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SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,  
Area Health Office,  
Northway,  
Scarborough.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ended 31st December, 1970

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for 1970.

This year again the vital statistics of the area are satisfactory. The population again shows an increase though a small one, in spite of a fall in the birth rate.

It is perhaps worth noting that 65 (41.5%) of the 157 deaths occurred at ages of 75 years or over. Most of them (45) were due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system. Cancer in various forms and diseases of the lungs each accounted for seven deaths.

Finally I thank the members for their consideration and my colleagues for their willing co-operation.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and  
Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

W.G. EVANS,

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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

Health and Housing Committee  
Public Works Committee

Also the Social Services Committee of the North Riding County Council.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 19340 shows an increase of 30 compared with 1969.

Births

A total of 147 LIVE and STILL Births gave a crude birth-rate of 14.2 per 1,000 population.

<u>Live Birth</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	67	68	135
Illegitimate	6	5	11
	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>146</u>

Illegitimate LIVE Births per cent of total of LIVE births = 7.5

<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>

Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)

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

Year	Population	Live & Still Births	LIVE Birth Rate, per 1000 population (adjusted)	Deaths	Rate per 1000 population (Adjusted)	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1000 live births	Still Births	Rate per 1000 live and still births
1966	9220	184	23.4	121	9.5	2	10.9	2	10.8
1967	9600	163	22.0	123	8.3	1	6.2	1	6.1
1968	10130	154	19.5	128	7.8	2	13.2	3	19.4
1969	10310	183	23.2	154	9.7	1	5.0	1	5.0
1970	10340	147	18.5	157	9.9	1	7.0	1	7.0
England and Wales	784482		16.0	575208	11.7	14269	18.0	10341	13.0

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total infant deaths per 1000 LIVE births .....	7.0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births).....	7.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births) .....	7.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1000 total live and STILL BIRTHS .....	14.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths .....	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	-



# DEATHS

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.....	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus.....	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.....	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine .....	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .....	6	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.....	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate .....	1	-
Leukaemia .....	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms .....	5	3
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms .....	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus .....	1	-
Other Endocrine Diseases .....	-	1
Other Disease of Nervous System .....	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease .....	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease .....	40	24
Other forms of Heart Disease .....	3	5
Cerebrovascular Disease .....	8	14
Other Diseases of Circulatory System .....	3	-
Influenza .....	3	-
Pneumonia .....	5	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema .....	3	1
Asthma .....	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System .....	1	-
Peptic Ulcer .....	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System .....	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate .....	1	-
Diseases of Muscular Skeletal System .....	1	-
Birth Injury, difficult labour etc.....	1	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions .....	-	2
Motor vehicle accidents .....	1	-
All other accidents .....	-	1
Suicide and self inflicted injuries .....	1	1
<b>Total all causes</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>65</b>

## Infectious Diseases

### Notifications

Measles.....	140
Infective Jaundice .....	2
Tuberculosis (Resp.).....	1

**Total** **143**

## National Assistance Act, 1948. S. 47

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.R. Ayrton, the Public Health Inspector, viz:-

## GENERAL REMARKS

I suppose the highlights of the year were the long awaited commencement of the contract for the extensions to the Seamer Sewage Treatment Works, the progress towards completion of the Bell Close Warden Service accommodation at Seamer and the introduction of the bulk container system for collection of refuse from caravan sites and large hotels in the area. The Council also considered the improvement of the stock of Council houses to bring them completely up to modern standards and a start on a large improvement programme may be made in 1971. This will include the conversion of some of the larger houses to single bedroom or two bedroomed flats. During the next two years a great deal of the Department's time will have to be devoted to dealing with housing problems.

W. R. AYRTON



## HOUSING

### (a) New Housing

123 new houses were completed by private enterprise, and 16 Housing Units (13 2/Bed. Bungalows, 2 1/Bed. Flats and a Warden's 3/Bed. Flat) by the Council. The letting of some of these units resulted in the number of applicants on the housing list classed as having a housing need dropping from 44 at the end of 1969 to 35 at the end of 1970. However, at the end of the year it appeared that the number of applicants on the list is likely to rise fairly steeply during 1971. In letting accommodation on the Seamer development it was possible to transfer a number of elderly persons from 3 bedroomed houses thus making family accommodation available. This helps to gear the Council's stock of houses to the housing need in the area and I hope that the provision of warden service accommodation will be one of the Council's main priorities for the future.

During the year a central area of Cayton village was declared to be a clearance area and subsequently a Compulsory Purchase Order was made on the land involved, together with adjoining lands considered necessary for the satisfactory re-development of the area as a warden service development for old people. At the end of the year the Department of the Environment's decision on the Order was awaited.

### (b) Improvement and Standard Grants

The increased grants now available under the Housing Act of 1969 continue to encourage the improvement of the older properties in the District, and during the year 18 applications for Improvement Grant and 7 applications for Standard Grant were approved, bringing the total number of grants approved since the Acts came into force to 425.

The Council also received a report on the modernisation of its own stock of houses which, in a considerable number of cases, will attract improvement contributions from the Department of the Environment. I hope that it will prove possible to proceed with improvement schemes on quite a large scale during 1971. This can be allied to the improvement of the layout of estates to make general improvements of the surroundings with proper provision for the motor car.

### (c) Action under the Housing Act, 1957

Number of houses inspected for defects	...	...	...	33
Number of houses unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	19
(a) in clearance areas	...	...	...	11
(b) number of houses closed	...	...	...	-
(c) in respect of which undertakings were accepted	...	...	...	4
(d) in respect of which demolition orders made	...	...	...	0
Number of houses capable of repair	...	...	...	4
Number of unfit houses made fit by informal action	...	...	...	3
Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	1
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	132



The Council agreed to cancel undertakings on the satisfactory completion of works relating to the renovation of **three** unfit houses.

