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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH


for the

YEAR

1963.



J. McGovern,
Medical Officer of Health.



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ST.AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1963.

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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Urban
District of St.Austell.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the
Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the St.Austell
Urban District for the year 1963.

The report is, on the whole, a good one.
The Infant Mortality rate for the Urban District is lower than the rate for
England and Wales. The Infant Mortality rate is generally accepted as a reliable
index of the social standard of a community, consequently the low figure
recorded reflects credit on parental care also on the practitioner and nursing
services.

Council housing, as in many other areas,
is a commodity where the demand exceeds the supply, also many houses in the
area lag far behind the standards one would expect in the 1960's. However,
the slum clearance programme has made steady progress and the Council has
encouraged house owners to take advantage of the discretionary and standard
grants available. It is hoped that this policy of grants will be continued and
even accelerated in the future.

The considerable increase in population
which occurs in the summer season throws a strain on various Council services,
notably food inspection, water supplies, sewerage and public conveniences. It is
a pleasure for me to be able to report no outbreaks of infectious disease
associated with breakdown of these services during 1963. More and more people
are becoming conscious of the need for hand washing and one looks forward to the
day when all public conveniences will be provided with hot water facilities.

During the year 100% meat inspection
was carried out, and since 1st October 1963 meat inspection is not only a duty
of the Local Authority, but is obligatory.

I should like to take this opportunity
to thank my colleagues in the other departments for their help and cooperation,
and most especially must I thank Mr. Watts and the Public Health Department
for their unfailing support. It is opportune to point out that Mr. Watts has
supplied a considerable part of this report.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

I wish to express thanks to the Public Health Committee for their courtesy and interest at all times.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant

J. McGOVERN.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	18,379
Population	25,300
Number of Inhabited Houses	8,865
Rateable Value	£760,795
Product of Penny Rate	£3,075

<u>Live Births</u>	M	F	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 Population</u> <u>St. Austell</u> <u>U.D.C.</u>	<u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u>
Legitimate	170	167	337	14.23	
Illegitimate	14	9	23		
Rate corrected for comparison with other areas				15.94	18.2
Illegitimate births per cent of total live births				6.4	6.9

<u>Still births</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 Live & Still Births</u>				
Legitimate	5	3	8	24.4	17.2
Illegitimate	0	1	1		
Total Live & Still Births	189	180	369		

<u>Infant Deaths</u>					
Legitimate	1	3	4		
Illegitimate	2	0	2		
Rate per 1,000 total live births				16.66	21.1
Rate per 1,000 total legitimate births				11.87	-
Rate per 1,000 total illegitimate births				86.9	-

<u>Neo-natal rate</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 Live Births.</u>				
Infant deaths under 4 weeks	3	1	4	11.1	14.2

<u>Early Neo-Natal rate</u>					
Infant deaths under 1 week	1	1	2	5.55	12.2

<u>Peri-Natal rate</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 Live & Still Births</u>				
Still births and deaths under 1 week	6	5	11	29.8	29.3

<u>Maternal Mortality</u>	Nil	0.0	0.28
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<u>Deaths (all ages & causes)</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 population</u>				
	220	193	413	16.3	

Corrected for comparison with other areas	13.	12.2
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CAUSES OF DEATH

The following is an abbreviated list of the causes of death of persons of all ages:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis-respiratory	0	0	0
2. Tuberculosis-other	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic Disease	1	0	1
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8. Measles	0	0	0
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	0	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	4	12
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	3	11
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	4	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	4	4
14. Other Malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	22	14	36
15. Leukæmia, Aleukaemia	1	1	2
16. Diabetes	1	3	4
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	33	32	65
18. Coronary disease, angina	51	18	69
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	8	11
20. Other heart disease	49	54	103
21. Other circulatory disease	3	11	14
22. Influenza	1	2	3
23. Pneumonia	2	7	9
24. Bronchitis	9	5	14
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	0	2
26. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	3	0	3
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	2	0	2
28. Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	0	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	0	2
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations	1	2	3
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	16	24
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	0	4
34. All other accidents	2	5	7
35. Suicide	2	0	2
36. Homicide & operations of war	0	0	0
	<u>220</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>413</u>

Principal Causes of Death

Heart Diseases	183
Cancer (all forms)	69
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	65
Diseases of Respiratory System	28

The following table gives the distribution of deaths over various age groups.

