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ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH


for the

YEAR

1965.

J. McGovern,

Medical Officer of Health.



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To the Chairman and Councillors of the

St. Austell Urban District Council

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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 1965.

The vital statistics regarding the state of health of mothers and children are on a par with the rest of England and Wales.

The slum clearance programme proceeded steadily throughout the year and conformed to the envisaged 10 years programme started in 1955. The Council house building programme which speeded up in 1965 has relieved the more urgent waiting list. The mortgage scheme which the Council operated enabled many people to resolve their housing needs, while the applications for improvement grants, increased in comparison with the previous year.

100% meat inspection was maintained.

Mr. Sturtridge has completed his first year as Chief Public Health Inspector since Mr. Watts retired in December, 1964. The consequent changes in organisation of the Health department have proceeded smoothly.

I wish to thank my colleagues in other departments for their cooperation and most especially the members of the Public Health Department for their unfailing support.

I should also like to thank 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	25,760
Number of inhabited houses	9,068
Rateable Value	£848,735
Product of Penny Rate	£3,442

<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	205	177	382	} 407	15.8
Illegitimate	15	10	25		
Rate corrected for comparison with other areas					17.7
Illegitimate births per cent of total live births					6.14

<u>Still births</u>	<u>Rate 1000 live and still births</u>				
Legitimate	4	1	5	12.1	15.8
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
<u>Total live & still births</u>	224	188	412		

<u>Infant Deaths</u>					
Legitimate	4	4	8	} 8	
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
Rate per 1,000 total live births				19.65	19.0
Rate per 1,000 total legitimate births				20.9	-
Rate per 1,000 total illegitimate births				0	-

<u>Neo-natal rate</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 live births</u>				
Infant deaths under 4 weeks	3	4	7	17.0	13.0

<u>Early Neo-natal rate</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 live & still births</u>				
Infant deaths under 1 week	3	3	6	14.7	11.3

<u>Peri-natal rate</u>	<u>Rate 1,000 live & still births</u>				
Still births & deaths under 1 week	7	4	11	26.7	26.9

<u>Maternal Mortality</u>		0	0		0	0.25
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<u>Deaths</u>					
All ages and causes	208	208	416	16.0	
Corrected for comparison with other areas				11.84	11.5

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	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	4	9
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	3	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	22	17	39
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0	0
16. Diabetes	3	2	5
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	27	40	67
18. Coronary disease, angina	39	27	66
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	4	6
20. Other heart diseases	49	72	121
21. Other circulatory disease	11	7	18
22. Influenza	0	0	0
23. Pneumonia	9	7	16
24. Bronchitis	13	1	14
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	1	5
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	0	4
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	0	0	0
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations	1	1	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	13	22
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	0	2
34. All other accidents	3	2	5
35. Suicide	0	1	1
36. Homocide and operations of war	0	0	0
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	208	208	416
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Principal Causes of Death

Heart Diseases	193
Cancer (all forms)	58
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	67
Diseases of Respiratory System	35

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>
Under 4 weeks	3	4
4 weeks - 1 year	1	0
1 - 4 years	0	0
5 - 14 years	1	0
15 - 24 years	3	0
25 - 34 years	2	0
35 - 44 years	4	2
45 - 54 years	5	7
55 - 64 years	37	17
65 - 74 years	61	55
75 and over	91	123

CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER

ONE YEAR OF AGE

<u>Cause of death</u>	
Pneumonia	2
Congenital Malformations	1
Defined and ill-defined causes	5

DEATH RATE PER MILLION POPULATION

	<u>St. Austell</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	42
Other Tuberculosis	0	6
Cancer of lung and bronchus	349	553
Other Cancer	1,900	1,674
All Cancers	2,250	2,227

SECTION 4.

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 coast-line, 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 - 25,760

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

According to the Rate Book, the number of inhabited houses in the District was 9,068 the rateable value being £848,735 which gives £3,442 penny rate.

CLIMATE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>RAINFALL</u>
January	6.66
February	0.16
March	4.51
April	1.65
May	3.54
June	2.82
July	4.88
August	3.80
September	6.82
October	1.12
November	6.94
December	10.11
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Monthly average	4.416
Number of wet days	215

SECTION B.

