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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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by

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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

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FOR THE YEAR 1966

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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 hope that members of the four Councils still approve of my combining reports about the activities of the four Councils in this one cover. While the information given about each District is not entirely comparable there should be matters of interest in one District's report to members of other Councils. If the information is to be entirely comparable it would require much more detailed direction of what should appear in the report by me whereas I prefer to leave Public Health Inspectors a free hand to produce information which they think is of interest.

As usually happens my preamble, while based on work done during 1966, will mention points which have occurred during 1967.

### HOUSING OF THE ELDERLY

It is general policy to build a much greater proportion of houses suitable to accommodate elderly people whenever housing contracts are undertaken. Most of these houses are of bungalow type, though in order to economise in ground space some Councils use two-storied flat blocks for this purpose in addition to bungalows. It



appears that elderly people are becoming more willing to move from their family type council house into more suitable accommodation. It is becoming increasingly necessary for housing authorities and their staffs to exercise all their powers of persuasion to ensure the minimum of under occupation of the houses on their estates. Compulsion is most distasteful, but at times has to be considered.

All four Councils have given consideration to the building of specialised elderly persons' housing which is more suitable for those who are becoming frail. Stratford-on-Avon Rural District and Shipston-on-Stour Rural District have developed sites of this type of accommodation in conjunction with the County Welfare Department. The County Welfare Department provides an annual subsidy for each dwelling where there are communal facilities, provision for a warden and guest rooms. The block of dwellings known as Corbett House built by Stratford-on-Avon Rural District in the village of Lower Quinton was officially opened during 1966. This is a building containing 18 single person flatlets and four two-person flatlets with a communal room and a kitchen, warden's accommodation and guest room. Each flatlet has its own kitchen and w.c., but bathrooms are shared. All the tenants appear to be extremely happy and appreciative.

Shipston-on-Stour Rural District have built a comparable type of 17 bungalows and 10 two-bedroomed maisonettes. Here again there is a Warden and communal facilities. While this accommodation is of a rather different type, perhaps more pleasing aesthetically, it is too soon yet to decide which type of accommodation is preferable.

The County Welfare Committee is also prepared to consider modifications of this combined scheme. Where Stratford-on-Avon Rural District is concerned a subsidy is provided by the County Council for covering the rent of a Warden's bungalow, the Warden being available to help people living in County Council bungalows which have not been purpose built for this type of scheme. It is hoped also in due course to arrange a bell system which leads to the Warden's house, but until a more centrally sited bungalow becomes available for the Warden this is not a practical proposition.

I have been wondering when Councils are making plans for new Council house building whether it would not be sensible whenever a block of elderly persons bungalows are being built, automatically to arrange some form of alarm system and perhaps also to think of providing a small laundry room where either tenants of the bungalows could do their washing, or where a County Council



Home Help could do it more conveniently and quickly for them than doing it in their own homes. This matter has been mentioned to Shipston-on-Stour Rural District. Enquiries are to be made of the County Welfare Department whether they would consider such a modified scheme as worthy of subsidy.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL

In 1965 the Alcester Rural District Council considered future arrangements for refuse disposal in the Rural District. At the present moment this is dealt with by control tipping in a large gravel pit in the village of Broom. Unfortunately no pit lasts indefinitely and the Council thought that plans should be made to provide for the future. Many years before the Council had considered disposing of refuse by composting but for one reason or another this project was shelved. The decision was made to investigate a scheme of incineration of refuse at a site near Alcester and nearby to a new industrial estate. Planning permission was obtained for this site and the tentative plans were forwarded to the Ministry. The Council were requested by the Ministry to consult with neighbouring authorities before any further steps were taken. As a result there has been a meeting between representatives of the Alcester Rural District Council, Borough of Stratford-on-Avon and Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council to discuss whether there was common ground in planning co-operative refuse disposal and the matter was thought worthy of further consideration, it being left to the officials of the three Councils to go further into the matter.

Household refuse nowadays becomes more and more bulky. This means that any land used for controlled tipping is much more rapidly expended. Wherever a tipping site is projected many objections are made and there are increasing difficulties, understandably, in obtaining planning permission. It is obvious, therefore, in future there must be pretreatment of refuse to make it more innocuous and of less bulk before tipping. This can be done in two ways, either by pulverisation or where further reduction in bulk is concerned, by incineration.