<u>Age group at death</u>	<u>Number Dying in Age Groups.</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
0 - 1 year	3	3
1 - 4 years	1	
5 - 14 years		1
15 - 24 years	3	1
25 - 34 years	2	2
35 - 44 years	7	3
45 - 54 years	13	11
55 - 64 years	36	21
65 - 74 years	59	41
75 and over	96	110

CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE
YEAR OF AGE

Cause of Death

Congenital Malformations	2
Accident	1
Other defined and ill-defined causes	3
viz:- Multiple Abnormalities	1
Haemorrhagic Disease of Newborn	1
Hirschsprung's Disease	1

SECTION A.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

AREA - (in acres) 18,379

The St. Austell Urban District comprises the town of St. Austell which is surrounded by a belt of open country in which, near the boundaries, are situated smaller communities viz: Bugle, Penwithick, St. Blazey and Tywardreath circling from inland towards the sea, while along the coast from Par to Mevagissey there are the villages of Crinnis, Charlestown, Porthpean and Pentewan.

The ports of Par and Charlestown are kept busy shipping the products of the main industry of the area viz: china clay, while Mevagissey deals with the fishing trade. The whole area is popular as a seaside resort and the coastline, with its many coves and bays provides the visitors with an ever changing series of picture postcard views. The summer population is consequently greatly increased, and the tourist trade is a valuable source of income. The climate is mild and proves a source of attraction for retired people.

POPULATION - 25,300.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES.

According to the Rate Book, the number of inhabited houses in the district was 8,865 the rateable value being £760,795 which gives £3075 penny rate.

CLIMATE

MONTH

RAINFALL 1963.

January	0.83
February	4.46
March	6.79
April	4.78
May	1.41
June	2.80
July	3.07
August	5.10
September	1.64
October	3.52
November	9.53
December	2.73

46.66

Monthly average

3.89

Number of wet days 209

SECTION B.

GENERAL DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Medical Officer of Health

J. McGovern, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Area Health Office,
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ST.AUSTELL
Telephone - St.Austell
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2. Senior Public Health Inspector

C.H.Watts, C.R.San.I., Cert.Meat & Food Inspector.

3. Additional Public Health Inspectors

L.H.Sturtridge, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.
Cert. Meat & Food Inspector.

C.F.Quantrell, M.A.P.H.I., A.M.R.S.H.,
Cert. Meat & Food Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These were available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary where all material for investigation was sent.

PROPHYLACTICS

Supplies of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus prophylactics were available in various combinations. Poliomyelitis vaccine became available in adequate amounts. Supplies were available to Medical Practitioners at the Area Health Office, St.Austell, on request.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This service is controlled with other areas east of Truro from Bodmin. There has been no change in the method of obtaining help and the service maintained it's high efficiency.

NURSING AND OTHER SERVICES IN THE HOME

These services have worked well throughout the year.
The establishment was as follows:-
(Contd).

	District Nurse Midwife Health Visitor	Health Visitor (Full-Time)	General Nurse & Midwife	Total
Mevagissey	1	-	-	1
St. Blazey & Tywardreath	3	-	-	3
St. Austell & Treverbyn	2	3	3	8

All Nurses, as circumstances permit, are sent for further training or for practical post-certificate courses.

DOMICILLARY MIDWIFERY

The Domicillary Midwifery service was maintained throughout the year.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Children and old people discharged from hospital are followed up until fit.

ANTE AND POST-NATAL CARE

An ante-natal clinic was held weekly at Moorland Road, by a Specialist Obstetrician. In addition a weekly clinic was held by midwives. Relaxation classes have been established at Par, and in St. Austell. The Mothers Club continued to flourish and the Monthly meetings were very successful. These meetings act as a medium for Health Education and Recreation.

INFANT CHILD WELFARE

Regular clinics are held at St. Austell, Bethel and Par. Emphasis is placed on health education.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This service continued much in demand and contributed in no small measure to the comfort of the aged, many of whom would otherwise be unable to carry on living in their own homes.

CARE OF OLD PEOPLE

The voluntary agencies in the Urban District perform great service to the older members of the community. The meals service continued regularly also the chiropody service.

HOSPITALS

The only hospital in the area is the St. Austell District Hospital which deals with general medical and surgical cases. Cases requiring further examination and special treatment are sent to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. Maternity cases go to Redruth and infectious diseases requiring isolation treatment are sent to the Isolation Hospital at Truro. Cases of Tuberculosis and other chest conditions are admitted to Tehidy where accommodation is now more than adequate. The construction of a maternity block for the new hospital has been approved and it is due to open in 1964.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

(a) Clinics held at Moorland Road are as follows:-

Ante-natal and Gynaecology	Every Monday
Orthopaedic	Every Tuesday
Child Welfare	First, Third & Fifth Wednesday of each month
Speech Therapy	Every Wednesday
E.N.T.	As required
Dental	Daily
Child Guidance	Every Monday and Thursday
Psychiatric	Tuesday afternoons & Thursday mornings
Family Planning	Third and Fourth Friday evening and second Monday afternoon.