GENERAL DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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3. Additional Public Health Inspectors

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

M. J. Abrams, M.A.P.H.I.,

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These were available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

SERVICES

The services provided by the Cornwall County Council often referred to as the personal services, in contradistinction to the services provided by the St. Austell District Council and referred to as the environmental services, widened in scope during the year. All those sections already operating e.g. home nursing, domiciliary midwifery, health visiting, vaccination and immunisation, maternity and child welfare, ante and post natal care and home help continued to act steadily and effectively and in many instances to expand. In addition new activities developed, family case work which had been progressing slowly began to grow in size and importance and closer co-ordination between the health and welfare department and the Childrens Department ensued. Health Education which is carried out very largely by the Health Visitors increased in activity especially in the schools and it is hoped that the encouraging manifestations of interest both by pupils and teachers will ensure progress in this field. This should be a fruitful field.

Many voluntary agencies individually and jointly provide wonderful services for the aged. Chiropody, meals on wheels and home visiting are examples of the practical approach to the alleviation of the problems and difficulties of the aged.

The Family Planning Association also has the use of the Moorland Road premises for sessions. The work of this body continues to grow and extra time has been allocated.

The Clinic premises in Moorland Road are used almost every evening for activities which are associated with the Health services e.g. meetings of the Mothers' Club, Diabetic Association, The East Cornwall Mentally Handicapped Childrens Association, Red Cross etc., It is felt that encouragement should be given to all the groups which seek to broaden the horizons of living of the people of the Urban District.

A list of clinics follows when it will be seen that a wide variety of advice and treatment takes place.

Clinics held in the Urban District

Child Welfare	{	Charlestown - Parish Church Hall	4th Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.
	{	Bethel - Methodist Church Hall	2nd Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.
	{	St. Austell - Moorland Road Clinic	1st & 3rd Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.
Ante-natal		St. Austell - Maternity Unit	Wednesday mornings
Orthopaedic -		St. Austell, Moorland Road	Every Tuesday morning
Tuberculosis -		St. Austell Hospital	
		(Health Visitor attends)	Every Monday afternoon
Dental -		St. Austell Moorland Road	Daily
Ophthalmic -		St. Austell Moorland Road	Every Tuesday by appt.,
E. N. T. -		St. Austell Moorland Road	By arrangement
Psychiatric -		St. Austell Moorland Road	Every Monday morning
Child Guidance -		St. Austell Moorland Road	{ Monday afternoons except { 2nd Monday. 2nd & 4th { Wednesday mornings. Every { Thursday afternoon.
Speech Therapy -		St. Austell Moorland Road	As required
Mothercraft -		St. Austell Moorland Road	Every Tuesday afternoon
Family Planning -		St. Austell Moorland Road	{ 2nd Monday each month { 2.30 - 4 p.m. { 2nd, 3rd 4th Fridays { 6.30 - 8 p.m.

HOSPITALS

Apart from the new Maternity Hospital opened in 1964, there is the St. Austell District Hospital, which deals with medical and surgical cases. There is no resident medical staff at the hospital and therefore cases requiring more specialised treatment go to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. Infectious diseases can be admitted to St. Clement's Hospital, Truro and maternity cases are received at the Women's Hospital, Redruth. Part of Sedgemoor Priory is used by the Regional Hospital Board to provide wards for geriatric patients.

Clinics held at the St. Austell Hospital are:-

General Medical and Surgical	Daily
Orthopaedic	Monday mornings
Venereal Diseases	Tuesday afternoons
Tuberculosis	Monday afternoons
Skin Diseases	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. Most houses in the district have a piped water supply, but certain outlying areas are still without this modern necessity.

Water main laying schemes were completed at Belmont Road Housing Estate, St. Austell; The Mount, Par; Biscovey Housing Estate (Phase I) and Biscovey Road, Par; Housing Estate at Polkirt Hill, Mevagissey; Housing Estate at Tehidy Road, Tywardreath; Sandy Hill Housing Estate (Phase I) St. Austell; Trelawney Park Housing Estate (Phase II) St. Austell; Molinnis Housing Scheme (Phase I) Bugle and the laying of a water main from St. Blazey Gate to Nettles Corner was commenced.

Regular sampling was carried out - the details are appended in the environmental section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Off Site Foul Sewer and sewer extension at Biscovey were completed and also sewer extensions at Beach Road, Carlyon Bay and Polkirt Hill, Mevagissey.

