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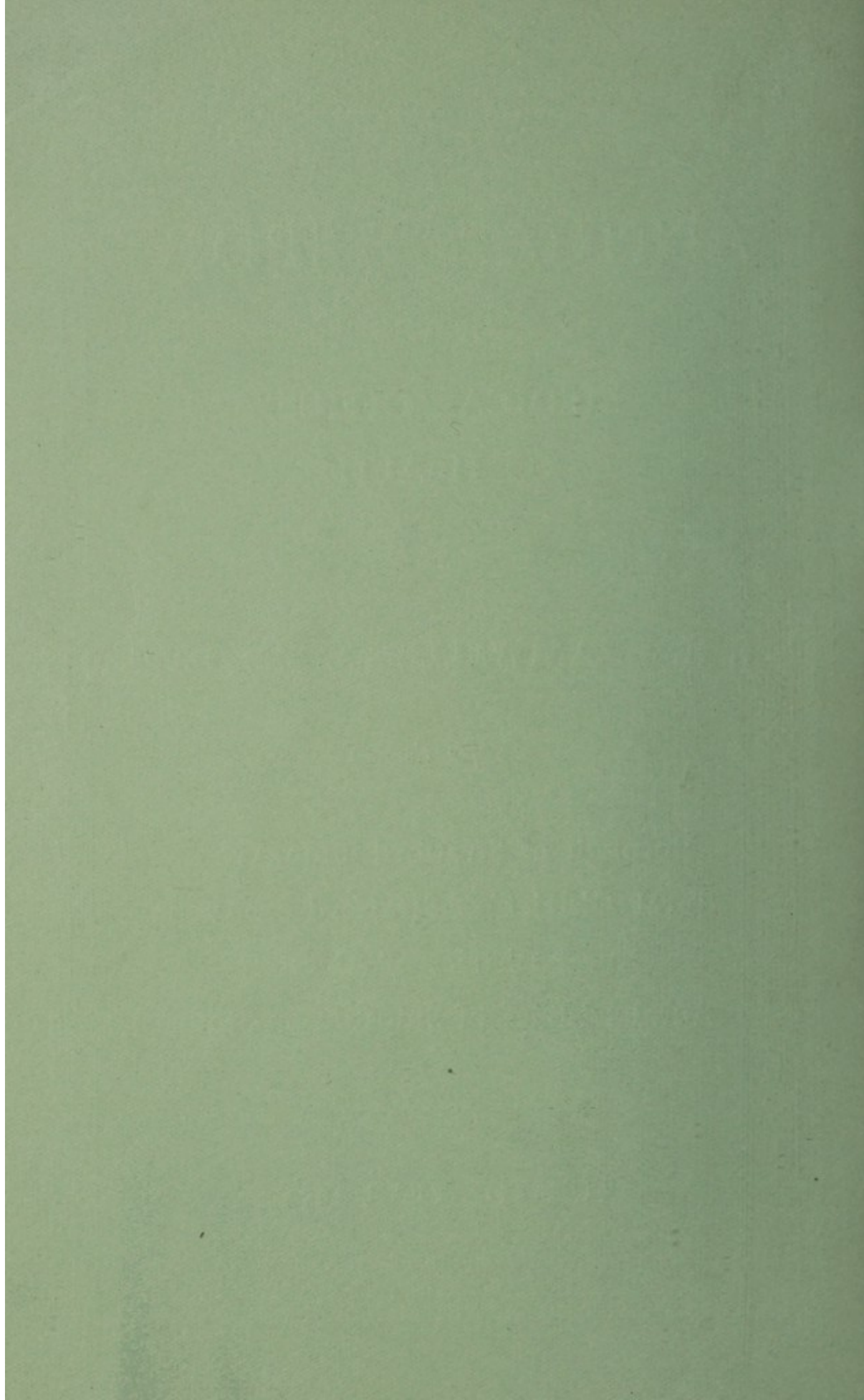
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for the

Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon
Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon
Rural District of Alcester
Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

FOR THE YEAR 1959



ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Medical Officer of Health

1959

To:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors, Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon.

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Alcester.

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour.

I am again combining the Annual Report for the four Districts in one cover. This makes rather voluminous and solid reading. I have, therefore, tried in this preamble to give some comparison on certain items between activities of one District Council and another.

SLUM CLEARANCE

The progress of Slum Clearance has been slowed by the decision of two of the Councils to reduce the rate of new Council house building. In a previous report I said that there seemed to be no falling off in new applicants for Council houses and that application lists continued, in general, to grow. This still applies. I do not think that the increase in Council house rents due to the rise in cost of building is yet likely to deter applicants from accepting new Council houses. Wage rates—apart from the agricultural community—seem to have kept pace with increasing costs. There seems little prospect that the annual cost of loans will decrease and I feel certain that it is only storing up trouble in the future for Councils to go slow on Council house building. Much thought has been given to making better use of existing Council houses, many of the larger ones being under-occupied. I think members of Councils have been rather reluctant to require tenants to move from one house to another. I am sure that the way to go about this problem is to demonstrate to older people living in large Council houses that the smaller type of accommodation will enable them to live a very much more happy life. This means that the idea of

moving must be sold. If some help could be given to these people in the initial preparing of their new gardens, there might be less reluctance to move.

There has been, therefore, a " tug-of-war " between the need for new houses for Slum Clearance and the need for new houses for people on the application list. Nevertheless, during the five years that the full Slum Clearance programme has been carried out, quite good progress has been made though Councils have gone about the problem in different ways. It has been difficult to carry out a Slum Clearance policy, according to the returns originally sent to the Minister in 1955. In Stratford-on-Avon Rural District particularly a large number of these sub-standard houses have been bought by people wishing to live in the Rural District and, in consultation with Public Health Inspectors, have been restored without any formal housing action. Slum Clearance, by way of making a Clearance Area leading to clearance of the site, has been used more by the Borough Council and the Alcester Rural District than by the other two Councils.

The work done so far can be seen from the following table :

	Borough of Stratford- upon-Avon	Stratford- on-Avon R.D.C.	Alcester R.D.C.	Shipston- on-Stour R.D.C.
Original number on list	159	326	365	174
Number on list modified repair or reappraisal ...	114	—	—	204
Action by Clearance Order	71	41	119	—
Individual action				
Demolished	6	21	—	30
Closed	8	26	2	44
Undertaking not to re-let	—	11	—	—
Repaired by formal or informal action	10	126	7	63
Purchased by Council for repair	—	19	4	—

My personal opinion is that the Councils have missed many opportunities for re-development themselves. There is a continuing tendency for new Council house building to take place on the outskirts of the town or village and I am sure there are opportunities for re-development, particularly for old people, in the

centre of towns and villages. Purchase of existing property by Councils has now become very much more expensive since owners are offered fairer prices than applied some years ago. This, unfortunately, tends to make Councils even more reluctant to proceed by way of Clearance Area and Compulsory Purchase Order. Good work has been done by Stratford-on-Avon Rural District in bringing poor property up to a good state of repair and amenity. This is the only way by which villages can retain blocks of old but attractive houses. Very often the financial expenditure is too great for private owners, although good schemes of restoration have, here and there, been carried out.

IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

Directly the Slum Clearance programme got under way I began to hope that Councils would improve their older Council houses. I am glad to report that during the years this matter has received attention, though speed of progress has varied from one Council to another. By the end of 1959, the following was the position of the various Councils:

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

40 Council houses were dealt with under two contracts and these are nearly complete. Consideration has been given to the improvement of 95 further old type Council houses on the Clopton Estate. This has not got further than the initial planning stage.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Improvements are in hand in the following places:

Wellesbourne	...	...	...	...	10
Binton	...	...	...	...	5
Temple Grafton	...	...	...	...	10

Tenders have been invited for the improvement of 32 houses at Kington, 10 at Ashorne and 12 at Snitterfield. Plans are being prepared for the improvement of 22 houses at Welford-on-Avon and 16 at Weston-on-Avon.

ALCESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

All Council houses now have flush toilets and they all have baths. A hot water system has been provided for 100 Council houses over the last two years.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A scheme for improving Council houses started in 1954, and it was hoped to deal with 40 each year. The work has been done by

direct labour and so far 181 houses out of a total of 207 have had the work completed, 24 of which were dealt with during 1959.

This is most satisfactory progress and is gradually removing one of the difficulties we have experienced when trying to persuade landlords to improve their own property. Soon it will no longer be possible for landlords to suggest that Councils do not practise what they preach.

POLIOMYELITIS

For the second year running there have been no cases of poliomyelitis notified in the four Districts. It appears very hopeful that the vaccination campaign will make this disease a relic of the past. As with all other immunising procedures this satisfactory state of affairs will only apply so long as a large percentage of the population continues to be protected by vaccination. In past years I have always returned from my August holiday wondering how many cases of poliomyelitis have been notified in the early weeks of August. It seems probably that my holiday can now be even more carefree.

TUBERCULOSIS

Generally speaking, the amount of new tuberculosis in the country continues to fall. While the new notifications in the four Districts are not as great as they used to be, there were, however, twelve new cases discovered during the year. I know this number is small and that the number of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in the rural areas is very much smaller than in urban areas. I still believe that an all-out campaign to persuade people to have a chest X-ray is necessary. This is particularly so now that the tubercle bacillus tends to become resistant to drugs more quickly than formerly. Quiescent cases of pulmonary tuberculosis may relapse and can infect others with resistant organisms. I hope that soon the Regional Hospital Board will make available for use in rural districts the small mobile X-ray machine that is at present working in the northern part of the County.