(b) Clinics held at the Hospital

General Medical & Surgical	Daily
Orthopaedic	Monday-fore-noon
Veneral Diseases	Tuesday afternoons
Tuberculosis	Monday afternoon
Skin Clinic	Thursday mornings

SECTION C.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

WATER

The water supply in the district is soft and the high silica content provides a natural check on plumbo-solvency. Plastic or copper tubing are the standard materials used for drinking supplies, lead pipes being prohibited.

The greater part of the water supplying the district is derived from the Fowey River. The higher Northern part is supplied from reservoirs at Penwithick and Carloggas which in turn receive water from a disused clay pit. Six samples of water are taken per week by Engineering staff. Most houses in the district have a piped water supply, but certain outlying areas are still without this modern necessity.

Water mains at Penhale, Carloggas, Nettles Corner, Rescorla, Kerrow Moor and Carveor Moor were renewed and extensions at Bodelva, Stenalees, Blowinghouse Hill, Tregiskey, The Mount, Biscovey Housing site and the Town Centre were completed. The Polharmon reservoir was linked to the Fowey River main.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Par Beach/Polmear scheme was completed. Sewer extensions at Cuddra and School Lane, Tregrehan were completed and sewer laying at Biscovey Housing site commenced.

In addition the Rescorla Sewage Disposal Works were reconstructed.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection has been carried out as required and a total of 2 houses were disinfected during the year.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

This service was well maintained throughout the year. The work done was as follows:-

(a) Private Dwellings

180 Treatments were carried out free of charge to the householder

(b) Business Premises

83 Treatments were carried out and the cost charged to the firms concerned. Most occupiers of these premises have agreements with the Local Authority for regular treatments.

(c) Sewers

The twice yearly baiting of sewers was carried out in May and October. The sewers were found to be in a very satisfactory condition. These treatments were administered under the 'Block Control' System as advised by the Ministry's Pest Officer in the interest of economy.

(d) Refuse Disposal Works

These were regularly surveyed and treatments carried out as required.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This activity is under the supervision of the Surveyor. A weekly refuse collection is in operation throughout the Urban Area, but in certain very congested places in Mevagissey, where there is no storage accommodation, collections are made three times a week. The refuse is disposed of at tips at Mevagissey and Par.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Urban District is moderately well served with conveniences, which are supervised by the Surveyor's Staff. A twice daily cleansing service is maintained in the town area and at Par and Mevagissey during the summer months.

SECTION D.

HOUSING

Applications from young people without separate homes heavily outweigh all other applications and overcrowding through the occupation of reasonably fit houses by two or more families is a major problem. Types required are as follows:-

1 Bedroom Type	150
2 Bedroom Type	285
3 Bedroom Type	92
4 Bedroom Type	7

534

The housing shortage in the Urban District has not been relieved on account of the cessation of Council House building for a period. However, with the start of Council house construction the prospect of making inroads on the housing list in 1964 is much more cheerful.

The Council owns 1,914 houses and development is still proceeding.

Details of house construction in the area during 1963 were as follows:-

Dwellings erected by the Council	11
Dwellings erected by private enterprise	173

129 houses were in course of construction by the Council and 124 by private enterprise.

SLUM CLEARANCE

During the year ,37 persons, comprising 12 families living in unfit houses were rehoused by the Council. 20% of the dwellings allocated by the Council were let to Slum Clearance tenants.

8 dwellings were represented to the Council as being unfit for human habitation and 7 Closing Orders and 1 Demolition Order were made.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT

The daily visits by your Inspectors to the licensed slaughterhouses within the district, for the purpose of meat inspection, continued throughout the year. In order to maintain 100% meat inspection service your Inspectors found it necessary to work late evenings and Sundays.

A large percentage of the animals slaughtered was for export to other towns and to the London Market.