The laying of Foul and Surface Water Sewers at Daniels Lane/Bucklers Lane, St. Austell was commenced.

Schemes for the sewerage of Portmellon area and for the modernisation of the existing sewage disposal works at Menagwins, St. Austell and for the construction of a trunk sewer were in the course of preparation.

Infiltration of the Pentewan Sea Outfall was the subject of investigation

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 in 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

Prevalence of and control over
Infectious and Other Diseases

The following notifications of infectious diseases were received:-

Measles	241
Pneumonia	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	7
Sonne Dysentery	5
Erysipelas	1

IMMUNISATION

Triple (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961-58	1957-50	Total
Primary	125	202	15	5	8	-	355
Booster	-	15	23	4	49	36	127

Diphtheria and tetanus

Primary	-	2	1	1	25	15	44
Booster	-	-	12	1	264	233	510

PROPHYLACTICS

Prophylactics in various combinations are available to General Medical Practitioners from the Health Area Office, Moorland Road, St. Austell. These include Oral Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Smallpox.

SMALLPOX

A total of 206 primary vaccinations and 47 re-vaccinations were carried out during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

The total number of cases in the register at the 31st December, 1965, was as follows:-

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Male	76	8
Female	38	22
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	114	30
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

This is a drop of 9 as compared with December, 1964. There were no deaths due to tuberculosis during 1965. The trend for several years has been downward and continues.

Regular visiting of cases is carried out and examination of contacts of new cases and existing cases occurs at regular intervals. Prophylactic measures have been taken by offering B.C.G. vaccination to school children over a period of years. This vaccination provides protection against the disease during a period of life when the subject is vulnerable. When first started in Cornwall the selected age group was the school leaving group but as time passed the selection has gradually moved to the eleven year old children. In 1965 following preliminary testing of 611 children in the selected age group, 500 received B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis. Many of the children not receiving B.C.G. had already obtained protection by previous B.C.G. vaccination as contacts.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the St. Austell Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report covering the year ended 31st December, 1965.

In view of the fact that difficulty was experienced in obtaining a suitable additional Public Health Inspector in the Department until May, it is all the more gratifying to report that the total number of visits paid to the various types of premises in the district was 5,113 only a slight decrease on the previous year.

Meat inspection and housing again occupied a large proportion of the Inspectors time while new legislation coming into force during the year included the Riding Establishments Act, 1964 and the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

The principal items of the report are set out in classified order as follows:-

1. MEAT INSPECTION

Meat inspection has again presented the Department with it's problems. The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations, which were due to come into operation on the 1st October, 1965, were postponed and it is hoped that when these are actually brought into force, the controversial subject of the 'control hours of slaughter' will be settled.

The total number of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year i.e. 29,917 was only 27 less than the previous year when the figure was a record one. To carry out these inspections, 1,057 visits were paid to the 4 slaughterhouses in the district.

The following table summarises the results of meat inspection.

The following tables show the comparison between 1954 and 1955.

1954

1955

	Cattle excl. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,002	170	255	12,460	15,030
Number inspected	2,002	170	255	12,460	15,030
<u>All diseases except T.B. & Cysticercus</u>					
(a) whole carcass condemned	2	19	5	53	14
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	301	49	4	412	1,183
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than T.B. Cysticercus	15.1%	4%	3.5%	3.7%	7.9%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
(a) Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	124
Percentage of number inspected affected with T.B.	-	-	-	-	0.8%
<u>Cysticercus only</u>					
(a) Whole carcass condemned	3	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	41	3	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with cysticercus	2.2%	1.8%	-	-	-
Gross weight of meat condemned in lbs	7,225	9,994	258	3,868	6,012

The following tables show the comparison between 1964 and 1965.

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
<u>BOVINE</u>	3,688	2,427
a) Steers	1,698	1,595
b) Heifers	473	407
c) Cows	357	170
d) Calves	1,151	255
e) Bulls	9	-
<u>SHEEP</u>	12,163	12,460
<u>PIGS</u>	14,093	15,030
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	29,944	29,917
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As a result of these inspections the following amount of meat and edible offal was condemned:-

For Tuberculosis 11 cwts 8 lbs

For Other Causes 11 tons 13 cwts 21 lbs

Cysticercus Bovis

It will be noted that Cysticercus Bovis is on the increase and carcasses found to be affected are kept under refrigeration in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, before being released for human consumption. The history of each animal affected is investigated and the farmer concerned is notified.

2. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

There were 25 licensed slaughtermen on the register at the end of the year, this being an increase of 3 on the previous year.

3. OTHER FOODS

Numerous visits were made to food premises in the district and as a result of examinations carried out the following were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

	T	C	Q	L	O	
243 Tins of meat		6	3	5	6	} Damaged, blown and leaking
928 Tins of fruit		11	0	27	10	
643 Tins of vegetables		4	2	21	4	
234 Tins of fish			3	14	6	
23 Tins of rice pudding				22	4	
44 Tins of milk			1	16	5	
38 Tins of soup				26	10	

	T	C	Q	L	O	
64 Tins of macaroni			2	8	0	} Damaged blown and leaking.
1 Tin of cheese					7	
4 Tins of black treacle				8	0	
15 Boxes of fish	1	3	1	0		} Affected with decomposition
1 Green gammon and gammon steaks				20	0	
14 Packets of currants				10	8	
2 Cartons of currants			2	0	0	
30 Cartons of scampi	2	2	10	0		
3 Jars of mustard					12	} Cracked and broken
3 Bottles of lemon juice				6	3	
1 Jar of coffee					2	
12 Packets of dessicated coconut				6	0	} Packets split

FROZEN FOODSTUFFS

152 Packets of vegetables	1	1	2	9		} Out of condition due to breakdown of deep freeze cabinets.
152 Packets of fish		2	16	11		
173 Packets of meat	3	1	7	6		
22 Packets of confectionary			6	13		
3 Chicken and chicken pieces			19	0		
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	1	15	2	23	4	
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5. FISH INSPECTION

During the year 2,831 lbs of crawfish and 170 lbs of lobster were exported from Mevagissey to the Continent.

6. ICE CREAM

There are 5 ice cream manufacturing premises and 113 premises retailing ice cream in the district. Premises are inspected and samples of ice cream collected and submitted to the Pathology Department, R.C.I. Truro for the Methylene-Blue Reduction Test in accordance with the Ministry of Health Testing and Advisory Scheme.

A total of 45 samples were collected and the results of these tests were as follows:-

<u>Grade I</u>	<u>Grade II</u>	<u>Grade III</u>	<u>Grade IV</u>
27	13	3	2

7. FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

A number of food premises in the district received detailed inspections during the year but owing to the shortage of staff and the pressure of other work it was not possible to carry out as many inspections as one would have liked.

Lectures and film slides were given to hospital kitchen staff and the local Townswomen's Guild and it was emphasised at the latter session that the housewife could play a big part in the effort to raise the standard of food hygiene in some shops.

It has been found that all food premises now have facilities for the washing of hands, but in some cases where open food is handled, the sink has not been provided. It is hoped that when detailed inspections, now being carried out, have been completed all premises will be provided with the necessary facilities.

Details of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 are grouped in the categories of trade carried on in them and showing the facilities now available are appended in Table XI at the end of this report.

8. CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES

23 Licences in respect of 3 holiday and 29 residential caravans were granted during the year. These were in addition to the 41 licences granted in respect of 164 residential and 941 holiday caravans during the previous years and which were valid throughout 1965.

9. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a full time Rodent Operator who is active throughout the year dealing with complaints and contracts. A charge is made when rodents are dealt with on business premises but on domestic premises a free service of extermination is carried out.

During the year 274 properties were inspected or surveyed and 231 were found to be infested with rats or mice. All of these infestations were cleared up by the normal treatment methods.

The public sewers were test baited during April and September and only 5 complete or partial takes were recorded which proved once again that the rat population of the sewers was very limited.

The Council's refuse disposal works were frequently surveyed and treatments carried out as required.

10. WATER SUPPLIES

Of the 98 samples obtained from the mains supplies 4 were unsatisfactory and of the 63 samples collected from private supplies 28 were unsatisfactory. In all cases where the results from private supplies were unsatisfactory the consumers were advised in writing to boil the water before using it for drinking purposes.

11. HOUSING

A. Slum Clearance

The Council's programme of dealing with unfit houses has continued during the year and 4 Demolition and 11 Closing Orders were made and confirmed. 2 undertakings not to relet and 1 undertaking to make fit were accepted by the Council.