During 1959 the Mass Radiography Unit visited Bidford-on-Avon and Salford Priors where we attempted to do a more complete survey by giving people appointments to attend the Unit. This is not an easy part of the Area to try a project like this, since, whatever time in the year is picked, it invariably seems to clash with some horticultural activity. Where there is some distance from home to the Unit, the winter months are not good ones to pick for a rural X-ray survey. Attendance at the Unit was quite encouraging thanks largely to the work of volunteers who did the home visiting.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON

Estimated possible attendance	...	1,750
Appointments given	... ..	905
Appointments kept	... ..	814
Percentage of attendance	... ..	45%
If the people who attended is added to the number of people who said they had a recent X-ray the percentage was 53%.		

SALFORD PRIORS

Estimated possible attendance	...	740
Appointments given	... ..	365
Did not keep appointment	... ..	51
Attended	... ..	364
Percentage of attendance	... ..	49%
If the people who attended is added to the number of people who said they had a recent X-ray the percentage was 58%.		

I think—considering the scattered population (particularly at Salford Priors)—that this was a worthwhile experiment. The Mass Radiography Unit later on in the year visited Wellesbourne and Stratford-on-Avon. The visit to Stratford-on-Avon was an organised visit and factories and large employers of labour were approached to send their employees to the Unit. 391 people attended for X-ray at Wellesbourne and 2,525 at Stratford-on-Avon. No new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was discovered, which, again, demonstrates that the hidden cases of tuberculosis in the community are not being reached by normal mass radiography methods.

MILK INVESTIGATIONS

The search by the Public Health staff of the County Medical Officer of Health for the milk infected with tubercle bacilli for the first time found no infection in 1959 even though many samples were taken.

District	Pasteurised	"Tuberculin Tested" (Pasteurised)	"Tuberculin Tested"	Non-designated	No. positive
Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon	3	3	2	1	Nil
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.C.	Nil	3	28	41	Nil
Alcester R.D.C.	3	3	Nil	10	Nil
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.C.	Nil	Nil	33	15	Nil

I have great hopes that tuberculous infection of milk is a thing of the past.

Hand-in-hand with this investigation the County Public Health staff takes samples for brucella infection. This seems to be increasing and, while to the great mass of the population who drink pasteurised milk, the infection is of no significance, it could quite easily happen that farmworkers, who are drinking infected milk in its raw state, could be infected. I have asked family doctors to bear this point in mind if they should come across prolonged fevers in farmworkers and their families.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

At the end of the year, the four Councils gave preliminary consideration to the preparation of reports to the Minister about slaughtering facilities in their District. I will comment at greater length on this matter in my report for the year 1960. It does seem to me, however, that some Councils will be in considerable difficulty in reporting about future facilities if they have just to consider facilities within their own Area. The Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon, Stratford-on-Avon Rural District and Shipston-on-Stour Rural District have many matters in common where slaughtering of meat is concerned and consultations should take place to try to obtain a common policy rather than to report in isolation.

STAFF

I am most grateful to the staff in the office and Public Health Inspectors of the Councils for their good work during the year.

I have also had considerable help from other Council officials not so directly concerned with health.

J. B. BRAMWELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

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J. T. BRUEN, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Additional Public Health Inspector

G. W. ARMITAGE, M.A.P.H.I.,
Certificate of Meat and Food"

Area of the Borough (acres)	...	...	...	...	6,899
Population Census Mid 1959	...	...	...	...	15,270
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1960	...	...	...	...	£291,368
Product of Penny Rate 1959/60	...	...	...	...	£1,154

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	110	112	222
Illegitimate	...	...	7	5	12

STILLBIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	0	4	4
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS

238

INFANT DEATHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	1	2	3
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

MATERNAL DEATHS

... .. 1

POPULATION

... .. 15,270

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 15.2 (16.5)*

STILLBIRTHS

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 related live and stillbirths 16.8 (20.7)*

INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 12.8 (22.0)*

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 13.5

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate Nil

Neo-natal rate (first 4 weeks of life) 3 deaths 12.8 (15.8)*

Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births 5.9

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 0.42 (0.38)*

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	103	100	203

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 12.1 (11.6)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1959 ... 5,244

COUNCIL HOUSES:

Total ... 1,037

Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites ... Nil

Number of houses built since the war ... 624

Number of houses built in 1959 ... Nil

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959 ... 16 Flats

Number of applicants for Council houses ... 321

PRIVATE HOUSES:

Total ... 4,207

Number of houses built in 1959 ... 95

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959 ... 83

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts ... 69

(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 94

2. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action ... 20

(2) By action under Public Health Act ... Nil

(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil

(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil

(a) Number of representations made ... 7

(b) Number of demolition orders made ... 1

(c) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous year ... Nil

(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve ... 1

(e) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let ... Nil

(f) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 ... 4

(g) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil

(h) Action still pending ... 2

(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made ... Nil

(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared ... Nil

(c) Number of houses involved ... Nil

(d) Number of Clearance Orders made ... Nil

(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed ... Nil

(f) Number of houses demolished ... 20

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

(a)	Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied ...	15
		(2) tenanted ...	7
(b)	Number of grants made	... ..	22
(c)	Number of dwellings affected	... ..	27
(d)	Total amount of grants made	... ..	£6,586

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a)	Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied ...	5
		(2) tenanted ...	1
(b)	Number of grants made	... ..	6
(c)	Number of dwellings affected	... ..	6
(d)	Total amount of grant	... ..	£477

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	... ..	4
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	... ..	Nil
Number of decisions to issue certificates	... ..	4
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	... ..	4
Number of undertakings refused by Local Authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	... ..	Nil
Number of certificates issued	... ..	Nil
Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation certificates	... ..	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957

The official representations made related to the following houses:

Nos. 1 and 2 Ely Cottages

Nos. 29 and 30 Scholars Lane

Nos. 3 and 4 Bull Street

No. 3 Laburnum Cottages, Grove Road

Closing Orders were made in respect of Nos. 1 and 2 Ely Cottages, originally excludeo from the confirmed Clearance Order, and 29 and 30 Scholars Lane, and an undertaking to repair and improve No. 3 Laburnum Cottages in accordance with deposited plans was accepted. At the end of the year the position with regard to Nos. 3 and 4 Bull Street had not been finalised.

A demolition order was made against No. 12 Scholars Lane, as a result of an official representation made the previous year.

During the year rehousing of tenants was completed from houses in the Ely Cottages clearance area and Nos. 1 and 2 Bull Street. The nine houses in Summer Row were demolished and also 11 of the 13 houses in the Paddock Place/Days Court clearance order.

Proceedings were taken against the owner of No. 1 Bull Street for permitting occupation of the house after a clearance order had become operative and a fine of £2 was imposed.

The statistical overall progress over the past years is as follows:

1. Total number of houses listed in the Required Form of Proposals (29th June, 1955)	159
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2.	Number of houses subsequently removed from list owing to repairs completed, improvements (completed or anticipated) and re-appraisal	45
3.	Number of houses to be dealt with	114
4.	Add number of houses subsequently found necessary to be dealt with and not included in Form of Proposals	7
5.	Total number of houses to be dealt with	121
6.	Number of houses dealt with	95
(a)	Clearance Orders (71 houses)	
(b)	Demolition Orders (6 houses)	
(c)	Action Pending (2 houses)	
(d)	Closing Orders (6 houses)	
(e)	Informal Action (10 houses)	
7.	Total number of houses remaining	26

HOUSING ACTS—IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In June, 1959, the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, came into operation and included a new scheme of standard grants. The Act provides for these new form of improvement grants to be claimed as of right, provided the relevant conditions are satisfied, and are intended to help with the provision of basic standard amenities in houses which still have a useful life without the necessity of structural additions, whereas discretionary grants deal with more extensive forms of improvements which can involve new building work and also adaption of large houses to flats, and conversion of other buildings to living accommodation.

The standard grant is limited to a maximum of £155 to provide the five standard amenities listed as follows:

- (a) a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom
- (b) a wash-hand basin
- (c) a hot water supply
- (d) a water closet in or contiguous to the dwelling
- (e) satisfactory facilities for storing food

The average discretionary grant made to the 27 houses involved was £244, and the total number of houses for which grants were approved, namely 33, is an increase of 10 to that of the previous year.

During the year improvement works were completed at 19 houses.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Public Health Act	32
Re-inspections	31
Consolidated regulations	36
Housing Act, 1957, Section 16	3
Re-inspections	1
Housing Act, 1957, Section 42	—
Re-inspections	16
Housing Acts, Improvement Grants	175
Rent Act, 1957	7
Total	301

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

SECTION 2—FOOD NOT OF THE NATURE, SUBSTANCE OR QUALITY DEMANDED

During the year complaints were made of food purchased which was not of the nature or of the substance or quality demanded.

In two instances proceedings were taken, as follows:

- (1) A nail found embedded in an apple pie. A fine of £10 was imposed
- (2) An ice-cream cone in which a cockroach was found. A fine of £5 was imposed.

In another case, a piece of string was embedded in a biscuit and the manufacturing firm concerned was warned that proceedings would be taken in any future contravention of the Act.

- (a) No ice-cream is manufactured in the Borough. 68 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream supplied by the large manufacturing firms.
- (b) One hundred and twelve visits have been made to premises for the purpose of inspection and dealing with unsound food. All such food surrendered and condemned is suitably treated and disposed of by burying at the Corporation-controlled tip at Warwick Road.