The following table summarises the results of meat inspection.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2027	394	1315	7059	7527
Number Inspected	2027	394	1315	7059	7527
All diseases except T.B. & Cysticercosis					
(i) Whole carcasses condemned	1	14	4	26	9
(ii) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	124	113	10	31	173
Percentage of number insp. affected with diseases other than T.B. & Cysticercosis	6.1%	32.2%	1%	0.81%	2.43%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
(i) Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	65
Percentage of number insp. affected with T.B.	-	-	-	-	0.86%
<u>Cysticercosis only</u>					
(i) Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-
(ii) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	11	4	-	-	-
Percentage of number insp. affected with Cysticercosis	0.59%	1%	-	-	-
Gross weight meat condemned in lbs.	3760	8297	284	1352	2798

SECTION E. (Contd)

ICE CREAM

Premises at which Ice-cream is manufactured and retailed, received continued attention by the Health Inspectors during the year. Collection of samples was maintained during the season and these were submitted to the Methylene-Blue Reduction Test at the Pathological Department, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro in accordance with Ministry of Health Testing and Advisory Scheme.

The results of these tests are shown below.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	38
2	4
3	0
4	0

SECTION F.

Prevalence of, and control over

Infectious and other Diseases.

The following notifications of infectious diseases were received:-

Measles	88
Pneumonia	2

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The table shown below gives by year of birth the number of persons who were immunised.

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1954-58	1949-53.	Total
Primary	106	187	22	6	3	77	86	487
Booster		5	17	7	12	486	197	724

An attempt is being made to have all children immunised against tetanus. As tetanus antigen only became available in 1955, this means a greatly extended programme in the schools. It is considered well worth while to avoid unpleasant symptoms which may arise should it be necessary to give anti-tetanus serum.

The level of protection against diphtheria is still much too low.

POLIOMYELITIS

Oral vaccine has almost entirely replaced salk vaccine.

SMALLPOX

A total of 128 primary vaccinations and 59 re-vaccinations were carried out during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

The total number of cases in the register at the 31st December 1963 was as follows:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Male	81(80)	9(9)
Female	50(50)	18(17)
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	131(130)	27(26)

Figures for 1962 are given in brackets.

SECTION F. (Contd)

The table given below shows the age and sex distribution of new cases and of deaths during 1963.

Age Group	New Cases						Deaths					
	Respiratory		Meninges		Other		Respiratory		Meninges		Other	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 - 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 24	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 - 44	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
45 - 64	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Over 64	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

In addition to the above, changes in the register were caused by recoveries and movements into and out of the district.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Transfers in	0	0	0	0
Transfers out	0	0	0	0
Recoveries	2	3	0	1

TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION

The Cornwall County Council for several years past has offered B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis to all suitable school leavers following preliminary skin testing. The suitable children are those who have not had previous B.C.G. vaccination or previous tubercular infection, and therefore react negatively. In 1963 it was decided to lower the age groups to the 11 and 12 year old children. 1319 Children were examined and 931 received B.C.G. vaccine. These figures are for Health Area IV and not St. Austell Urban District only, since the St. Austell schools receive many pupils from the surrounding Rural District.

ACCIDENTS IN AND AROUND THE HOME.

The Committee has continued to meet and discuss ways and means of preventing home accidents. There are many difficulties to be surmounted including the primary one of ascertaining the number of accidents and how they occur.

It is considered that our best way to proceed is to adopt the same procedure as with road accidents and to make the children conscious of the danger from their earliest years.

This is being done by having talks in schools by Health Visitors, by appointing children as Home Safety Officers, giving them a little booklet on accident prevention and by having ample publicity material.

The parents are approached through posters and lectures at meetings of various organisations.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

1. INSPECTIONS

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (Including Inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. in Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	48	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	213	59	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	10	10	-	-
	271	81	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Section 110				Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in Aug. list	No. of cases of default in sending list to Council	No. of Prosecutions	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	No. of Prosecutions.
<u>Wearing apparel</u>						
A. Making of etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-
B. Cleaning and washing of	-	-	-	-	-	-

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of the St.Austell Urban District Council
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my
twenty-sixth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1963.

A total of 6,482 visits were made
by your Inspectors during the year. The majority of these visits were made in
carrying out their Statutory duties under the Public Health, Housing, Food and
Drugs Acts and Regulations.

1. HOUSING

Visits to, and inspections of,
houses, occupied a great deal of time.

A. SLUM CLEARANCE

8 Dwellings were represented to the
Council as being unfit for human habitation and 11 Demolition and 7 Closing Orders
were made.

17 Houses subject to Demolition Orders
and 8 houses included in Clearance Orders were demolished.

B. CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

1 Application for a Certificate was
received but when the landlord was informed of the Council's intention to issue
the Certificate an undertaking to remedy the disrepair was submitted and
accepted.