As mentioned earlier in this report an area in the centre of the village of Cayton was declared to be a clearance area and the Council decided to secure the clearance of the area by the Compulsory Purchase Order procedure. The Department's decision on the Order was awaited at the end of the year.

(d) Building and other new development

Of 293 applications received and dealt with under the Building Regulations, 1965, 289 were approved and 3 disapproved.

282 applications for consideration under the Town and Country Planning Acts were received and forwarded to the No. 6 Area Planning Committee of the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, together with this Council's views thereon.

WATER SUPPLIES

Extensions to and improvement of the water mains in Ruston, Wykeham, have been carried out during the year. Troutsdale, Langdale End, Broxa and part of Hackness remain the only parts of the Council's area not served by the Scarborough Corporation Water Undertaking.

At the end of the year 4,400 dwellings were connected to mains water supplies. Of 9 bacteriological samples taken from private supplies 5 proved to be satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory. Of 806 Bacteriological samples taken by the water authority 801 were satisfactory and 5 unsatisfactory. All 31 Chemical samples submitted for examination proved to be satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1. General

Extensions to the Seamer Sewage Treatment Works at a total cost of approximately £300,000 were commenced and should be completed by late 1971, eliminating the present gross overloading of the works and producing a great improvement in the standard of treatment.

A new pumping station installed at Killerby, Cayton, together with the replacement of an unsatisfactory and inadequate capacity gravity sewer by a length of pumping main effectively overcame drainage difficulties in the Killerby locality.

It is hoped that it will prove possible to make a start on a scheme to connect the large caravan sites in the Gristhorpe and Lebberston cliff areas to the main sewers thus eliminating the existing unsatisfactory drainage and sewage disposal systems serving these sites.

The Burniston Sewage Treatment Works continued to operate satisfactorily and no bad sample results were received.

2. Connections to Sewers

123 of the 124 new houses completed during 1970 were connected to the Council's sewers, the remaining house being provided with a septic tank system. 13 older properties were connected to the sewers, either by conversion to the water carriage system or abolition of septic tanks. 9 old dwellings and 1 new house were provided with septic tank systems.

At the end of the year statistics relating to the watercarriage system of drainage were:-

No. of houses with water carriage system	4450
No. of houses without water carriage system	118
No. of conversions to water carriage system during 1970	20

#### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are 60 licensed caravan sites containing a total of 2,018 caravans within the Council's area and 2 licensed tent camping sites catering for a total of 142 tents. Regular inspections were made and conditions found to be generally satisfactory.

The question of improving the control over tent camping sites was under consideration by a Working Party of the Department of the Environment during the year.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A bulk container system for the collection and disposal of refuse from caravan sites and large hotels was introduced during the year and proved to be an extremely economic, hygienic and effective method of dealing with this increasingly difficult problem. The demand for seasonal labour on the refuse collection service was eliminated.

Preparation of a report on a joint refuse disposal scheme for this Council and neighbouring authorities continued, and the report should be presented in 1971.

The collection and disposal services operated very well throughout the year and I am sure that the service this Council gives in this respect is greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the area.

#### FOOD HYGIENE

Business	Nos.	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16 *	No. to which Reg. 19 * applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19 *
Grocers	40	40	40	40
Butchers	9	9	9	9
Fish & Chips	5	5	5	5
Catering	42	42	42	42
Licensed Premises	29	29	29	29

\* of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

43 inspections were carried out and in 5 instances unsatisfactory conditions were found. These had been remedied by the end of the year. 41 premises are resigtered for the sale of icecream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. There are no commercial poultry processing premises in the area.



## MEAT INSPECTIONS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The following statistics are given with reference to the 3 privately owned slaughterhouses in the area, one of which ceased to operate at the end of January.

Number of meat inspection visits made	...	...	...	178
Number of animals inspected	.	...	...	952
Weight of meat considered unfit for human consumption				377 lbs

In addition, the Scarborough Corporation abattoir is sited in the area, the Council having an arrangement for meat inspection to be carried out by the Borough Council. Further information is given in Appendix 'B'.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

52 inspections were carried out, and 25 nuisances found to exist. 21 of these had been abated at 31st December, 1970. Some progress was made in dealing with a severe odour nuisance from a frozen chip factory and noise and dust nuisance from a lime burning plant. However, none of these problems were solved by the end of the year and considerable persistence during 1971 will be needed in order to find solutions to the problems. It became evident that, in one case statutory notices would have to be served in early 1971.

## CLEAN AIR ACT, 1960

The lime burning plant in the area continued to cause concern and despite representations to the Alkali Works Inspectorate who continued to give the plant close attention, conditions did not improve during the year.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

37 inspections were carried out and no unsatisfactory conditions were found. No accidents were reported.

## RODENT CONTROL

Properties other than sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	58	11
Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	48	9
	8	0
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	41	2
Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	40	2
	7	0

There were no cases of sewer infestation, although the Council's sewers were inspected and treated during the year.

APPENDIX 'A' TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

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

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which S.1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.'s	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A.'s	83	7	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A. (including outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	83	7	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found - TWO

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



APPENDIX 'B' TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1970

Meat Inspections and Condemnations

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	217	2	616	17
Number inspected	217	2	616	17
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:- Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	19	-	13	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	8.756%	-	2.760%	11.765%
Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-

Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	41	2
Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	40 8	2 0
Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	40 8	2 0

There were no cases of fever infestation although the premises  
were inspected and treated during the year.