Four Clearance Orders, in respect of 13 houses, which were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1964 were confirmed during 1965.

37 houses were demolished 10 being subject to Demolition Orders and 27 in confirmed Clearance Orders.

During the year 70 persons comprising 26 families living in unfit houses were rehoused by the Council. 28% of the dwellings allocated by the Council were let to Slum Clearance tenants.

In February 1965 the Ministry of Housing and Local Government issued circular 11/65 which requested local authorities to make a final estimate of the total number of houses considered to be unfit for human habitation by the standard which they now apply when considering whether property should be condemned. The Ministry also requested that special surveys should not be carried out before making returns but to use information already available. On this basis a figure of 171 was submitted to the Ministry as the Council's estimate.

B. Re-Housing

There is still a shortage of housing accommodation but a review of the Council House waiting list was carried out towards the end of the year. It was noted that the number was considerably reduced and now totalled 515 names. Classification of houses required was as follows:-

1	Bedroom Type.....	146
2	Bedroom Type.....	226
3	Bedroom Type.....	122
4	Bedroom Type.....	21

The Council owns 2,037 houses, the 2,000th Council House being officially opened by the Chairman of the Council on the 12th October, 1965.

The Council has adopted a programme of building 100 houses per annum and details of house construction in the area during the year 1965 were as follows:-

Dwellings erected by the Council 64 with 63 under construction at 31.12.65.

Dwellings erected by private enterprise 233 with 123 under construction at 31.12.65.

Schemes for the erection of 4 Old Peoples bungalows at Eastbourne, St. Austell; for the erection of Old Peoples Community Centre comprising 21 living units and Warden's accommodation at Poltair, St. Austell and for the erection of 19 Flats, 10 Maisonettes and Garage for 20 car spaces at West Hill, St. Austell are in course of preparation.

C. Reconditioning

It has always been the Council's policy to save as many houses as possible and details of properties which were made fit are appended in Table 4 at the end of this Report.

D. Improvement Grants

63 applications for Discretionary and 47 for Standard Grants were received and 56 and 47 respectively were approved.

Improvements in respect of 82 applications were completed and the Council contributed £17,431 towards the cost of the work involved.

The scheme for the conversion of a bedroom into a bathroom and for the installation of a hot water system in 22 Council Houses at Colenso Place, St. Austell was in progress during the year.

E. Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received but 3 Certificates of Disrepair, issued in previous years, were cancelled.

12. OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Owing to a shortage of staff in the first half of the year it was not possible to carry out 'general inspections' of premises but all accident reports were investigated. In October the Council appointed the 3 Public Health Inspectors as 'Inspectors' under Section 51 of the Act and since that date surveys have been carried out and a system of 'general inspections' is now in progress.

A special report on the enforcement of lighting standards relating to the last three months of 1965 and detailed information about premises inspected during the month of November was prepared and submitted to the Minister of Labour.

The total number of premises registered up to the end of 1965 together with the number of persons employed in each particular class are set out in Table 9.

13. THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

This Act came into force in May, 1965. There were 9 applications for registration as dealers and the appropriate Certificates of Registration were issued.

14. THE RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

This Act came into force in April, 1965. Two applications for licences were received and the licences were granted.

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15. STAFF

For the first 4 months of the year the staff of the Public Health Department consisted of 2 Public Health Inspectors and a Clerk/Typist.

In March, Mr. Abrams was appointed as Additional Public Health Inspector and commenced his duties on 1st May, 1965. The appointment of a Pupil/Assistant was again postponed pending the establishment of a course of theoretical training at Camborne Technical College.

16. CONCLUSION

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to every Member of the Council for the support given to me during the year and to Mr. Cross and other members of the Staff for their co-operation which has been much appreciated.