2. MEAT INSPECTION

A considerable amount of your Inspectors time has been devoted to this important aspect of their work. In order to maintain 100% inspection of all carcasses and offal of animals slaughtered, it has been necessary, once again, to work during the evenings of each weekday and every Sunday throughout the year.

A total of 18,322 animals were slaughtered during the year. This is an increase of 2,888 on the previous year.

1104 Visits were paid to the slaughterhouses in the district when the following carcasses and offal were inspected.

<u>BOVINE</u>	3736
a) Steers	1505
b) Heifers	521
c) Cows	394
d) Calves	1315
e) Bulls	1
<u>SHEEP</u>	7059
<u>PIGS</u>	7527
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	18,322
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The following table shows the comparison between 1961, 1962 and 1963.

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
<u>BOVINE</u>	2,996	2,934	3,736
a) Steers	1,664	1,502	1,505
b) Heifers	519	502	521
c) Cows	281	331	394
d) Calves	531	595	1,315
e) Bulls	1	4	1
<u>SHEEP</u>	5,572	6,562	7,059
<u>PIGS</u>	7,575	5,938	7,527
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	16,143	15,434	18,322
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As a result of these inspections the following were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

- 2 Cow carcasses and all offal
- 1 Cow carcase and all offal
- 10 Cow carcasses and all organs
- 1 Cow carcase and all offal
- 1 Calf carcase and all offal
- 1 Calf carcase and all offal
- 1 Calf carcase and all offal
- 1 Calf carcase
- 1 Heifer carcase and all offal
- 1 Casualty heifer carcase and all offal
- 1 Calf liver
- 23 Bovine livers
- 46 Part bovine livers
- 31 Bovine livers
- 16 Bovine livers
- 8 Bovine livers
- 1 Bovine liver
- 13 Part bovine livers
- 15 Bovine livers
- 2 Bovine livers
- 3 Bovine livers
- 1 Bovine liver
- 1 Bovine liver
- 5 Bovine livers
- 1 Set of bovine lungs
- 19 Sets of bovine lungs
- 8 Sets of bovine lungs
- 2 Sets of bovine lungs
- 15 Bovine heads and tongues
- 9 Bovine heads and tongues
- 10 Bovine heads and tongues
- 7 Bovine hearts
- 5 Bovine hearts
- 1 Bovine heart
- 1 Bovine heart
- 1 Bovine heart
- 1 Bovine spleen
- 1 Set bovine lungs and heart
- 1 Bovine diaphragm
- 1 Bovine heart
- 1 Bovine liver
- 1 Bovine diaphragm
- 1 Set of bovine lungs
- 1 Bovine spleen
- 1 Bovine tail
- 6 Bovine tails
- 6 Bovine lungs
- 5 Bovine diaphragms
- 6 Bovine spleens
- 6 Bovine livers
- 4 Bovine hearts
- 3 Bovine Heads and Tongues

Acute septic mastitis
 Haemorrhage and acute fever
 Fevered and emaciated
 Injured and fevered
 Haemorrhagic enteritis
 Fevered and emaciated
 Uracnia
 Decomposed
 Generalised cysticercus bovis
 Septic pleurisy, fevered
 Abscesses
 Distomatosis
 Distomatosis
 Cavernous angiomatosis
 Angiomatosis
 Cirrhosis
 Fatty infiltration
 Cirrhosis
 Abscesses
 Bacterial necrosis
 Distomatosis and cirrhosis
 Immature fluke
 Cirrhotic spot
 Cloudy swelling
 Pleurisy with adhesions
 Abscesses
 Pleurisy
 Emphysema
 Actinomycosis
 Actinobacillosis
 Cysticercus bovis
 Pericarditis
 Cysticercus bovis
 Adhesions
 Actinomycosis
 Ulcerated endocarditis
 Inflammation
 Traumatic pericarditis
 Cysticercus bovis
 Offal from steer carcase affected with
 localised cysticercus bovis due to failure
 to store for prescribed time and
 temperature.

This offal from carcasses found to be
 affected with localised infestations
 of cysticercus bovis, was voluntarily
 surrendered as the owners were not
 prepared to submit to the prescribed
 cold storage treatment.