The unsound food disposed of was as follows:

307 tinned meat	6 jars pickles, sauces, etc.
202 tinned milk	2 botts orange squash
646 tinned fruit	4 pkts. biscuits
88 tinned vegetables	30 crates lettuce
64 tinned fish	29 lbs. bacon
3 tinned jams and marmalade	59½ lbs. cheese
13 tinned soup	6 lbs. sugar
13 tinned animal food	1 chicken pie
2 tinned coffee	1 pudding
5 cartons various frozen foods	20 hens

- (c) A 100 per cent. meat inspection was maintained at the two slaughter-houses and 558 visits were made for the purpose. All condemned meat and offal is disposed of through bona-fide contractors.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1959

A complaint was received that a bottle of school milk, delivered from a dairy outside the Borough, was alleged to be in a dirty condition. The firm concerned was informed of the very serious view taken of the complaint and warned that proceedings would be taken if any further complaints of a similar nature are received.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Trade	No. of premises
Grocers	45
Bakers	6
Butchers	11
Fishmongers	3
Fried Fish Shops	3
Dairies	1
Confectioners	11
Greengrocers	13
Hotels	23
Licensed Houses	32
Restaurants	24
Cafés/Snack Bars	6
Slaughterhouses	2
Guest Houses	30

Periodic routine inspections were made to the food premises and a general overall satisfactory standard of cleanliness was maintained.

During the year the following matters were remedied:

IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Rooms cleansed and redecorated ...	28
New kitchens provided	2
Kitchen enlarged	1
Ventilation improved	4
First-aid materials provided	2
Soap, towel and nail brush provided ...	2
Notices provided in san. accommodation	4
Seats to w.c. basins renewed	5
W.C. basins and cisterns renewed ...	2
New w.c.s provided	2
Wash-hand basins provided	3
Hot and cold water provided	4
New sinks provided	3
Walls tiled	5
Floors relaid	2
Preparation table covered with impervious material	1
New draining board provided	1
Kitchen equipment renewed	1
Drain stoppages cleared	2
Yards cleaned	1
Yard surfaces repaired	1
Refuse bins provided	5
Total	81

FACTORIES ACTS, 1957 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to helath (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	10	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	142	25	1	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	152	29	1	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	6	4	Nil	6	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	10	10	Nil	9	Nil

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Pericarditis	22				22
Cirrhosis	16,885	7	10	3	1
Abscesses	797		7	0	13
Parasites	1,005		8	3	25
Decomposition	900		8	0	4
Fatty Infiltration	222		1	3	26
Pneumonia	255		2	1	3
Tuberculosis	3,763	1	13	2	11
Oedema	1,287		11	1	27
Anæmia	51			1	23
Bruising	2,241	1	0	0	1
Adhesions	84			3	0
Cysts	274		2	1	22
Emaciation	1,335		11	3	19
Emphysema	58			2	2
Fever	321		2	3	13
Congestion	399		3	2	7
Dropsy	34			1	6
Septicaemia	415		3	2	23
Angioma	101			3	17
Actinomycosis	428		3	3	8
Broken Bones	310		2	3	2
Erysipelas	139		1	0	27
Bone Taint	991		8	3	11
Septic Injury	39			1	11
Peritonitis	1,110		9	3	18
Imperfect Bleeding and Setting ...	634		11	0	17
Swollen Joints	77			2	21
Joint Ill	88			3	4
Pyaemia	386		3	1	22
C. Bovis	348		3	0	12
Urticaria	160		1	1	20
Abnormal Odour	45			1	17
Septic Metritis	68			2	12
Tumours	107			3	23
Actinobacillosis	299		2	2	19
Pig Paratyphoid	61			2	5
Inflammation	3				3
Swellings	16				16
Malignant Growth	10				10
Mastitis	48			1	20
Dead on Arrival	69			2	13
Pulmonary Distomatosis	17				17
Immature	12				12
Uraemia	67			2	11
Skin Rash	42			1	14
Endocarditis	9				9
Jaundice	63			2	7
Haemorrhage	17				17
Total	36,727	16	7	3	19

TABLE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

Year	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1939	868	26	265	3791	4712	9663
1949	1154	731	1843	7208	1456	12393
1950	1501	897	1544	7086	1613	12641
1951	2864	1457	1080	11293	2877	19571
1952	3389	1553	1710	17494	6023	30169
1953	3632	1141	1121	14058	6381	26339
1954	3806	749	879	23048	9017	37499
1955	3613	255	562	14479	10368	29277
1956	4438	281	778	16473	9910	31880
1957	4662	380	707	15320	9527	30596
1958	4243	316	518	13247	10669	28993
1959	3829	275	519	19037	11159	34819

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

(a)	Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
(b)	Formal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

HOUSING DEFECTS REMEDIED

Fallpipes and gutters repaired	...	...	2
Roofs repaired and renewed	...	...	9
New ceilings	...	...	3
New stair treads	...	...	2
Walls and ceilings plastered	...	...	9
Skirting board renewed	...	...	1
Yard surfaces repaired	...	...	2
Chimney stacks repointed and rebuilt	...		2
Doors repaired and rehung	...	...	3
Walls repointed	...	...	1
Floors renewed or strengthened	...	...	2
Windows repaired	...	...	2
Door handles renewed	...	...	1
Chimney pots renewed	...	...	4
Fireplaces renewed	...	...	1
New sinks	...	...	2
Internal water supply provided	...	...	1
New waste gully	...	...	1
Drain stoppages cleared	...	...	4
New w.cs. provided	...	...	2
New dustbins provided	...	...	5
Flooded cellar pumped dry	...	...	1
Total			60

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Inspection of Premises, P.H. Act	...	...	107
Filthy and verminous premises	...	...	7
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	232
Slaughterhouses	...	...	558
Dairies and milk vendors	...	...	5
Bakehouses	...	...	17
Cafés, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses	...	...	169
Butchers/Cooked meat shops	...	...	67
Grocer's shops	...	...	39
Greengrocer's shops	...	...	13
Fish premises	...	...	10
Confectioner's/Sweet shops	...	...	12
Other food premises/stalls	...	...	63
Ice-cream premises	...	...	10
Visits re unsound food	...	...	112
Markets	...	...	137
Shops (Shops Act)	...	...	24
Premises disinfected/disinfested	...	...	2
Rodent control	...	...	35
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	39
Camping grounds	...	...	23
Tents, vans and sheds	...	...	65
Factories P /N P	...	...	29
Drains tested and inspected	...	...	39
Clean Air Act	...	...	2
Water samples	...	...	6
Licensed premises	...	...	7
Total inspections made	...	...	<u>1,828</u>

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	3829	275	519	19037	11159	—
Number inspected	3829	275	519	19037	11159	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	1	10	57	41	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1437	43	24	421	211	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	37.53	15.96	6.54	2.5	2.26	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned ...	2	2	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	56	—	—	—	23	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	1.51	.73	—	—	1.21	—
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected weekly from dwelling houses and twice weekly from hotels and restaurants. During the season and in emergencies the refuse is removed more frequently from some hotels and restaurants. All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Unicorn Meadows.

During the warm weather periods, fly and other insect pest control measures are daily carried out with approved insecticides.

The tip is also frequently surveyed and treated for rodent infestation.

CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

There are three licensed caravan sites for the summer period only:

- (a) The Rayford Camp, Tiddington Road—licensed for 112 caravans.
- (b) The Elms Farm Camp, Tiddington Road—licensed for 63 caravans.
- (c) The Avon Park Camp, Warwick Road—licensed for 56 caravans.

The cesspools on the three camps are regularly emptied by the Corporation gully emptier and refuse is frequently removed and taken to the Corporation refuse tip for disposal.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year regular survey work has been maintained and treatments carried out where necessary. This is reflected in the fact that no reservoir or major infestations of rats were required to be dealt with. The refuse tip and sewage disposal works received regular attention.

A sewer maintenance treatment was done and takes were evident in only 7 manholes, which eventually recorded no poison takes. The treatment indicated that the sewers were relatively free of rats.

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY RODENT OPERATIVE

Number of inspections for survey purposes:

(1)	Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	1,121
(2)	Business premises	...	...	...	...	...	326
(3)	Agricultural premises	...	...	...	...	...	33
(4)	Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	122

Number of infestations treated:

(1)	Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	168
(2)	Business premises	...	...	...	...	...	60
(3)	Agricultural premises	...	...	...	...	...	14
(4)	Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	41

DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION

Sixteen premises were disinfested for various insect pests and two houses were disinfected together with destruction of bedding.

Additionally, the Department was called upon to deal with the eradication of 105 wasps' nests sited in such places as roof spaces, cavity walls, under floors, in gardens and hedgerows. As the wasps were particularly abundant during the season, they became a source of nuisance particularly in confectioners' shops, as they forage several hundred yards for a source of sweet material. When a detailed survey of a premises reveals no wasps' nest present, the tracing of flight lines to discover a nest is rather a time-consuming operation.

WATER SUPPLIES

1. At the beginning of the year, after much consultation between interested authorities, it was decided to set up a Joint Water Board in accordance with the Ministry's policy. During the year further discussions have been taking place to work out a constitution for this Joint Board and to resolve financial difficulties.

2. **SUPPLY OF WATER:** Over the past fifteen years readings have been taken by the Borough Engineer of water levels in the Council's boreholes. There has been a decline in the water table in the Keuper Sandstone down to which boreholes in the Borough Council's area reach. The rate of decline in the water table has tended to increase over the past five years or so as compared with the previous ten-year period since 1943.

