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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE

SKELTON AND BROTTON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
for the Year 1972
of the Medical Officer of Health

T. M. B. ROHAN,

M.B., B.CH., B.A.O., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman, Madames & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1972, the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation once again to be the main cause with cancer taking second place.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Mrs. J. Wilson, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Madames & Gentelmen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Assistant County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.		Dr. T. M. B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	Mr. W. C. Ranson*
Additional Public Health Inspectors.			Mr. W. Murray Mr. A.S. Kirkwood

* Also Surveyor of the District concerned.

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton & Brotton Area

Miss. M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Miss. B. Bostock	Health Visitor
Miss. L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. J. Wilson	Clerk/Typist

Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1972 is 15,830 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1971 of 15,320.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:-

1.	Area of the District in acres	..	..	..	..	15,419
2.	No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books					5,690
3.	Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	£326,891
4.	Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	..		£3,069

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	142	169	311
Legitimate	126	160	286
Illegitimate	16	9	25
Still Births	2	-	2
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Total	4	-
Legitimate	4	-
Illegitimate	-	-

The number of births registered being 311 gives a corrected birth-rate of 18.4 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 14.8 for England and Wales. Four infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 12.9 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 17.2.

TABLE 3 - VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, Other	-	-
Enteritis & Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	4	3
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	-
Anaemias	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	1	-
Other diseases of the Nervous System	1	-
Multiple Sclerosis	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	2
Hypertensive Disease	2	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	34	23
Other forms of Heart Disease	7	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	10	14
Other Disease of Circulatory System	5	6
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	6	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	-
Other disease of Respiratory System	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Appendicitis	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1	-
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-
Symptoms & Ill defined conditions	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
All other Accidents	-	1
	96	84

180 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 13.8 per 1,000 of population compared to 12.1 for England and Wales.



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TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1972
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	1 Year	2	3	4	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	125	20	19	18	19	47	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis

No case of tuberculosis was notified during the year.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1972.

TABLE 5

Immunisation and Vaccination

<u>Immunisation against Diphtheria</u>	<u>UNDER 1</u>	<u>1 to 4</u>	<u>5 to 14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Completed	219	31	-	250
Reinforcing Doses	-	-	147	147
<u>Immunisation against Whooping Cough</u>		<u>0 to 4</u>	<u>5 to 14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Completed		250	-	250
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>REINFORCING</u>		
	250	177		

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough.

2. National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47

No action had to be taken under this act.

SKELTON AND BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
COUNCIL OFFICES,
SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of
Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madames & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report to the Council
for the year 1972.

Some further progress was made with slum clearance when 52
houses in Park Street, Skelton, were included in a Clearance Area,
and the re-housing of the families was well under way by the end
of the year. However, there is a long way to go since there are
still over 900 unfit houses scheduled for clearance. I am pleased
to record that more than 160 of these, in Boosbeck and Brotton, are
to be dealt with in 1974/5.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the
Council for their encouragement during the year; to Mr. Winter, the
Rodent Operator, who has willingly carried out many other duties for
me; and to Mrs. J. Bennison, who has been of great help on the
clerical side.

Certain information in the report has been kindly provided by
your Surveyor and Treasurer.

J. H. RHODES.

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:-

TABLE 6

	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Dwellinghouses	109
Slaughterhouses	808
Factories	5
Food Premises	75
Water Supplies	11
Drainage and Sewerage	7
Pests	784
Infectious Diseases	20
Council house repairs (visits)	510
Offices & shops	32
Miscellaneous	274
	2635

WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of some outlying farms and cottages, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:-

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	5,670
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	-
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	20

Seven samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Skelton	2	2	-
Brotton	1	1	-
Moorsholm	1	1	-
Lingdale	2	2	-
Boosbeck	1	1	-

TABLE 9

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

Number of conversions carried out	..	..	..	..	14
Number of chemical closets remaining	..	..	..		7

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 810 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1973, the cost of the service was estimated at £29,317.

Other details relating to this service were:-

Trade refuse collected:-

Loads	..	..	..	867
Bins	..	..	..	2707

FACTORIES

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the

Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act.

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced.	Nil	-	-	-
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced.	17	5	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced.	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	5	-	-

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature ..	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation ..	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Sections 133 and 134

There are no outworkers in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table shows registrations and general inspections relating to the above Act.

TABLE 13

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	2	1
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	1
Retail Shops	29	23
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	4	4
Fuel storage depots	-	-

TABLE 14

Housing Appendix - Statistics

1.	<u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.</u>		
1 (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	18	
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	193	
2 (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated regulations, 1925 and 1932. ..	0	
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	0	
3	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	53	
4	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	18	
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices</u>		
1.	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	9	
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>		
(a)	Proceedings under Section 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957		
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0	
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notice		
(a)	By Owners	0	
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	0	
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts		
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2	
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices		
(a)	By Owners	-	
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	2	

Housing Statistics - continued

(c) Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition orders were made	0
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(iii)	Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing Orders	0
(iv)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	0

(d) Clearance Areas

(i)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas ..	52
(ii)	Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders ..	0
(iii)	Number of houses included in Clearance Orders Demolished ..	0
(iv)	Number of persons displaced	0
(v)	Number of families displaced	0

4. Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding

- (a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .. Not known
 (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year -

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made	..	..	..	..	94
Number of Improvement Grants refused	..	..	..	..	-
Number of Standard Grants made	..	..	..	..	79

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	..	..	28
Number of Private houses erected during year	..	..	152

Council Housing

The Council own 946 dwellings and 6 shops as follows:-

	<u>Houses</u>		<u>Bungalows</u>	<u>Flats</u>	<u>Shops</u>
	<u>2-Bed</u>	<u>3-Bed</u>			
Skelton	107	209	138	-	1
Brotton	16	234	54	19	5
Boosbeck	16	92	-	-	-
Lingdale	-	25	36	-	-
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	139	560	228	19	6
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Rehousing

No. of housing applicants at 31st December, 1972	..	201
No. of bungalow applicants at 31st December, 1972	..	263

Analysis of Waiting List

<u>Accommodation Required</u>	<u>No. of Applicants</u>
Bungalows	263
Houses	
Skelton	92
Lingdale	21
Boosbeck	23
Brotton	32
Hollybush	4
More than one estate	29

	201

FOOD

General

There are 111 food premises in the area, as classified under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises are as follows:-

Public Houses	19
Off-Licence Premises	8
Clubs (6 Workingmen's Clubs 4 Institutes)	10
Fish and Chip Shops	10
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers	62
Bakehouses	5
Ice Cream Retailers	63
Butchers	7
Greengrocers	2
Cafes and Canteens	2

75 visits were made to various food premises.

Milk

The Council are responsible for milk registration as shown in Table 15 and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 15

Milk Registration

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

(i) Number of samples of raw milk examined	6
(ii) Number of positive samples found	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are three private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. One slaughterhouse is being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area was 15,699 as compared with 16,206 in 1971 and 13,889 in 1970. 808 visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday visits.

The income for the year from meat inspection charges amounted to £996.08.

There are 7 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

Other Foods Condemned

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs</u>
1 tin Evaporated Milk	6	
1 " Casserole Stewed Steak		15½
1 " Fruit Cocktail	6	8
1 " Tongue		4
1 " Tomatoes		8
1 " Evaporated Milk		15
1 " Peas		10
1 " Swan Chopped Ham		12
1 " Milk Pudding		13½
3 Shapes	1	10
3 tins Heinz Beans	1	
2 " Co-op Evaporated Milk	1	14
1 " Co-op Rice		13½
1 jar Marmalade	1	
4 tins Heinz Baby Food	1	1
1 jar Picallili		10
1 tin Co-op Milk Pudding		15
1 tin Bounce		13
1 " Co-op Garden Peas		10
1 " Crown Meat		12
1 " Co-op Luncheon Meat		12
1 " Co-op Vegetables & Beef		8
1 jar Jam		8
1 Onions		6
1 tin Red Sail Shrimps		3¾
1 " Mirabelle Salmon		7½
1 jar spread		2
8 Dairy Vanilla Ice Creams		
7 Raspberry Ripples		
11 Choc. Bars		
22 Mousse		
12 Plain Vanilla		
16 Cornets		
34 Lollies		

31

7¾

TABLE 16

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2145	310	20	8821	4403	-
Total	2145	310	20	8821	4403	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci	-	1	-	6	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	106	17	-	72	102	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	4.94%	5.48%	-	0.81%	2.51%	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	14	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	0.32%	-
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 17

FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1972

	BEASTS		COWS		SHEEP		PIGS		TOTAL lb.
	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	
C. Bovis	-	74	-	38	-	-	-	-	112
Abcesses	-	675	-	-	12	-	10	-	697
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	12	-	4	-	16
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	103	110
Pyelonephritis	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Parasites	-	648	-	126	-	386	-	571	1731
Bact. Necrosis	-	38	-	46	-	-	-	-	84
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268	268
Angioma	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Septic pericarditis	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	7
Actinomycosis	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Miscellaneous	30	183	355	74	510	16	50	4	1222
Total	30	1691	355	284	534	410	64	951	4319
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration.	2136	-	878	-	-	-	-	-	3014

Adulteration

The Chief County Health Inspector reports that 20 samples of foods of various descriptions were taken in the Urban District and all proved to be satisfactory.

CLEAN AIR

No action was necessary.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council's sewers were treated twice and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" and "Alphakil" have been used to treat all infestations during 1972.

Details of work done are set out below:-

Properties Treated

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Domestic Premises	107	311
Business Premises	4	58
Farms	200	21
Building Sites	7	23
Schools	-	22

DISINFESTATIONS

Two infestations were dealt with during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There are two licensed sites in operation and two licences for individual caravans.

KNACKERS YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There are 7 persons registered as Scrap Metal Dealers under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

Premises at Moorsholm Mill, Moorsholm, are licensed under this Act.

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SCOTT METAL DEPOSITS

There are 7 persons registered as Scott Metal Depositors under the
State Metal Depositor Act, 1964.

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Persons at Hockley Hill, Hockley, are licensed under this Act.
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