The main difficulty where a combined scheme amongst Rural Councils is concerned is that transport distances and in consequence cost, are greatly increased. It might be possible to give consideration to a mobile pulverisor which are now appearing on the market so that pulverised refuse can be loaded into large transport vehicles which would reduce transport costs and also mean that delivery of the pre-treated refuse to the tip can be spread throughout the day. It is common place nowadays for refuse vehicles to get larger and larger in size in order to reduce transport costs. Large vehicles require wide roads, country roads may require some system of



transfer of refuse from small collecting vehicles to large delivery vehicles. I feel sure that vehicle builders would only be too eager to help in the design of speedy and dustless offloading and onloading systems.

Further consideration to this subject must be given by all three Councils in the near future since their existing areas of control tipping are likely soon to be filled up.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

In my report in 1962 I made some mention of the operation by the Stratford-on-Avon Rural District, on a trial basis, of the paper sack system of household refuse collection. This matter was discussed by the other Councils with whom I deal, but was not taken up for various reasons. To begin with Stratford-on-Avon Rural District replaced normal type dustbins with paper sacks where their council houses were concerned. Now new owners of private enterprise houses are asked to take a paper sack fitment rather than orthodox dustbins when occupation first takes place. The system of paper sacks is gradually extending all over the Rural District and has proved most satisfactory. Objections are, one, cost—but where a dustbin has to be provided anyway, any difference in prime cost is very small. The cost of providing a weekly new paper sack is more than counterbalanced by the hygiene of the method, the helpfulness to the refuse collectors and the ease with which more than one sack can be provided every week where the amount of refuse increases. It seems strange to me that one of the other objections is that hot ashes cannot be put straight into a paper sack. It is unwise to put hot ashes into a normal type dustbin anyway, but it seems extraordinary to me that the general public are thought to be so completely unable to modify their technique of disposal of the ashes from their fires. The third objection, and it does occur now and then, is when a householder is so unwise as to put the remains of his breakfast kippers into the paper sack which, not unnaturally, brings the neighbourhood cats around and the paper sack is torn. This again can be avoided with new models of paper sack holders which protect the sack from the activities of animals. Anyway it is thoroughly undesirable that remains of food which are likely to decompose in hot weather and attract flies should be put into a dustbin without precautions being taken.

It is interesting to read the report of the Working Party on refuse collection which has just been issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. A number of points are mentioned and I will abstract a few which apply to the four Councils reported on in this Annual Report. The service provided by the Councils varies



and there are, of course, reasons for this, the major one being of finance. The recommendations of the working party with this thought in mind, are compared in the table below where the four districts are concerned:

	Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	Stratford-on-Avon Rural	Alcester Rural	Shipston-on-Stour Rural
System of collection	Skip	Paper sack replacing skip	Skip	Kerbside
Frequency of domestic collection	Weekly	Weekly	Every 10 days	Fortnightly. Town of Shipston weekly
Frequency of collection from food premises	Twice weekly at least	As for domestic	As for domestic	As for domestic
Free bulky household refuse collection	No	Yes	No	No
Trade refuse on payment. Bulky household refuse on payment or accepted at tip on payment	Yes	Yes but see above	Yes	Yes

When this report is read I hope it will mean some rethinking by members of Councils so that this service can be improved where householders and business premises are concerned and that it becomes a more pleasant job for the men who have to render the service.

Whilst thanks should never be restricted to once in the year, the compilation of the Annual Report does direct my attention to the staff who have had a hand in producing it and gives me an opportunity to state publicly my thanks to them for all the help they have given during the year. These thanks, of course, are not restricted only to my own staff but also the officials of the Councils alongside whom it is always such a pleasure to work. I would thank elected members of Councils also for their thoughtfulness and helpfulness and forbearance with me when I hold forth at times on certain topics.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

5th July, 1967.





# The Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon

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*Chief Public Health Inspector*

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Certificate of Meat and Foods

*Additional Public Health Inspector*

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Area of the Borough (acres) ...	...	6,899
Population (estimated mid 1966) ...	...	18,250
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1966 ...	...	£1,046,019
Product of Penny Rate 1966/67 ...	...	£4,299



## VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	125	110	235
	Illegitimate	...	...	8	9	17
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	3	1	4
	Illegitimate	...	...	1	0	1
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				...	...	257
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	1	1	2
	Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
MATERNAL DEATHS				...	...	0
POPULATION				...	...	18,250