It appears obvious that consultation should take place between the Borough Council and Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council to plan a greater use of alternative sources and to promote a link between the water supplies in the Rural District and this Council area so that mutual help could be obtained in times of difficulty.

The Borough Council is glad to know that the Rural District Council is applying to the Coventry Corporation for permission to tap their Aqueduct in the north of their Area to increase the supply to the northern part of the Rural District. In consequence of this, water from the Rural District Council boreholes at Heath End could be spared for the use of the Borough. This co-operation between the two Councils demonstrates the need for a less limited point of view where water supplies are concerned. Whether it is necessary that a Joint Board should cover as wide an area as the one envisaged in this part of the County is debatable. The continued need to increase water supplies to agriculture may not be sufficiently understood by the townsman.

3. Near the end of the year it was decided that a new borehole at August Hill should be sunk. This, to begin with, will be used as a stand-by borehole. This position was chosen after a report was received by the Borough Council from their Consulting Geologist.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

For some years it has been realised that the Sewage Treatment Works at Milcote are out of date and need enlarging and modernising. It has been decided by the Borough Council to proceed with a comprehensive scheme of renewing the town's sewers, sewage pumping station, pumping mains and the Sewage Disposal Works. Continued trouble has arisen with the town's sewers over the last few years and some of the sewerage in the older parts of the Borough is quite out of date and needs replacement.

This will be a very expensive project, but it is one which must be faced some time in the near future. An outline scheme prepared by the Borough Engineer has been approved by the Ministry, following an Engineering Inquiry held by the Ministry's Engineering Inspector in February, 1960.

RURAL DISTRICT of STRATFORD-ON-AVON

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Public Health Inspectors

J. W. BOLTON, M.A.P.H.I.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

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Surveyor

J. WOOD, A.I.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.H.

Area of District (acres)	81,996
Population (estimated)	23,590
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£257,001
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£1,029

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	194	207	401
Illegitimate	...	...	13	13	26

STILLBIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	6	1	7
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS ... 434

INFANT DEATHS

Legitimate	...	...	4	4	8
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

MATERNAL DEATHS ... Nil

POPULATION ... 23,590

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 18.2 (16.5)*

STILLBIRTHS

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 related live and stillbirths 16.1 (20.7)*

INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 18.7 (22.0)*

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 20.0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate 0

Neo-natal rate (first 4 weeks of life) 8 deaths 18.7 (15.8)*

Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births 6.5

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths Nil (0.38)*

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	112	114	226

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 9.7 (11.6)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1959 ... 6,593

COUNCIL HOUSES:

Total	1,314
Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites ...	44
Number of houses built since the war	864
Number of houses built in 1959	Nil
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959 ...	33
Number of applicants for Council houses	732

PRIVATE HOUSES:

Total	5,279
Number of houses built in 1959	154
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959 ...	113

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts	350
(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose	412

2. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	55
(2) By action under Public Health Act	55
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ...	7
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 ...	—
(a) Number of representations made	19
(b) Number of houses demolished	2
(c) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous year	5
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair	—
(e) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	1
(f) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957	10
(g) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	—
(h) Action still pending	6

(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957

(a)	Number of representations made	...	...	...	—
(b)	Number of Clearance Areas declared	...	...	...	—
(c)	Number of houses involved	...	...	...	—
(d)	Number of Clearance Orders made	...	...	...	—
(e)	Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	...	—
(f)	Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	2

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING ACT, 1949

(a)	Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied	...	63
		(2) tenanted	...	58
(b)	Number of grants made	...	...	40
(c)	Number of dwellings affected	...	...	40
(d)	Total amount of grants made	...	...	£6,737/10/0

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	...	2
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	1
Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	—
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	1
Number of undertakings refused by Local Authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	—
Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	—
Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation certificates	...	...	...	...	—

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

1.	DRAINAGE AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION				
	Conversion of pail closets to water closets	...	...	...	5
2.	ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES				
	Disinfestation of premises	...	...	...	7
	Disinfestation of premises (mainly fleas)	...	...	...	7
3.	REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION				
	Number of bins emptied	...	...	...	24,116
	Number of loads recorded	...	...	...	160
	Estimated tonnage	...	...	...	960 tons
	Number of cesspool loads (free service Tanworth-in-Arden)	...	...	...	372
	Other cesspools emptied	...	...	...	61
	Number of pails emptied	...	...	...	3,287

4. CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Hillcrest, Portway	...	...	...	...	99
Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen	...	...	...	No limit to numbers within an agreed area	
Dodwell, Luddington	...	...	...	...	50
The Mill, Welford-on-Avon	...	...	...	...	12
Longcast, Welford-on-Avon	...	...	...	...	12
Four All's, Welford-on-Avon	...	...	...	...	21
Spencer's Site, Welford-on-Avon	...	...	...	...	15
Juggins Lane, Forshaw Heath	...	...	...	...	13
SUMMER SITE (1st March to 31st October)					
Langley Farm, Bishopton	...	...	...	...	20
Barton Road, Welford-on-Avon	...	...	...	...	9

The Council are still opposed to the stationing and use of caravans individually.

The management and standard of services provided on the licensed sites have been satisfactory.

ETTINGTON PARK CAMP

The future of this camp was discussed by the Council in September of this year. It is the last remaining ex-W.D. Camp Site in the Council area and consists of Nissen-type huts and better type prefabricated huts. The policy of the Council has been gradually to demolish the Nissen-type huts and to re-house the tenants into better-class huts which, when the Council first took over the site, were improved considerably and have made useful accommodation over the last few years. The site is, however, isolated from villages and is poorly supplied by public transport.

The Council decided to lease the site for a period of three years since it would no longer be leased by the Minister of Works. It was hoped that during this period of three years alternative new housing accommodation could be found for the tenants and that at the end of the term the site would be closed and returned to its owners. The Council are faced with a problem about re-housing these tenants since many of them have little sense of responsibility where the payment of rent is concerned. It was decided, therefore, to inform all tenants that it would be built, but that alternative accommodation would not be offered to those tenants who were in arrears with their rent.

As far as possible tenants will be re-housed in the village of their choice, but, since it would be very much more economical to build these extra houses where new house building for normal housing applicants was already being undertaken, the Council could not possibly allow absolute free choice to the applicant. It was decided also that, if a tenant should still be in arrears with his rent when his replacement house was ready, he would be evicted.

While this policy might appear to be hard-hearted, these tenants have been given very many opportunities and warnings about what would happen if the arrears continue and there are few of the tenants who are not earning good money.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

TRADE					NO. OF PREMISES	NO. OF INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED
Grocers ... ..	...	...	...	...	10	2
Bakers ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2
Butchers ... ..	...	...	...	...	14	1
Confectioners ... ..	...	...	...	...	6	—
Fishmongers ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	—
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	—
Greengrocers ... ..	...	...	...	...	7	2
General Shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	42	3
Guest Houses ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	—
Hotels ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	—
Licensed Houses ... ..	...	...	...	...	46	2
Restaurants, Cafés ... ..	...	...	...	...	19	2
Snack Bars ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	1
Slaughterhouses ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	—
Clubs ... ..	...	...	...	...	7	—
Mobile Vans ... ..	...	...	...	...	14	3

134 routine inspections were carried out and further progress was made during the year to effect improvements required by the Regulation, and to comply with notices which had been previously served.

The following is a summary of improvements made:

	IMPROVEMENTS MADE						
New sinks required	1
Hot or cold water to be provided	1
Complete new kitchen provided	1
Clothes lockers required	2
Equipment required	2
Rooms requiring cleaning and decorating	5
Soap, towel, and nail brush required	2
Impervious topped tables required	3
Floors requiring cleaning	3
Waste bin to be provided	1
Draining boards	3

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

MILK

There are, as last year, two pasteurising establishments within the districts licensed by the County Council. The bulk of the milk delivered to consumers in the district is either pasteurised or T.T. milk from these premises and also purchased from pasteurising establishments in Stratford-upon-Avon Borough, Birmingham and Solihull. A small number of dairy farmers have continued to retail some of the milk produced on their own farms. The following table indicates the distribution of milk supplies throughout the district.

Number of dealers distributing designated milks, including the the pasteurisers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Number of dairy farmers retailing milk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of outside district dealers granted supplementary licences for designated milk distribution ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

FOOD, GENERAL

ICE-CREAM

There are two establishments manufacturing ice-cream, one by the cold mix and one by the heat treatment method. The ice-cream stored and sold from the remaining 69 registered premises is manufactured by well-known firms, being mainly pre-wrapped.

UNSOOUND FOOD

Twenty-one visits have been made for the examination of unsound food stuffs in small quantities, the unsound goods being surrendered to the Public Health Inspector.