49 lbs leg of beef	Severe bruising and internal haemorrhage due to fractured leg
30 lbs shoulder of beef	Decomposing
53 lbs hind quarter of steer	Bruised and blood extravasations
55 lbs forequarter of beef	Decomposing
85 lbs of beef	Decomposing
104 lbs hindquarter of steer	Bone taint
457 lbs hindquarter of beef	Bone taint
85 lbs forequarter of beef	Severe bruising
1 Pig carcass and all offal	Emaciation
1 Pig carcass and all offal	Peritonitis and fevered
1 Sow carcass and all organs	Emaciated
2 Pig carcasses and all offal	Fevered and emaciated
1 Sow carcass and all organs	Fevered
1 Pig carcass	Decomposed
1 Pig carcass and all offal	Acute septic pneumonia
1 Casualty sow carcass and all offal	Acute fever and nephritis
67 Pigs heads	Tuberculosis
72 Pigs plucks	Pleurisy with adhesions
38 Pigs hearts	Pericarditis
40 Pigs livers	Milk spot
3 Pigs livers	Cirrhosis
8 Sets of pigs lungs	Pneumonia
2 Sets of pigs lungs	Pleurisy
1 Pair sows kidneys	Hydronephrosis
1 Set pigs kidneys	Petechial haemorrhages
1 Pair pigs kidneys	Hydronephrosis
53 lbs of pork	Septic abscesses
3 Pigs stomachs and intestines	Peritonitis
56 lbs of pork from casualty pig	Severe bruising
20 lbs of pork	Subcutaneous abscesses
40 lbs hindquarter of pig	Broken pelvis and severe bruising
38 lbs forequarter of pig	Broken leg and severe bruising
16 lbs leg of pork	Abscesses
1 Sheep carcass and all offal	Imperfect bleeding
3 Ewe carcasses and all offal	Severe bruising
10 Ewe carcasses and all offal	Fevered and emaciated
1 Ewe carcass and all offal	Moribund
1 Ewe carcass and all organs	Severe and extensive injuries
3 Ewe carcasses	Emaciated
1 Ewe carcass and all organs	Acute fever
1 Ram carcass and all organs	Fevered
2 Lamb carcasses	Bone taint
4 Sheep carcasses	Fevered and emaciated
1 Sheep liver	Petechial haemorrhage
1 Ewe liver	Fatty infiltration
7 Sheep livers	Distomatosis
1 Ewe liver	Distomatosis
4 Parts of sheep livers	Distomatosis
1 Sheep pluck	Pleurisy
3 Sheep plucks	Abscesses
1 Sheep heart	Pericarditis
4 Sets of sheep lungs	Abscesses
1 Set of ewe lungs	Pleurisy

3. THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

There were 26 licensed slaughtermen on the register at the end of the year.

4. OTHER FOODS

Numerous routine visits were paid to wholesale and retail premises for the examination of foodstuffs and as a result the following were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qtrs</u>	<u>Lbs</u>	<u>Ozs</u>	
483 Tins of meat		17	3	25	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	} Damaged Blown and Leaking
794 Tins of fruit		11	1	17	4	
355 Tins of vegetables		2	3	24	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
106 Tins of			1	26	11	
45 Tins of soup			1	11	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
60 Tins of rice pudding			2	4	2	
31 Tins of cream				13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 Tins of marmalade				24	0	} Cracked and Broken
36 Tins of milk			1	21	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2 Tins of coffee					4	
2 Jars of pickle				1	1	
2 Jars Essence of rennet					12	
2 Bottles of lemon juice				1	2	} Rancid
60 Jars of jam			2	4	0	
Cheese				6	3	
4 Packets of cheese				1	12	} Decomposed.
Fresh fish		4	2	21	0	
54 Packets of pre-packed bacon				27	0	
Bacon			3	18	0	
Ham				3	2	} Packets split.
4 Packets of breakfast cereal				1	6	
12 Packets of sponge pudding				6	3	
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	2	1	0	7	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
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5. FISH INSPECTION

During the year 92 half casks of pickled pilchards 242 lbs of crayfish, 13,188 lbs of crab, 4,481 lbs of crawfish and 3,776 lbs of lobsters were exported from Newagissey to the Continent.

6. ICE CREAM

A total of 42 samples of ice-cream were collected and submitted for bacteriological examination. The results of these tests were as follows:-

Provisional Grade I	38
" II	4
" III	0
" IV	0

Table for comparison with previous years.

	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
1961	83.0%	17.0%	0.0%	0.0%
1962	88.6%	11.4%	0.0%	0.0%
1963	90.5%	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%

During the year 7 premises were registered for the storage and retail sale of ice-cream making a total of 167 registered premises within the Urban District.

