory conditions found and remedied	2
Notices re breaches of camping regulations	-
Notices complied with	-
Inspections under the building byelaws etc. (including drainage works)	1,473
W.C.'s provided to new houses	204
Additional W.C.'s provided to old properties	44
W.C.'s provided for camping sites and business premises	14
Pail closets converted to W.C.'s	3
Pail closets abolished	-
Septic Tanks provided	27
Urinals provided	-

INSPECTIONS (CONTINUED)

Properties connected to main sewers (including new dwellings)	362
Tip inspections	73
Scavenging complaints received	17
Scavenging complaints dealt with	17
Samples of water taken for analysis (Chemical and Bacteriological)	31
Lovibond Tests made	23

There are 27 licensed petroleum installations in the District (including new installations) and they were all inspected during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

(a) Minor infestation - 19 rats and under

Sewers	1
Surface	-
Private Dwellings	242
Re-chargeable properties	79
Total	322

(b) Major infestation - 20 to 199 rats

Sewers	-
Surface	-
Private Dwellings	14
Re-chargeable properties	45
Total	59

Number of bodies recovered 1,824

Estimated killed 6,577

Complaints received at office 76

Complaints remedied 76

Properties inspected as a result of survey 2,768

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937, are given at Appendix 'B'.

Appendix 'A' to report to the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1963

Meat Inspections and Condemnations

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	520	3	1,388	136
Number Inspected	520	3	1,388	136
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:				
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	10	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	54	1	83	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	10.58%	33.3%	6.7%	5.15%
Tuberculosis only:				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	6
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	4.41%

Appendix 'B' to Report to the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1963

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of
the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

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

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which S. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s	69	41	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (a) in which S. 7 is en- forced by L.A.'s	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which S. 7 is en- forced by the L.A. (excluding out- workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	69	41	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:- NIL.

3. Part VIII of the Act - Outwork (Section 110 and 111):- NIL.
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