Food condemned :

Canned goods	...	...	...	...	...	264
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	46 lbs.
Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	171

DISPOSAL

Canned goods	...	...	...	...	Refuse tip
Meat	...	...	...	...	To Hide and Skin Merchants for processing

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT

Slaughterhouses and Knackers' Yards	...	567
Water sampling	...	166
Complaints and re-visits	...	436
Ice-cream premises	...	15
Disinfection	...	7
Housing inspections	...	221
Factories and Outworkers	...	29
Food premises	...	119
Verminous premises	...	10
Drainage	...	311
Infectious disease	...	7
Atmospheric pollution	...	118
Miscellaneous visits	...	158
Caravans	...	54

**CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART**

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	356	Nil	56	3230	609	Nil
Number inspected	356	Nil	56	3230	609	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	Nil	1	18	2	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	143	Nil	3	61	8	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	40.45	Nil	7.14	2.44	1.64	Nil
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	14	Nil
Percentage of the number inspec- ted affected with Tuberculosis ...	3.93	Nil	Nil	Nil	2.29	Nil
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condem- ned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED
JANUARY - DECEMBER, 1959

					lbs.
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	821
Septic Pericarditis	...	...	...	...	—
Fascioliasis	...	...	...	...	1,297
Moribund	...	...	...	...	165
Abscesses	...	...	...	...	242
Pericarditis	...	...	...	...	24
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	38
Pregnancy Toxaemia	...	...	...	...	6
Dropsy	...	...	...	...	128
Actinobacillosis	35
Bruising	46
Milkspot Necrosis	7
Pyæmia	190
Oedema	479
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Total					3,482 lbs.
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Report of the Chief Sampling Officer with regard to the samples procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, affecting the area of the Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council during the year ended the 31st March, 1960.

						No. of samples	No. unsatisfactory
Butter	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Double cream	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Lemon curd	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	156	6
Sausages (beef)	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Sausages (pork)	...	...	...	...	...	14	2
Sugar confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
						—	—
					Totals	182	9
						—	—

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

(1) MILK

Six samples were found to be slightly deficient in fat when taken from part of the larger consignments sent by the producers to a processing dairy. Samples taken at the same time from other parts of the same consignments were found to be satisfactory and in each case the average fat content was found to be above the limit prescribed.

(2) LEMON CURD

This sample was purchased by a consumer who gave some to her small child. The child complained and the jar and its contents were sent to the department by the mother. It was found that it contained foreign matter consisting of three inches of fibres having the characteristics of hemp fibres. The suppliers were prosecuted and, under the provisions of section 113 of the Food and Drugs Act, summoned the wholesalers as the persons responsible for the offence. No penalty was imposed on the suppliers, but the wholesalers were fined the sum of £50.

(3) PORK SAUSAGES

The two samples of pork sausages were both taken from the same retailer. In each case the meat content was less than 65% and the retailer was visited by an inspector and the fact pointed out to him that, although there is not a standard laid down for sausages, it is generally accepted by both sellers and purchasers that there should be a minimum meat content of 65% for pork and 50% for beef sausages. The retailer agreed to improve the quality of his product and further samples have proved to be satisfactory.

N.B. In addition to the above samples, supplies of foodstuffs designated for sale in the Stratford-on-Avon Rural District have been sampled by the department in other parts of the County.

RODENT CONTROL

The contract service offered by the Rural District Council has proved a success. Farms, smallholdings and business premises are catered for under this scheme.

Two rodent operators are employed, one full time and the other one spends part of his time reading water meters.

This scheme is directly under the control of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of contracts taken over from the Warwickshire				
Agricultural Executive Committee	...	...	...	116
Number of contracts now held	...	...	...	203
Annual value	...	...	...	£1,724

Number of inspections for survey purposes:

Dwelling houses	...	...	...	889
Business premises	...	...	...	307
Farms	...	...	...	203
Council properties	...	...	...	34

Number of infestations discovered:

Dwelling houses	...	...	...	53
Business premises	...	...	...	2
Farms	...	...	...	11
Council properties	...	...	...	24

Sewer treatments were carried out in all the villages, and complete eradication was effected where infestations were found.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Observations were made of four installations in the District, and, as a result, after interviewing the occupiers, alterations or new equipment were provided in three of them.

The remaining case, which was grit emission, is in process of rectification.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1957 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	17	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	119	31	4	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	136	31	4	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil

WATER SUPPLY

The summer of 1959 was a very dry one and difficulty was experienced in keeping pace with the demand for water. Borehole pumps were worked considerably longer hours than is desirable, but, in the end, water continued to be supplied to all consumers except for temporary difficulties with high level places in the Rural District. Some trouble was experienced with burst mains due to settlement of the ground.

NEW SCHEMES

1. The second borehole at the Heath End Pumping Station was brought into service at the beginning of the year.
2. **WELFORD-ON-AVON AND WESTON-ON-AVON:** The new scheme to provide mains supply of water to the Parishes of Welford-on-Avon and Weston-on-Avon was started in April, 1959, and was completed by October. In the past there has been great difficulty about water supply in these two villages, the houses having to rely on inadequate well supplies, the quality of the water being very poor.
3. **KINETON:** A new main was laid at Kineton to take a more direct supply of water to Little Kineton, where there have been difficulties in the past.

Continued trouble has been experienced with the mains at Kineton. The existing mains are of insufficient diameter and badly affected by the corrosive nature of the soil. The Council have decided that new mains are essential in this village and the Surveyor is proceeding with the planning work of the scheme which, it is estimated, may cost about £13,000.

4. **WALTON:** Consideration was given to providing a mains supply to the small village of Walton in the Rural District. At present water is taken from shallow wells and, in some places, from the water supplies at the Royal Air Force Station at Wellesbourne. It is thought possible that the Royal Air Force Station supply may not be a permanent one and the well water supplying many houses in the village is not sound. It is unfortunate that the mains were not taken to Walton as part of the Council's Southern Water Supply Scheme.

RE-GROUPING OF WATER UNDERTAKINGS

Consultations have gone on during the year with neighbouring authorities in preparation for the setting-up of a Joint Water Board in the area. The Council regret the formation of this Joint Water Board and, in consequence, being deprived of responsibility for water supplies in the Rural District area. It seems, however, to be Ministry policy that this re-grouping should be carried out and the Council accept the position.

CONSULTATION WITH THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

The Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon obtains its water supplies from a number of boreholes in its area. The supply is becoming inadequate, partly due to an apparent fall in the water levels in the boreholes and partly due to a continuing increase in demand. The Rural District has been supplying something in the region of 38,000 gallons of water a day to the Borough Council from its Heath End source. Discussions have taken place between the two Councils so that there can be some link between the two authorities where water supply is concerned. It is thought wise that the Rural District Council should take water from the Coventry Aqueduct which passes through the northern part of the Council's area and so increase the amount of water available in the northern part of the Rural District. If this can be done, more water will be released to supply the Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon from the Rural District Council's own source of supply at Heath End. The tapping of the Coventry Aqueduct will also improve the water supply situation in Henley-in-Arden, where most of the water comes from the City of Birmingham through a main of inadequate size. This scheme will entail some re-drafting of the Council's Northern Water Supply Scheme.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year considerable progress has been made in extending sewers and sewage disposal facilities in the villages in the Rural District.

1. The Luddington Road Scheme has been completed.
2. SNITTERFIELD: Work has started on the extension of the sewers in the village of Snitterfield in the provision of a badly-needed new sewage treatment works.
3. PRESTON-ON-STOUR: An Inquiry has been held about the scheme for the village of Preston-on-Stour which originally envisaged the use of the works on the former Atherstone Air Station. The Council have, however, been instructed to re-plan the scheme with the provision of a new sewage treatment works nearer to the village.
4. TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN: Progress with this scheme has been very slow, but, now the Ministry has been provided with all the information required, it is hoped that work can soon start. Such are the difficulties experienced in this Parish that it has been necessary for the Council to withhold approval of new housing plans until such a time as the sewage scheme is in being.
5. CLAVERDON: Preliminary planning work has gone on during the year for a scheme for this village.
6. BINTON, WELFORD-ON-AVON AND WESTON-ON-AVON: At the end of the year preliminary survey work was started to provide a very badly-needed sewage scheme for the villages of Binton, Welford-on-Avon and Weston-on-Avon.
7. BEARLEY: A small extension to the sewer in Ash Lane, Bearley, will enable the owners of nine cottages in this lane to improve their houses and thereby avoid action under Slum Clearance.

THE RURAL DISTRICT of ALCESTER

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Area of District (acres)	37,524
Population (estimated)	14,140
Rateable Value	£159,040
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£630

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	128	103	231
Illegitimate	...	...	2	5	7

STILLBIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	3	2	5
Illegitimate	...	...	1	1	2

LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS 245

INFANT DEATHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	4	3	7
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

MATERNAL DEATHS Nil

POPULATION 14,140

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 16.7 (16.5)*

STILLBIRTHS

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 related live and stillbirths 28.4 (20.7)*

INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 29.2 (22.0)*

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 30.0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate Nil

Neo-natal rate (first 4 weeks of life) 6 deaths 25.0 (15.8)*

Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births 3.2

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births Nil (0.38)*

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	95	110	205

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 12.7 (11.6)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales.

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1959 ... 5,460

COUNCIL HOUSES:

Total ... 1,083

Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites ... 7

Number of houses built since the war ... 739

Number of houses built in 1959 ... 49

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959 ... 87

Number of applicants for Council Houses ... 375

PRIVATE HOUSES

Total ... 3,386

Number of houses built in 1959 ... 118

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959 ... 83

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts ... 243

(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 662

2. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action ... 61

(2) By action under Public Health Act ... 5

(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... —

(4) By action under Section of the Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made ... 10

(b) Number of houses demolished ... 7

(c) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous years ... 5

(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair ... 4

(e) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let ... —

(f) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 ... —

(g) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 ... —

(5) By Action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made ... 2

(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared ... 2

(c) Number of houses involved ... 16

(d) Number of Clearance Orders made ... 2

(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed ... 3

(f) Number of houses demolished ... —

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING ACT, 1949

(a) Number of applications received (1) owner-occupied ...	4
(2) tenanted ...	4
(b) Number of grants made ...	10
(c) Number of dwellings affected ...	13
(d) Total amount of grants made ...	£3,356

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates ...	6
Number of decisions not to issue certificates ...	—
Number of decisions to issue certificates ...	6
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the first schedule ...	3
Number of undertakings refused by Local Authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ...	—
Number of certificates issued ...	8
Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation certificates ...	5

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT

Food Premises ...	61
Milk and Dairies Regulations ...	9
Licensed Premises ...	17
Clean Air ...	49
Housing Investigations for rehousing purposes ...	21
Provision of dustbins ...	31
Sanitary accommodation ...	30
Sanitary accommodation on farms ...	24
Drainage matters ...	220
Water supplies ...	40
Dirty premises ...	8
Verminous premises ...	6
Factories ...	43
Tips ...	144
Ditches ...	14
Caravans or Sites ...	34
Temporary structures ...	10
Miscellaneous ...	130
Pickers' Camps ...	12

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

(a) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

There are thirteen men employed on the four refuse vehicles and the slightest change from normal causes a disturbance throughout the working routine. On several occasions it has been impossible to maintain the fortnightly collection of household refuse.

