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SHEPshed URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1969.



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To the Chairman and Members of
the Urban District Council of Shepshed.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health of Your District for the year 1969.

The population again shows a slight rise, and is now 8310.

The Birth Rate shows a rise, from 15.7 to 18.5. The provisional rate for England and Wales is 16.3.

The Death Rate for the year is 10.0 compared with 11.9 for England and Wales. The Death Rate of Infants under one year at 19 compares with the figure of 18 for England and Wales. Last year the figure was 14.7 due to two deaths, but as I pointed out then, one death more or less represents a considerable difference in the rate. With three deaths this year the rate has increased by approximately one third. The deaths were due to conditions operating before or at birth.

The chief causes of death in the general community were heart disease, malignant disease and strokes in that order, mainly in the elderly.

15 cases of Measles and two of Infective Hepatitis were notified during the year. The total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year was only ten, most of these being of long standing, and no new cases were notified.

I am grateful to Mr. Fletcher for the preparation of the sections of the Report dealing with matters falling into his purview. I should like to express my thanks also to Mr. Fowler and to you, Gentlemen, for your consideration and support during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. CAUTLEY HOLPERNESS.

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Council Offices,
Shepshed,
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SECTION A

General Statistics and
Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres).	4,321
Registrar General's Estimate Mid Year 1969 Population	8,310
Population on 1936.	5,740
Population in 1945.	5,508
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1969).	2,985
Rateable Value.	£281,546
Sum representing ld. rate.	£1,170
Comparability factor - Births.	0.95
- Deaths.	1.12

Shepshed is situated in pleasant surroundings on the northern borders of Charnwood Forest. Its main industries are quarrying, knitwear and dyeing, boots, shoes, bricks and tiles, box making and light engineering. No industry was noticed as having an adverse effect on health.

There is a public park and playground for children. Playing fields include two football pitches, a cricket ground and pavilion. There is a covered swimming pool.

Vital Statistics.

	<u>Urban District</u>	<u>Provisional figures England and Wales</u>
Live Births	161	
Live Birth rate (Crude)	19.4	
Live Birth rate (Adjusted)	18.4	16.3
Still Births	1	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)	6	13.0

Vital Statistics (Otd.)

	<u>Urban District</u>	<u>Provisional figures England and Wales</u>
Total Births (live and still)	162	
Infant Deaths (under one year of age)	3	
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	19.0	18.0
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	
As above - legitimate live births	19	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related live births.	19	12.0
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1,000 related live births	19	10.0
Perinatal mortality rate of stillbirths combined with early neo-natal deaths per 1,000 total related births (live and still)	25.0	23.0
Percentage of illegitimate live births	2.0	
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	0	
Total maternal mortality rate (including abortion) per 1,000 total births	0	

<u>Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births: Legitimate	87	71	158
Illegitimate	3	0	3
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	90	71	161
Still Births: Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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	0	1	1
Total Live and Still Births	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <u>90</u>	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <u>72</u>	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <u>162</u>

Vital Statistics (Ctd.)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Deaths -- All Ages</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>74</u>
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)		8.9	
Death rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)		10.0	
Death rate England and Wales (provisional figures)		11.90	

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age.

Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age.

Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1969

Causes of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks & under 1 yr.	AGE IN YEARS										
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over		
B.19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, - Oesophagus	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
B.19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, - Stomach	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
B.19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, - Intestine	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
B.19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, - Lung, Bronchus	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
B.19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, - Breast	M F	- 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- 1
B.19(8) Malignant Neoplasm, - Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B.19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, - Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M F	3 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 -
B.26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M F	3 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
B.27 Hypertensive Disease	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1
B.28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M F	9 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 1	4 3
B.29 Other forms of Heart	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Filtered water is supplied by the North West Leicestershire Water Board and is satisfactory in quality and quantity, and is not liable to plumbosolvent action.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in district:

Internal mains water supply -	.	..	..	..
No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	2957
Population	..	..	..	..	3298
Mains water from external standpipes -	..	..	..	..
No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	4
Population	..	..	..	..	6
Well water supply -	..	..	..	..
No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	4
Population	..	..	..	..	12

The whole of the Urban Area is supplied from mains.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	..	..	..	1
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	..	..	..	1
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1969.	..	..	..	..	31
Number of private sewage treatment plants constructed during the year	..	..	..	..	0

Work was commenced on the sewage works extensions in mid 1967, with a finishing date of March, 1969, and satisfactory progress was made during this year, and the works were completed in time with the exception of general site leveling and grass seeding. The Oakley Road refuse tip was closed and a new disposal area opened on land at the rear of the sewage works.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

	
(a) Privies	..	..	..	..	0
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	..	5
(c) Water Closets	..	..	..	..	3,822
Converted to water carriage system during the year :					
(a) Privies	..	..	..	..	0
(b) Pails	..	..	..	..	1

Pail closets are emptied once a week by direct labour and taken to a disposal point at the sewage works.