Finally I would like to thank Dr. McGovern for his invaluable support at all times and especially the staff of the Public Health Department for their continued loyalty and assistance which has materially contributed to the progress made during the year.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,

L. H. STURTRIDGE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
St. Austell.

TABLE I

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

VISITS

1965

HOUSING

Public Health Acts 376
Housing Acts 941

VERMIN

Filthy and verminous premises 8
Rats and mice 19

GENERAL

Atmospheric pollution 3
Boarding establishments 1
Caravan and camping sites 326
Drainage 797
Factories - power 48
Factories - non-power 3
Factories - building sites 2
Factories - outworkers 4
Hairdressers 8
Land charges register 45
Litter Act 32
Noise abatement 1
Offices, shops and railway premises Act, 1963 281
Pet animals Act 3
Public Conveniences 6
Radio active substances Act 2
Refuse collection and disposal 22
Riding establishments 10
Scrap metal dealers 10
Shops Act, 1950 150
Sites-demolition 14
Slaughter of animals Act 5
Swimming pools 2
Water supply 15
Workplaces 3

FOOD INSPECTION

Fish inspection 7
Meat inspection 1,057
Other foods 65
Bakeries 7
Butchers 16
Canteens 1

TABLE II

Clubs	4
Confectioners	2
Fish shops	10
Fish shops - fried	12
Food vehicles	1
Greengrocers and fruiterers	16
Grocers	119
Hospital kitchens	2
Hotels and boarding houses	12
Ice cream manufacturers	7
Ice cream retailers	91
Institutions - kitchens	2
Licensed premises	9
Miscellaneous food visits	75
Milk distributors	52
Mobile butchers	1
Mobile fried fish and chip shops	3
Snack Bars	9
Preserved food premises	18
Restaurants	18
School kitchens	2
Slaughterhouses	16
Wholesalers	11

SAMPLINGS

Food general	1
Ice cream	38
Specimens	24
Water	155

OTHER VISITS

Food poisoning	14
Infectious diseases	24
Insect pests	4
Petroleum	63
Food hygiene lectures	6

5,113

TABLE II

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 and 1961

INFORMAL AND STATUTORY NOTICES

The following table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances 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 Council in default</u>
Informal	73	52	-
Statutory	14	7	-

TABLE III

DRAINAGE, SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS

	<u>1965</u>
Number of houses and premises re-drained	55
Repairs and amendments to existing drains	20
Drains or gullies unstopped and cleansed	41
Length in yards stoneware drains laid	924
Manholes provided	114
New manhole covers	114
Intercepting traps fixed	5
New gully traps fixed	90
Soil pipes and vent shafts fixed	69
Soil pipes and vent shafts repaired	2
Water tests applied	30
Smoke tests applied	27
Length in yards pitch fibre pipes laid	201
New W.C. accommodation provided	77
New W.C. apartments provided	73
New W.C. pedestals provided	76
New flushing cisterns provided	74
Baths provided	69
Lavatory basins provided	68
Sinks provided	58
New waste pipes provided	188
Existing waste pipes trapped	11
Pail closets and/or middens abolished	12
Septic tanks provided	10
Cesspools/septic tanks emptied	154
New roofs provided	41
Chimney stacks repaired	33
Roofs repaired	60
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired	69
Rainwater pipes disconnected or repaired	26
Damp walls remedied	162
Ventilation under floors provided	1
Yards paved	66
Yards repaired	13
Floors of rooms repaired	85

Floors of rooms relaid	85
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	174
New windows provided	167
Windows repaired	71
Plaster of walls or ceilings repaired	283
Doors repaired or renewed	122
Ventilated foodstore provided	58
Staircases provided or repaired	28
Water service pipes repaired	47
Dustbins provided	2
Nuisances - animals	2
Nuisances - refuse	8
Insufficient water supply remedied	42
Grates, ranges, coppers renewed or repaired	44
Houses disinfected	1
Houses disinfested	50
Hot water supplies provided	65

TABLE IV

HOUSING

1965

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)	139
b) Number of visits made for the purpose	599
2. <u>Houses demolished</u>	
a) In clearance areas	27
b) Not in clearance areas	10
3. <u>Unfit houses closed</u>	
a) Under section 16(4), 17(1), 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 and section 26, Housing Act, 1961	9
b) Under section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	5
4. <u>Persons displaced</u>	
a) From houses in clearance areas	14
b) From houses not in clearance areas	28
c) From houses to be closed	23
d) From parts of buildings to be closed	5

TABLE IV contd:

5. <u>Families displaced</u>	
a) From houses in clearance areas	6
b) From houses not in clearance areas	10
c) From houses to be closed	7
d) From parts of buildings to be closed	3
6. <u>Unfit houses made fit</u>	
a) After informal action by local authority (by owner)	72
b) After formal notice under sections 9 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	
(i) by owner	1
(ii) by local authority	-
c) After formal notice under Public Health Acts	1
7. <u>Houses in which defects were remedied after formal notice under Public Health Act.</u>	2

TABLE V

RENT ACT, 1957

1965

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair.