A Chaseside Loadmaster 700 is used at Broom Tip and this is resulting in the life of the tip being increased considerably.

During the year £69 14s 0d has been received from the sale of scrap tins collected at the Refuse Tip.

The estimated actual cost of refuse collection and disposal service for 1959/60 is £10,700.

(b) CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Twelve site licences and four licences authorising the stationing of movable dwellings are in operation under the provisions of Section 269 Public Health Act, 1936.

During the year 34 visits have been made in connection with movable dwellings.

WATER SAMPLING

Number of water samples taken for bacteriological examination	12
(a) Satisfactory samples	2
(b) Doubtful samples	2
(c) Unsatisfactory samples	8

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

(a) GENERAL

Dairies (not being dairy farms)	
Distributors of milk (not dairy farmers)	13
Butcher's shops in the district	14
Bakehouses	13
Licensed premises (including clubs)	3
Fish and chip shops	60
Grocer's Shops	5

(b) PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 60

Ice-cream	
Preparation of sausages, etc.	67

(c) Number of inspections of food premises 11

UN SOUND FOOD 61

The following food has been voluntarily surrendered to prevent it being used for human consumption:

Meat and Ham	71 tins
Fruit and Vegetables	1,452 tins
Milk	30 tins
Fish... ..	18 tins
Cheese	2 lbs.
Geese	4

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

The only type of ice-cream made in the district is a complete cold mix. The majority of shops sell ice-cream which is prepacked.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	3613	278	1928	32058	4933	—
Number inspected	3613	278	1928	32058	4933	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned ...	2	2	1	—	6	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	548		1	5	17	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	14·2		0·14	0·01	0·47	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	86	—	—	—	82	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	2·2		—	—	1·6	—
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Sixty-one inspections have been made under the provisions of the Regulations and the following improvements made during the year:

	Defects	Improvements
Wash-hand basins required	3	3
Hot and cold water provided	3	3
Rooms requiring cleaning and decorating	7	4
First-aid materials required	5	5
Clothes lockers required	10	4
Soap, towel and nail brush required	8	5

RODENT CONTROL

One Rodent Operative is engaged full time for the purpose of inspecting premises and carrying out treatments to eradicate rodents.

The value of contracts in operation on 31st December is £523 for work to be carried out at 60 agricultural properties.

The full cost is reclaimed in connection with treatments at business premises, but no charge is made in the case of domestic property.

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY RODENT OPERATIVE

Number of inspections for survey purposes:

1. Dwellings	923
2. Business premises	10
3. Farms	1,029
4. Council property	93

Number of infestations discovered

1. Dwellings	172
2. Business premises	4
3. Farms	55
4. Council property	32

Number of re-visits for treatment purposes 1,899

Number of carcasses picked up 560

Number of treatments completed 231

FACTORIES ACTS, 1957 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to helath (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occu- piers prose- cuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	7	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	72	38	19	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	4	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	83	43	19	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	Nil	1	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	11	11	Nil	3	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	1	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	15	15	1	4	Nil

WATER SUPPLIES

The Alcester Rural District Council's comprehensive water scheme has provided the great majority of the inhabitants with a pure and plentiful supply available to approximately 90 per cent. of the populace as under:

Parish	East Worcs. W.W.Co.	Coventry Scheme	Stratford R.D.C. Scheme
Alcester	2,750	—	—
Arrow	150	—	—
Aston Cantlow	300	—	—
Bidford-on-Avon	—	2,000	—
Coughton	200	—	—
Exhall	—	125	25
Great Alne	300	—	—
Haselor	200	—	—
Kinwarton	40	—	—
Morton Bagot	50	—	—
Oldberrow	—	—	—
Salford Priors	—	900	—
Sambourne and Middletown	700	—	—
Spernal	40	—	—
Studley	3,750	—	—
Weethley and Bevington ...	25	—	—
Wixford	—	125	—
Wilmcote	—	—	700

The three main sources of water used during 1959 were:

- (a) The East Worcestershire Waterworks Company's supply from the Bunter Sandstone serving the northern and central areas; this Council being responsible for the distribution of the water.
- (b) The Coventry Corporation supply from the River Severn now serves Bidford-on-Avon and Salford Priors, which parishes, until 1957, relied upon superficial gravel deposits for their water. Alcester Rural District Council distribute the water and retain the previous supply for emergency augmentation.
- (c) Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council supplies are used to serve the village of Wilmcote and supply the village in bulk for distribution in Alcester Rural District Council mains.

PURITY OF EXISTING SUPPLIES

All existing main supplies reach a satisfactory standard of purity. Samples are taken for examination at intervals.

PLUMBO SOLVENCY

There is little evidence of lead intake from the water supplied in this area, the lowest recorded pH being 6.85.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

On 16th and 17th April, 1959, an Inquiry was held into the Council's proposal to expend £481,100 on sewerage and sewage disposal in King's Coughton, Alcester, Arrow, Oversley, Studley, Sambourne (Studley outskirts), Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors and Wilmcote. Messrs. J. D. & D. M. Watson were the Consulting Engineers for the scheme.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government made a favourable decision upon the proposals and the work will be put out to tender in early course, it is hoped.

NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING

A modern vehicle, staffed by four men, is engaged full time on the collection of nightsoils, free of charge, from nearly 1,000 properties in the district. A cesspool-emptying vehicle, with two men, is on call for the emptying of cesspools at a charge of 25s per load of up to 800 gallons. This vehicle is also used for cleansing and flushing of sewers and for part of the nightsoil collection work referred to above, when necessary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

In addition to the smoke filter and Volumetric Sulphur Dioxide Apparatus in operation at the High Schools at Studley and Bidford-on-Avon, a deposit Gauge and Lead Peroxide Instrument has now been installed at the Grammar School, Alcester.

No action has been taken with regard to making any smoke control areas.

THE RURAL DISTRICT of SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

H. C. COOPER, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector

D. P. CARPENTER, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Area of District (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	53,339
Population (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	8,040
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£85,207
Produce of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£338

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	67	60	127
Illegitimate	...	...	1	4	5

STILLBIRTHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	0	1	1
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS 133

INFANT DEATHS

			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	1	0	1
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

MATERNAL DEATHS Nil

POPULATION 8,040

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 17·8 (16·5)*

STILLBIRTHS

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 related live and stillbirths 7·5 (20·7)*

INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 7·5 (22·0)*

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 8·0

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate Nil

Neo-natal rate (first 4 weeks of life), no deaths (15·8)*

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 3·9

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths Nil (0·38)*

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	51	53	104

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 7·9 (11·6)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1959 . . . 3,082

COUNCIL HOUSES:

Total	643
Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites	Nil
Number of houses built since the war	413
Number of houses built in 1959	43
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959	50
Number of applicants for Council houses	150

PRIVATE HOUSES:

Total number of houses built since the war	187
Number of houses built in 1959	15
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1959	20

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts	307
(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose	596

2. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	34
(2) By action under Public Health Act	Nil
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	
(a) Number of representations made	9
(b) Number of houses demolished	Nil
(c) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous year	5
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair	1
(e) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	Nil
(f) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957	6
(g) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	Nil
(h) Action still pending	Nil
(i) Demolition Orders made during 1959 but not yet carried out	2
(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957	
(a) Number of representations made	Nil
(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared	Nil
(c) Number of houses involved	Nil
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	Nil
(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	Nil
(f) Number of houses demolished	Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—

HOUSING ACT, 1949, AND HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

Discretionary Grants

(a) Number of applications received (1) owner-occupied	...	35
(2) tenanted	...	18
(b) Number of grants made	...	51
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	51
(d) Total amount of grants made	...	£11,275

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	...	1
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	Nil
Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	1
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	Nil
Number of undertakings refused by Local Authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	Nil
Number of certificates issued	...	1
Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation certificates	...	Nil

Standard Grants

(a) Number of applications received (1) owner-occupied	...	5
(2) tenanted	...	4
(b) Number of grants made	...	9
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	9

The improvement and modernisation of the earlier sub-standard Council houses is proceeding satisfactorily. Ministry approval was given in early 1954 to this scheme for the improvement of 207 houses at the rate of 40 per year. This work was commenced by direct labour in February, 1954, and so far 181 houses, being 87·4 per cent. of the total, have been completed, 24 of them during 1959.

The whole of this work has been carried out without Ministry subsidy and by direct labour.