A weekly collection of refuse is operated throughout the district using two vehicles with a driver and six loaders. A trade refuse scheme was introduced because the high cost of labour made the existing arrangement unsatisfactory.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received	..	..	..	..	117
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	..	..	143

INSPECTIONS MADENumber of Inspections

Animal keeping.	1
Bakehouses.	11
Dairies.	3
Drainage Works.	192
Dwelling houses(all purposes).	813
Food Premies.	169
Infectious diseases inquiries.	5
Food poisoning inquiries.	-
Refuse collection and disposal.	211
Rodent Control, (excluding rodent operator's visits).	74
Schools.	7
Shops and offices.	93
Slaughterhouses and meat inspections.	141
Smoke observation.	17
Tents, vans, sheds etc.	-
Verminous and dirty premises.	4
Water supplies.	-
Workshops, outworkers etc.	29
Other inspections.	411

2,181

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding at 1st January 1969.	2	-
Issued during the year.	27	5
Complied with during year.	28	5
Statutory action necessary.	5	1
Complied with during year.	4	1
Outstanding 31st December, 1969.	1	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Class of premises	Number registered	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Out-standing 31.12.69.
Offices	13	19	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	31	68	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Shops Warehouses.	2	4	-	-	-	-
Catering Estabs. open to the public, canteens.	2	2	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage depots.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	48	93	-	-	-	-

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Number of site licences issued:

(a) Individual vans	..	..	..	..	1
(b) More than two vans	..	..	..	..	NIL

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Particulars of action taken:

No. of Council houses infested	..	..	..	..	2
No. of dwelling houses infested	..	..	..	..	2
No. of houses disinfected	..	..	..	..	4

RAGFLOCK AND FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc.					1
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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One part-time operator employed. 103 infestations were dealt with and 294 inspections made. A 10% survey of the sewers was made with no serious infestations discovered.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Number in area:

Publicly owned Paddling Pool	..	..	..	..	NIL
Privately owned (Hind Leys School) Swimming Pool	..				1
Number of inspections					11

Supplied by mains supply and treated continuously.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

17 visits and observations were dealt with, without the necessity of statutory proceedings.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

No action taken.

SECTION D

HOUSING

During the year 34 new houses were completed, all by private enterprise. 56 houses by private enterprise were in the course of erection at the end of the year.

Total number of post war houses completed by:

Local Authority	..	..	..	..	551
Private enterprise	..	..	..	..	876
Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	..	..	..	..	321
Number of applications received during year	..	..	..	..	104
Total number of occupied houses in district	..	..	..	..	2936
Total number of Council Houses occupied in district	..	..	..	..	760

Eleven unfit houses were demolished, two houses were closed, displacing two families and six persons. Four unfit houses were made fit.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

ICE CREAM

Number of Premises registered (Retail only)	..	..	..	29
Number of Samples taken	..	..	..	NIL
Results: Grade 1	..	..	..	NIL
Grade 11	..	..	..	NIL

There are no complaints on the cleanliness of any of the premises.

MILK SUPPLY

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and Distribution (Section 8 Milk and Dairies Regulation, 1949).

<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Contraventions</u>	
		<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Dairies 4	5	NIL	NIL
Distributors 0	0	NIL	NIL

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING

No action taken by this Authority, sampling undertaken by the Leicestershire County Council.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of slaughterhouses in area	..	..	..	1
Number of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	..	828
Number of animals examined therein	..	..	..	828
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	..	828
Number of knackers yards in area	..	..	..	0

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	153	-	642	23
Number inspected	153	-	642	23
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	-	37	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	15.3%	-	5.7%	4.3%

Tuberculosis

.. .. . :.. NIL

Number of inspections of meat shops, meat stores, etc. .., . 34

Number of inspections of places where food (other
than meat is kept or prepared for sale) 7

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of premises inspected	53
Number of inspections made for that purpose	169
Number of informal notices served	5
Number of informal notices complied with	4
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1969.	1
Number of formal notices served	-
Number of formal notices complied with	-
Number of formal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1969.	-

Action so far has been informal. There are no markets in the district. Implementation of the regulations has proceeded in a very satisfactory manner.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1969.

17 cases were notified during the year.

Analysis under Age Groups

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Food Poisoning	Acute Polio Non Paralytic	Infective Hepatitis
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-3	-	1	-	-	-	-
3-4	-	4	-	-	-	-
4-5	-	4	-	-	-	-
5-9	-	5	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	1	-	-	-	-
15-24	-	-	-	-	-	2
25 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	15	-	-	-	2

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year no new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were added to the Register. There were ten cases, eight pulmonary and two non pulmonary on the register at the end of the year.

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

ANNEX TO ANNUAL REPORT

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, & 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	0	0	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	40	29	0	0
	40	29	0	0

Cases in which defects were found - TWO

PART VII OF THE ACT

Outworkers (Sections 110 & 111).

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>No. of Outworkers in August list Required by Sec. 110</u>	<u>No. of Cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council</u>	<u>No. of Pros. for failure to supply lists</u>
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	74	0	0