7. CAMPING SITES

22 Licences in respect of 63 residential caravans were granted by the Council during the year. These were in addition to the 39 licences granted in respect of 122 residential and 1004 holiday caravans during previous years and which were valid through 1963.

8. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

The destruction of rats and mice continued throughout the year.

Warfarin was used as the chief rodenticide but zinc phosphide was employed on refuse tips, sewage works and sewers.

325 Properties were inspected or surveyed and 280 were found to be infested with rats or mice. All of these infestations were cleared up by the normal treatment methods.

The public sewers of the district were test baited during May and October and only 9 complete or partial takes were recorded which indicated that the rat population of the sewers was of very limited numbers.

	<u>Manholes</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>October</u>
1.	Testbaited	139	144
2.	Bait Taken	4	5

9. WATER SUPPLIES

Of the 106 samples obtained from mains supplies 3 were unsatisfactory and of the 64 samples obtained from private supplies 14 were unsatisfactory.

In all cases where the results were unsatisfactory the consumers were advised to boil the water before using it for drinking purposes.

10. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

46 Applications for Discretionary and 41 for Standard Grants were approved.

Improvements in respect of 59 applications were completed and the Council contributed £11,000 towards the cost of the work involved.

The Council is to be congratulated in its foresight in continuing to encourage house owners to improve their property with financial assistance.

11. STAFF

The Staff of Inspectors during the year consisted of myself, Mr. L.H. Sturtridge and Mr. C.F. Quantrell.

12. CONCLUSION

I would now take the opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council for their help and support given during the year, and also to Dr. McGovern for his invaluable help and co-operation at all times. Also I would like to thank Mr. Saunders, Mr. King, my colleagues, Messrs Sturtridge and Quantrell and all members of the staff for their loyal co-operation and support.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

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TABLE NO. 1.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICTVISITS

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Food Poisoning	-	1	-
Mink Farms	-	9	7
Waste Food Plants	22	10	3
Public Conveniences	3	14	11
Slaughterhouses	33	21	5
Water Supply	241	278	235
Drainage	1,515	1,448	1,237
Stables and Piggeries	14	41	41
Fried Fish Shops	17	7	16
Camping and Caravan Sites	212	357	272
Factories and Workshops	131	66	59
Workplaces	5	19	10
Outworkers	-	2	2
Theatres and Places of entertainment	26	25	17
Licensed Premises	3	13	28
Refuse Disposal and Collection	40	50	85
Rats and Mice	55	33	61
Atmospheric pollution	0	2	12
Mobile Shops	-	1	-
Schools	7	-	6
Shops Act	19	143	59
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	196	235	176
Appointments and interviews	272	232	209
Petroleum Acts	81	49	90
Insect Pests	15	-	15
Vermineous premises	21	9	-
Bakehouses	15	25	19
Public Health Acts	558	396	380
Housing Acts	1,193	953	870
Infectious Diseases	16	2	1
Swimming Pools	1	5	4
Sites	2	11	39
Pet Shops	-	2	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	10
<u>Inspection of meat at:-</u>			
a) Slaughterhouses	1,353	1,037	1,108
b) Shops and Stalls	5	9	-
<u>Inspection of Food Premises:-</u>			
Butchers	55	46	58
Canteens	1	5	7
Dairies and Milk Distributors	73	67	54
Fishmongers and poulterers	151	134	137
Food Preparing Premises	145	181	156
Grocers	267	185	188
Greengrocers and fruiterers	317	281	252

TABLE NO. 1 (Continued)

Inspection of Food Premises: (Cont)

	1961	1962	1963
Ice-cream premises	89	88	95
Restaurants	19	61	159
Wholesalers	39	37	44
Institutions	-	2	3
Foodshops	34	7	-
School Canteens	-	-	5
Miscellaneous food visits	-	-	9

Sampling:

a) Milk	1	-	1
b) Ice-cream	30	44	42
c) Water	201	210	184
d) Food	-	-	1

7,493 6,853 6,482

TABLE NO. 2.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 and 1961

VERBAL, INFORMAL AND STATUTORY NOTICES

The following table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisance and the removal of conditions dangerous and injurious to health:-

<u>Notices</u>	<u>No. Served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>	<u>Work done by the Council in default</u>
Verbal	91	90	-
Informal	43	28	-
Statutory	14	18	-

TABLE NO. 3.