However, owing to the provision of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, whereby grants might be obtained by local authorities for the improvement of their houses, the scheme was halted during 1959 in order that advantage might be taken of the grants, and it is anticipated that the remaining 26 houses will be completed during 1960.

The work comprises the provision of hot and cold water systems, bathrooms with internal w.c.s, Rayburn free-standing cookers, electric wash-boilers and such new or altered drainage systems as are required. In some cases complete new bathrooms are being built onto the houses and re-arrangement of the internal lay-out of kitchens and larders is necessary.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954
HOUSING SURVEY, 1955 — FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME
DETAILS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1959

Various additions have been made to the original list, which now totals 204 dwellings. The record of actions taken and results obtained, both formally and informally, is as follows:

Demolition Orders made (outstanding)	...	...	6
Houses demolished	...	...	24
Houses closed	...	...	44
Undertakings to repair (outstanding)	...	...	17
Houses repaired	...	...	46
Official representations awaiting decision	...	...	3
Houses outstanding	...	...	64
			<hr/> 204 <hr/>

58 families have been rehoused in Council houses.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT — VISITS MADE

Inspection of premises—Public Health Act	...	...	574
Slaughterhouses and knackers' yards	...	...	158
Milk and dairies	...	...	7
Food premises	...	...	43
Ice-cream premises	...	...	5
Petroleum stores	...	...	9
New buildings	...	...	274
Drains tested	...	...	53
Ditches, drainage matters and sewage works	...	...	348
Water supplies	...	...	276
Tips	...	...	45
Filthy and verminous premises, including disinfection			9
Caravan sites	...	...	10
Infectious diseases	...	...	1
Rodent control, including and in conjunction with other visits (other than Rodent Operative)	...	...	603
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	241
Clean Air Act	...	...	152

NOTICES SERVED

(a) Statutory	...	...	Nil
(b) Informal	...	...	55

RESULTS OF NOTICES SERVED

(a) Notices complied with	Statutory	...	Nil
	Informal	...	42
(b) Notices outstanding	Informal	...	13

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

1. DRAINS AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Owing to the completion of one village sewage scheme and the near completion of schemes covering five other villages, a considerable number of new drainage systems have been installed or are in progress.

Conversion of pail closet to w.c.	Private houses	...	33
	Council houses	...	24

2. REFUSE COLLECTION

The collection of household refuse is made once a fortnight in all the villages in the district, and weekly in the town of Shipston-on-Stour. Careful routeing of the vehicles enables a collection to be made at almost all the properties in the district.

The Council have a small grader and bulldozer for use on the tips and it is now possible to keep all refuse covered and controlled tipping to be properly carried out. Tipping space is becoming somewhat restricted and it is certain that a new tip will be required in the very near future. The use of the bulldozer for controlling the tipping and regular spraying of the refuse has reduced the fly and insect pest nuisance to an almost negligible degree, and no complaints have been received during the year.

3. NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION

4. CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Number of licensed sites

- (a) One site for 2 caravans and one for 3 caravans.
- (b) Twelve sites for individual caravans.

The above sites and caravans are licensed for permanent occupation, there being no sites licensed solely for week-end or holiday use. Strict control is maintained over the occupation of sites without a licence and several caravans have been moved on after informal action.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

- (1) Number of premises registered for manufacture by heat treatment 1
- (2) Number of premises registered for manufacture by cold mix 1
- (3) Number of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream 40

The majority of premises registered for sale of ice-cream sell only in pre-packed containers and no cause for complaint has been found with either the premises or the handling of the ice-cream.

BAKEHOUSES

Number of bakehouses in operation 3

Informal action under the Food Hygiene Regulations was taken in respect of 1 bakehouse.

FISH FRIERS

Number of premises in operation 2

Both these premises are ancillary to wet fish shops and are in operation only on certain days of the week. No cause for complaint has been found in the operation of these businesses.

SAUSAGE MANUFACTURERS

Number of premises registered under Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955 7

These premises are all ancillary to butchers' shops and sausage manufacture is in respect of their own retail trade.

INNS, PUBLIC HOUSES AND HOTELS

Total number of licensed premises 28

Two public houses have relinquished their licences during the year. Both of these were the subject of informal notices under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

In addition to the premises previously mentioned, the following is a list of premises within the district which are subject to the above Regulations.

Trade					No. of Premises
General stores	...	...	...	...	31
Grocers	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers	...	...	...	...	8
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	2
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	8
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	1
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	7
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	2

No legal proceedings have been instituted in respect of contravention of the Regulations.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 — SECTION 31

RESTAURANT KITCHENS

Periodic inspections have been carried out for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

One new café kitchen has been erected to replace one which was inadequate.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Number of registered distributors (a) within the district 5
(b) outside the district 6

Annual checks are made with neighbouring authorities with regard to the condition of those dairies outside the district where the occupiers are registered distributors in this district.

Number of licenses issued under Milk (Special Designations) Regulations:

(a) Dealer	Tuberculin Tested	...	...	5
(b) Dealer	Pasteurised	...	...	5
(c) Supplementary	Tuberculin Tested	...	...	6
(d) Supplementary	Pasteurised	...	...	6

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	156	7	32	910	294	—
Number inspected	156	7	32	910	294	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	1	2	2	6	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	59	1	1	66	16	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	38.46	42.86	9.37	7.91	6.46	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	.64	—	—	—	2.04	—
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT INSPECTION

1. There are two private slaughterhouses within the district, one of which is newly built and is satisfactory in every way. The majority of animals slaughtered are for the butchers' own businesses within the district.

2. Condemned food is disposed of by the occupiers of the slaughterhouses themselves, either to knackers' yards or to processors.

3. DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

					lbs.
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	587
Cirrhosis	...	...	...	...	276
Parasites	...	...	...	...	303
Abscesses	...	...	...	...	277
Bruised and broken bones			...	...	37
Emaciation (Pathological)			...	...	650
Inflammation/Fevered	...	...	...	...	410
Pneumonia...	...	...	...	...	63
Moribund	...	...	...	...	400
Tumours	...	...	...	...	100
Milk Spot Necrosis	...	...	...	...	26
Soiled	...	...	...	...	2
					<hr/> 3,131 <hr/>

OTHER CONDEMNED FOODS:

Meat	...	...	...	...	6	tins
Fruit and vegetables	...	...	...	...	88	tins
Fish...	...	...	...	...	6	tins
Milk	...	...	...	...	14	tins
Sausages	...	...	...	...	18	lbs.
Liver	...	...	...	...	18	lbs.
Corned beef	...	...	...	...	4	lbs.
Soup	...	...	...	...	3	tins
Bacon	...	...	...	...	12½	lbs.

KNACKERS' YARDS:

There is one licensed Knackers' Yard within the district.

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time Rodent Operative is employed by the Council to carry out the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, under the direction of the Public Health Inspector.

In addition to normal survey work, the Council operate a contract service on farms and business premises, treat their own sewers, sewage works, tips and other undertakings and carry out treatments for both rats and mice at domestic premises free of charge.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1957 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to helath (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occu-piers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	9	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	47	20	4	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	52	163	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	108	187	4	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SUMMARY OF VISITS, ETC., BY RODENT OPERATIVE:

Number of contracts obtained	Annual	...	37
	Hourly charge		20
Value of Annual Contracts	...	£319 11s 4d	
Value of Hourly Charge Contracts	...	£29 8s 0d	
Number of Inspections for survey purposes:			
1. Dwellings	...	...	1,711
2. Business premises	...	...	100
3. Farms	...	...	516
4. Council property other than tips and sewage works	...	...	20
Number of infestations discovered:			
1. Dwellings	...	...	622
2. Business premises	...	...	11
3. Farms	...	...	86
4. Council property	...	...	16
Number of re-visits for treatment purposes	...	3,211	
Number of carcasses picked up	...	1,482	
Number of treatments completed	...	696	

WATER SUPPLIES

All villages in the district are supplied with water from public mains now that the Council's Comprehensive Water Scheme has been completed.

These supplies are obtained from a spring at Ebrington which delivers some 70,000 gallons per day to the town of Shipston-on-Stour, a bulk supply of up to 500,000 gallons per day from the North Cotswold Rural District Council and a bulk supply from Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council to serve the villages of Butlers Marston, Pillerton Priors and Pillerton Hersey. Approximately 100 miles of mains are in use, together with 6 reservoirs and four booster stations.

The Council also supplies water in bulk to Southam Rural District Council.

No restrictions were placed on the consumers during the year, as no shortage of water was experienced.

QUALITY OF WATER SUPPLIES

Regular samples are taken for bacteriological analysis in order to ensure safe supplies to the public.

The water from the Ebrington spring, owing to its purity, is supplied untreated. The bulk supplies from the North Cotswold Rural District Council and Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council are chlorinated by the suppliers at source.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES

The following table shows the results of the analysis of various samples of water taken during the year for bacteriological analysis:

Supply	Total No.	Satisfactory	Doubtful	Unsatisfactory
Public piped (untreated and treated) ...	20	15	—	5
Private supplies (untreated) ...	2	—	1	1

ACTION IN RESPECT OF CONTAMINATION

Samples of water from public mains which give an unsatisfactory result bacteriologically are immediately re-sampled. Those which have given unsatisfactory results during the year have shown satisfactory results on re-sampling and it is probable that the sampling routine was at fault on the first tests as no other satisfactory reason has been found.

All water supplied under the Comprehensive Water Scheme is chlorinated at source with the exception of that from the Ebrington spring, which has maintained a high standard of purity for many years.

Equipment is available for installation at Ebrington Reservoir for chlorination in case of emergency and a portable Wallace & Tiernan chlorinator is also available for emergency use.