Received	-
Decisions not to issue	-
Decisions to issue in respect of	
a) Some defects	-
b) All defects	-
Undertakings received and accepted	-
Undertakings received and refused	-
Certificates of Disrepair issued	-
Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	-
Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	-
Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenant objections	-
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	3

TABLE VI
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Applications Approved	works Completed	Council's contribution to cost
Discretionary	63	54	£13,966
Standard	47	28	£3,465
Total	110	82	£17,431

TABLE VII
CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES.

Licensed Sites	Caravans	
	Residential	Holiday
64	167	970

TABLE VIII
OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	Registration of premises up to 31st December, 1965	
	Premises registered	Persons employed
	Offices	101
Retail shops	191	878
Wholesale shops & warehouses	16	127
Catering premises and canteens	27	158
Fuel storage depots	2	11
	337	2,848

TABLE IX
RODENT CONTROL

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Local Authority	Dwelling Hses. inc. Council Houses	All other including business premises.	Total of 1, 2 & 3.
A. No of properties inspected as a result of:-				
1. Notification	9	140	74	223
2. Survey under the Act	8	6	37	51
3. Otherwise.	-	-	-	-
B. Total inspections carried out including reinspections	50	510	343	903
C. No. of properties inspected (Sect. 4) which were found to be infested by				
1. Rats (Major)	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	10	135	75	220
2. Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	-	2	9	11
D. No. of infested properties in (Sect. C.) treated by L.A.	10	137	84	231
E. Total treatments carried out including retreatments.	39	482	310	831
F. No. of Notices served under Sect. 4.				
a) Treatment	-	-	-	-
b) Structural work	-	1	-	1
G. No of block treatments	-	2	-	2

TABLE X

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

INSPECTIONS

	No. in register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	116	48	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	27	2	-	-
	145	53	1	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
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	-	3	-
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 August list	No. of cases of default in sending in list to Council	No. of Prosecut- ions	No. of instances of work in unwholesome places.	Notices Served.	No. of Prosecutions
<u>Wearing Apparel</u>						
A. Making of etc	5	-	-	-	-	-
B. Cleaning and washing of	--	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE XI

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of premises	Number of food premises	Wash hand basins provided Reg. 16	No. of food premises requiring sinks ie. where open food is handled	Sinks Provided Reg. 19
Bakeries	8	7	8	8
Butchers	29	25	29	29
Canteens	6	6	6	6
Clubs	6	6	6	6
Confectioners, sweets, bread	37	30	37	24
Wet fish shops	6	4	6	6
Fried fish shops	8	6	8	8
Greengrocers and fruiterers	9	8	9	6
Grocers	109	100	109	70
Hospital kitchens	2	2	2	2
Hotels and boarding houses	27	27	27	27
Ice cream manufacturers	5	5	5	5
Ice cream retailers	113	113	100	6
Institutions - kitchens	6	6	6	6

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960 contd:-

Type of premises	Number of food premises	Wash hand basins provided Reg. 16	No. of food premises i.e. where open food is handled.	Sinks Provided Reg. 19
Licensed premises incl. off licences	24	24	24	24
Preserved food premises	25	20	25	25
Restaurants	30	30	30	30
School kitchens	8	8	8	8
Wholesalers	6	6	5	5
Cinemas	3	3	2	2

TABLE IX

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of premises	Number of food premises	Wash hand basins provided Reg. 16	No. of food premises
Restaurants	8	7	8
Butchers	25	25	25
Canteens	6	6	6
Cinemas	6	6	6
Confectionery, sweet, bread	37	30	37
Hot fish shops	6	4	6
Wet fish shops	8	8	8
Confectionery and butchers	9	8	9
Orchards	109	100	109
Hospital kitchens	2	2	2
Hotels and boarding houses	27	27	27
Ice cream manufacturers	2	2	2
Ice cream retailers	113	113	100
Manufacturers - kitchens	6	6	6

FOOD SERVICE (GENERAL) STATISTICS, 1962

Type of program	Number of food positions	Total food items provided (kg. 10)	No. of food positions in which food is available	Days provided (Aug. 12)
Licensed provision incl. off licenses Prepared food programs restaurants school canteens canteens canteens	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1