DRAINAGE, SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
No. of houses and premises re-drained	51	56	57
Repairs and amendments to existing drains	101	59	87
Drains or gullies unstopped and cleansed	36	49	55
Length in yards stoneware drains laid	1,940	919	380
Manholes provided	187	112	86
New manhole covers	112	106	87
Intercepting traps fixed	12	17	7
New gully traps fixed	139	109	92
Soil pipes and vent shafts fixed	81	71	69
Soil pipes and vent shafts repaired	5	3	5
Water tests applied	16	21	9
Smoke tests applied	5	44	20
Length in yards iron drains laid	235	108	191
New W.C. accommodation provided	189	110	90
New W.C. apartments provided	50	35	41
New W.C. pedestals provided	119	112	98
W.C.'s. cleansed and repaired	12	14	6
New flushing cisterns provided	124	111	95
Flushing cisterns repaired	3	5	6
Baths provided	76	66	74
Lavatory basins provided	79	109	93
Sinks provided	64	78	149
New waste pipes provided	209	210	161
Existing waste pipes trapped	2	5	2
Pail closets and/or middens abolished	53	29	36
Urinals provided	2	1	3
Septic tanks provided	18	15	12
Septic tanks repaired	-	-	1
Cesspools emptied	49	53	149
Length in yards pitch-fibre pipes	-	-	49
New roofs provided	23	39	31
Chimney stacks repaired	32	48	37
Roofs repaired	48	46	39
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired	68	76	69
Rainwater pipes disconnected or repaired	53	77	43
Damp wall remedied	107	45	78
Ventilation under floors provided	1	-	-
Yards paved	26	44	44
Yards repaired	29	24	33
Floors of rooms repaired	63	71	75
Floors of rooms relaid	37	46	59
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	131	127	140
New windows provided	87	110	110
Windows repaired	50	68	60
Plaster of walls or ceiling repaired	233	239	237
Doors repaired or renewed	67	98	88
Ventilated food store provided	62	57	65

TABLE NO. 3. (Continued)

	1961	1962	1963
Staircase provided or repaired	13	21	27
Water service pipes repaired	54	65	73
Dustbins provided	35	43	37
Nuisances - animals	8	3	9
Nuisances - refuse	12	11	19
Bakehouses cleansed	2	-	3
Cowsheds and dairies cleansed	-	-	-
Fish Fryers premises cleansed	1	-	1
Insufficient water supply remedied	20	21	23
Grates, ranges, coppers renewed or repaired	39	38	51
Rooms disinfected	1	-	1
Rooms disinfested	2	7	1
Hot water supplies provided	43	47	50
Sites cleared	-	-	8

TABLE NO. 4.

HOUSING

	1961	1962	1963
1. <u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</u>			
(A) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	559	270	294
(B) Number of visits made for the purpose	1,354	938	956
2. <u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>			
(A) Proceedings under Sections 9 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3	-	-
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice			
a) by owners	1	-	-
b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	-	-	-
(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts	3	19	5
(C) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957	12	33	5
(D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957			
i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	-	7

TABLE NO. 4. (Continued)

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
<u>3. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding</u>			
(a) Number of dwellings statutorily overcrowded at the end of the year	18	23	20
Number of families dwelling therein	28	32	29
Number of persons dwelling therein	90	106	94
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	8	9	12
(c) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	10	12	6
(d) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider to report	-	-	-

TABLE NO. 5.

RENT ACT, 1957

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
<u>Applications for Certificates of Disrepair</u>			
Received	4	4	11
Decisions not to issue	-	-	-
Decisions to issue in respect of			
a) Some defects	3	4	-
b) All defects	1	-	-
Undertakings received and accepted	2	11	1
Undertakings received and refused	-	-	-
Certificates of disrepair issued	2	3	-
Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	-	2	-
Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	-	-	-
Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections	-	-	-
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	-	2	-

TABLE NO. 6.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

	Applications Approved	Works Completed	Council's Contribution to cost £
Discretionary	46	36	7,838
Standard	41	23	3,162
Total	87	59	11,000

TABLE NO. 7.

RODENT CONTROL

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Hses (inc Council Hses)	(3) All other (inc. busin- ess premises)	(4) Total of 1,2,&3
A. No of proerties as a result of:-				
1. Notification	12	198	57	267
2. Survey under Act.	12	7	39	58
3. Otherwise	-	-	-	-
B. Total inspections carried out including reinspections	85	737	354	1,176
C. No of properties inspected (Sect. A) which were found to be infested by				
(Major	-	-	-	-
1. Rats (Minor	17	171	75	263
(Major	-	-	-	-
2. Mice (Minor	-	9	8	17
D. No. of infested properties (in Sect. C.) treated by L.A.	17	180	83	280