Owners of private supplies which prove to be polluted are advised on the steps to be taken to prevent pollution, and stocks of chlorine solution are available to them for use in the cleaning of tanks, wells, etc. If mains water is available to them, they are persuaded to connect to the Council's main.

PLUMBO SOLVENCY

The water supplied in the area is hard in character and no cases of plumbo solvency have been reported. The analysis of the new bulk supplies shows that this water is also hard in character.

DWELLING HOUSES SUPPLIED WITH WATER FROM PUBLIC MAINS

Parish	Houses	Population	Public Mains						Private Supplies	Population	Remarks
			Houses laid on	Population	Houses Standpiped	Population	Connections made and not yet made use of	Population			
Barcheston, Barcheston	10	35	5	17	1	6	—	—	4	12	—
Willington	26	106	23	92	3	14	—	—	—	—	—
Barton-on-the-Heath	40	114	24	69	4	11	2	6	10	28	—
Brailes, Brailes	251	707	187	518	20	62	4	11	40	116	—
Winderton	19	44	17	36	—	—	—	—	2	8	—
Burmington	42	104	35	85	5	13	—	—	2	6	—
Butlers Marston	75	195	65	167	—	—	2	6	8	22	—
Cherington	74	223	53	161	4	11	9	27	8	24	—
Compton Wynyates	10	45	1	4	—	—	—	—	9	41	—
Great Wolford	48	151	39	125	—	—	4	11	5	15	—
Halford	96	244	89	229	4	6	—	—	3	9	—
Honington	65	160	60	146	—	—	—	—	5	14	—
Idlicote	31	95	24	74	—	—	1	3	6	18	—
Ilmington	229	514	189	415	6	18	5	13	29	68	—
Little Compton	106	272	92	234	—	—	1	3	13	35	—
Little Wolford	44	130	39	113	—	—	—	—	5	17	—
Long Compton	195	487	178	444	5	13	—	—	12	30	—
Oxhill	73	167	67	152	1	2	—	—	5	13	—
Pillerton Hersey	38	84	24	51	3	7	1	3	10	23	—
Pillerton Priors	55	114	41	83	—	—	1	3	13	28	—
Shipston-on-Stour	596	1585	573	1519	21	60	—	—	2	6	—
Stretton-on-Fosse	112	926	10	260	6	18	—	—	6	18	—
Stourton	46	94	37	69	—	—	2	9	7	16	—
Sutton-under-Brailes	41	86	25	50	3	4	—	—	14	32	—
Tidmington	12	55	12	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tredington, Armscote	46	112	28	62	3	9	6	17	9	24	—
Blackwell	49	125	49	125	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darlingcote	34	94	27	73	1	3	3	9	3	9	—
Newbold-on-Stour	108	271	89	220	8	21	3	9	8	21	—
Tredington	130	288	121	263	4	11	1	3	4	11	—
Tysoe	261	654	223	558	15	38	1	3	22	55	—
Whatcote	27	68	24	59	2	6	—	—	1	3	—
Whichford, Ascott	22	62	13	36	—	—	4	12	5	14	—
Whichford	72	219	51	161	—	—	6	19	13	39	—
Totals	3082	8000	2624	6725	119	333	56	167	283	775	—

The houses shown as being supplied with water by standpipe are not by public standpipe. These are houses which have not yet been able for several reasons to provide a piped supply within the house but have provided their own standpipe near the house.

SEWERAGE

The township of Shipston-on-Stour and the villages of Honington and Ilmington are the only centres of population in the area served by full sewerage systems, but schemes are nearing completion to serve the villages of Brailes, Cherington, Stourton, Sutton-under-Brailes and Stretton-on-Fosse, whilst schemes for Little Compton and Long Compton are due to commence in early 1960.

Parts of the villages of Tredington, Butlers Marston and Pillerton Priors have small treatment systems which are either over-loaded or out-dated, but the remaining villages in the area depend upon old village drains and culverts which discharge into streams and ditches. All possible steps are taken to minimise nuisance, but little really effective work can be undertaken.

Most of the Council Housing Estates have their own small treatment works and regular maintenance is carried out.

A scheme for the village of Tysoe has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and awaits the submission of final plans by the engineers.

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BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	2	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	14	5
Leukaemia	—	1
Diabetes	—	—
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	5	20
Coronary Disease, Angina	21	12
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	—
Other Heart Diseases	7	13
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	8
Influenza	4	1
Pneumonia	2	4
Bronchitis	10	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	2	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis, Nephrosis	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	1
Congenital Malformations	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Causes	9	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1
All Other Accidents	1	2
Suicide	1	2
Homicide, Operations of War	—	—

STRATFORD-ON-AVON R.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—
Meningococcal infection	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	7	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	8	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	13	9
Leukaemia	1	—
Diabetes	—	—
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	15	19
Coronary Disease, Angina	8	16
Hypertension with Heart Disease	4	2
Other Heart Diseases	8	12
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	6
Influenza	4	1
Pneumonia	3	5
Bronchitis	9	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	2	—
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	1	2
Nephritis, Nephrosis	2	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—
Congenital Malformations	2	—
Other Defined and Ill-defined Causes	6	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	2
All Other Accidents	1	6
Suicide	—	1
Homicide, Operations of War	—	—

ALCESTER R.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

						Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	7	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	8	24
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	17	11
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	15	26
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	6	4
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	4	7
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Nephritis, Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	5	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Causes	...	...	...	...	...	9	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Homicide, Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR R.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	4	5
Leukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	—	—
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	6	7
Coronary Disease, Angina	8	5
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	2
Other Heart Diseases	15	8
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	5
Influenza	—	1
Pneumonia	4	6
Bronchitis	2	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	1	—
Nephritis, Nephrosis	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-defined Causes	3	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—
All Other Accidents	—	3
Suicide	—	—
Homicide, Operations of War	—	—

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS	...	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unkn.	Total	Ad. to Hosp.
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...			3	8	4			2	17	
Measles ...	...	...	...	11	66	106	199	4	3		8	397	
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...							1		1	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...						2	2		4	4

STRATFORD-ON-AVON R.D.C.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS	...	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unkn.	Total	Ad. to Hosp.
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...		3	4	8	1	1		1	18	
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...				1			1		2	
Measles ...	...	...	...	3	46	44	104	10		1	5	213	
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...				1		1	5		7	4
Dysentery ...	...	...	...				3					3	
Encephalitis (Post-infectious) ...	...						1					1	1

ALCESTER R.D.C.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS	...	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unkn.	Total	Ad. to Hosp.
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...				8	1				9	
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	1		1						2	
Measles	...	...	...	4	48	48	143	7	2	3	2	257	
Pneumonia	...	...	...	1		1	5	1	1	26	1	36	4
Erysipelas	...	...	...							1		1	

SHIPSON-ON-STOUR R.D.C.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS	...	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unkn.	Total	Ad. to Hosp.
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...				3				1	4	
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...				12					12	
Measles ...	...	...	...	1	4	6	11	2				24	
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...							1		1	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...							1		1	1

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1959

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1959

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
39	31	4	5
39	34	5	4

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21	1	1	1					
21-25	2	1						
26-35		1						
36-45		1						
46-55			1					
56-65						1		
66 and upwards	1	2			1			
Age unknown								
Total	4	6	2		1	1		

Four of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transfers from other areas

STRATFORD-ON-AVON R.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1959

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1959

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
49	51	10	3
55	49	10	6

AGE GROUP ⁵	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5	1							
6-10				2				
11-15		1		1				
16-21		1						
21-25		3						
26-35	2	3						
36-45	4		1	1				
46-55	2							
56-65		2			1	1		
66 and upwards	1				1			
Age unknown								
Total	10	10	1	4	1	1		

Twelve of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transfers from other areas

ALCESTER R.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1959

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1959

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
45	26	1	5
46	29	1	6

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5								
6-10	1							
11-15								
16-21	1	2						
21-25		1						
26-35		1		1				
36-45		1						
46-55				1				
56-65	1				2			
66 and upwards	3							
Age unknown								
Total	6	5		2	2			

Five of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transfers from other areas

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR R.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1959

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1959

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
24	9	1	1
22	11	1	1

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21								
21-25		1						
26-35		1						
36-45								
46-55								
56-65					1			
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
Total		2			1			

One of these is not a new case of tuberculosis, but a transfer from another area

POST-WAR COUNCIL HOUSES

Council	Houses built 1959	In course of erection	Council houses built since War	Post-war Council houses per 1,000 population
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	Nil	16	624	41
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.C.	Nil	33	864	36
Alcester R.D.C.	49	87	739	52
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.C.	43	50	413	51

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Council	Number of Grants made during 1959	Number of dwellings affected	Amounts of Grants
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	28	33	£6,586
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.C.	40	40	£6,737
Alcester R.D.C.	10	13	£3,356
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.C.	51	51	£11,275



POST-WAR COLONIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Category	Amount £1000	In charge of works	Capital expenditure £1000	Post-war Colonial Improvement per £1000
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	100	1	100	1
Stratford-upon-Avon R.D.C.	50	1	50	1
Avon R.D.C.	40	1	40	1
Stratford-upon-Avon R.D.C.	10	1	10	1

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Category	Number of Grants made during 1950	Number of Grants refused	Amount of Grants
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	25	1	£1000
Stratford-upon-Avon R.D.C.	10	1	£1000
Avon R.D.C.	10	1	£1000
Stratford-upon-Avon R.D.C.	10	1	£1000