## RATES

### LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 14.1 (17.7)\*

### STILL BIRTHS

Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births 19.4 (15.4)\*

### INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 7.95 (19.0)\*  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 8.5  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate 0  
 Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) one death 4 (12.9)\*  
 Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 6.7

### MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births 0 (0.25)\*

### DEATHS

Male	Female	Total
105	115	220
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population		10.6 (11.7)*

\* Corresponding rates for England and Wales

## HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1966	6,248
<b>COUNCIL HOUSES</b>	
Total	1,363
Number of houses built in 1966	176
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1966	
Houses	152
Flats	40
Number of applicants for Council houses	553

### REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By information action	69
(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	0
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1967	1
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	
(a) Number of representations made	1
(b) Number of demolition orders made	0
(b) Number of houses demolished	2
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve	0
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	0
(e) Closing orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957	1
(f) Closing orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	
(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957	
(a) Number of representations made	0
(b) Number of Clearance areas declared	0
(c) Number of houses involved	0
(d) Number of Clearance orders made	0
(e) Number of Clearance orders confirmed	0
(f) Number of houses demolished	12

### DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

(a) Number of applications received	(1) Owner occupied	11
	(2) Tenanted	4
(b) Number of grants made		15
(c) Number of dwellings affected		15
(d) Total amount of grants made		£3,988



## STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Number of applications received (1) Owner occupied ...	10
(2) Tenanted ...	8
(b) Number of grants ...	18
(c) Number of dwellings affected ...	18
(d) Total amount of grant ...	£2,387

## RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates ...	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates ...	0
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the first schedule ...	0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the first schedule ...	0
Number of certificates issued ...	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates ...	0

## HOUSING ACT, 1957

The representation and closing order was in respect of Corporation Farm House, Banbury Road. The two individual houses demolished were Springfield Bungalow, Shipston Road, and the hut in Pimlico Lane. The twelve houses demolished in respect of previously confirmed clearance orders were the seven houses numbered 13, 13a, 14, 14a, 15, 16 and 17, Windsor Street, and Numbers 31-34 inclusive and Osbourne Cottage, Bull Street.

## HOUSING INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Public Health Act ...	78
Re-inspections ...	83
Consolidated Regulations ...	1
Housing Act, 1957—Section 16 ...	3
Re-inspections ...	8
Housing Acts—Improvement Grants ...	66
Housing Act, 1957—Overcrowding ...	1
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	240
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## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Proceedings were taken against food processors in respect of the following:

- (1) SECTION 2—FOOD NOT OF THE NATURE, SUBSTANCE OR QUALITY DEMANDED  
Sale of bread bun containing extraneous mineral oil—Fined £5
- (2) SECTION 8—FOOD UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION
  - (a) Sale of mouldy chocolate cake—Fined £20
  - (b) Sale of mouldy pork pie—Fined £20



### (3) REGULATION 27—MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Sale of milk in two bottles not in a state of thorough cleanliness—  
Fined £20

In addition, 16 informal representations were made about the condition of other articles of food which were taken up with the food manufacturers or retailers to the satisfaction of the complainants.

#### UNSOUND FOOD

Ninety-seven visits have been made to premises for the purpose of inspection and dealing with unsound food. All condemned food is disposed of by burying at the Corporation controlled tip and suitably treated when necessary.

The condemned food disposed of was as follows:

1010 tins	Vegetables	103 lbs. Cooked Ham
941 tins	Fruit	43 lbs. Canadian Cheese
142 tins	Milk	51 lbs. Bacon
79 tins	Fish	13 lbs. Pork Sausage
171 tins	Meat	102 lbs. Assorted Meat Trimmings
182 tins	Soups	29 lbs. Pork Loins
77 tins	Puddings	82 lbs. New Zealand Lamb
33 tins/jars	Baby Foods	108 lbs. Beef
10 tins/jars	Jam	40 lbs. Cockerels
96 tins/bottles	Fruit Juice	57 lbs. Capons
88 packets	Cereals	56 lbs. Butter
20 packets	Frozen Prawns	84 lbs. Liquid Egg
21 cases/boxes	Melons	39 lbs. Seedless Raisins
7 cases/boxes	Spanish Oranges	25 lbs. Sultanas
1 case/box	Herrings	40 lbs. Assorted Confectionery
1 case/box	Melts	43 Chickens
1 case/box	Margarine	14 Turkeys

#### ICE CREAM

No ice cream is manufactured in the Borough and all the retail premises are supplied by the large manufacturing firms. Sixty-seven premises are registered for the purpose.

### FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL REGULATIONS) 1960

It was not found necessary to take proceedings in respect of contraventions during the year. From routine inspections of the many types of food premises in the Borough it was found that a satisfactory overall standard prevailed.

Arising from consideration of food hygiene publicity by the Health Committee, posters depicting important aspects of personal and general food hygiene principles were supplied to all food premises for display to the staff employed therein, including the acquisition of such posters in Chinese characters for display in the Chinese restaurants.

In the field of education a course of food hygiene lectures was given to the catering apprentices of a large restaurant on the premises and first year catering students of the Technical College.



TRADE	NO. OF PREMISES
Grocers ... ..	48
Bakers ... ..	4
Cake shops and confectionery ... ..	8
Butchers ... ..	13
Fishmongers ... ..	3
Fried fish shops ... ..	3
Dairies ... ..	1
Confectioners ... ..	12
Greengrocers ... ..	13
Hotels ... ..	34
Licensed houses ... ..	34
Restaurants ... ..	22
Cafés/snack bars ... ..	8
Slaughterhouses ... ..	2
Guest houses ... ..	55

IMPROVEMENTS	PREMISES
Rooms cleaned and redecorated ...	7
New sinks provided ... ..	1
Drain stoppages cleared ... ..	2
Floors relaid ... ..	2
Bacon store provided ... ..	1
Equipment renewed ... ..	1
	—
	14
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## SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION

All animals slaughtered at the two slaughterhouses were inspected and condemned meat and offal disposed of through *bona-fide* contractors



# CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

.....	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	3339	43	487	15252	8206	—
Number inspected	3339	43	487	15252	8206	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	4	3	18	51	63	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	767	44	5	687	424	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	23.09	39.49	5.07	4.83	5.93	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	53	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	.64	0
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	3	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0



# DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

	lbs.	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Abscess formation ... ..	2598	1	3	0	22
Abnormal and swollen joints ... ..	1000		8	3	20
Abnormal odour ... ..	43			1	15
Actinomycosis ... ..	118		1	0	6
Actinobacillosis ... ..	123		1	0	11
Adhesions ... ..	293		2	2	13
Angioma ... ..	652		5	3	8
Arthritis ... ..	51			1	23
Ascariasis ... ..	737		6	2	9
Bacterial necrosis ... ..	131		1	0	19
Black leg ... ..	324		2	3	16
Bone taint ... ..	635		5	2	19
Bruising ... ..	983		8	3	3
Broken bones ... ..	168		1	2	0
Cirrhosis ... ..	5664	2	10	2	8
Congestion ... ..	190		1	2	22
Cysts ... ..	659		5	3	15
C. bovis ... ..	124		1	0	12
Dead on arrival ... ..	250		2	0	26
Decomposition ... ..	108			3	24
Emaciation ... ..	3547	1	11	2	19
Emphysema ... ..	153		1	1	13
Fatty infiltration ... ..	204		1	3	8
Fascioliasis ... ..	54			1	26
Fever ... ..	138		1	0	26
Fibrosis ... ..	128		1	0	16
Gangrene ... ..	587		5	0	27
Immature ... ..	224		2	0	0
Imperfect bleeding and setting ... ..	949		8	1	25
Interstitial myosotis ... ..	105			3	21
Jaundice ... ..	399		3	2	7
Muscular atrophy ... ..	123		1	0	11
Oedema ... ..	2558	1	2	3	10
Parasites ... ..	2267	1	0	0	27
Putrefaction ... ..	52			1	24
Pericarditis ... ..	82			2	26
Peritonitis ... ..	470		4	0	22
Pleurisy ... ..	611		5	1	23
Pneumonia ... ..	155		1	1	15
Pyæmia ... ..	377		3	1	13
Septicæmia ... ..	67			2	11
Swine erysipilas ... ..	120		1	0	8
Tuberculosis ... ..	451		4	0	3
Tumour ... ..	41			1	13
Uraemia ... ..	374		3	1	10
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**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
1960	4020	336	804	15579	9876	30614
1961	4176	267	858	16775	9763	21839
1962	4044	310	878	15332	10452	31016
1963	3933	299	887	14002	10679	29800
1964	3852	193	598	14097	9978	28718
1965	3222	119	453	12856	8895	25545
1966	3339	43	487	15252	8206	27327



## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

### SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Informal notices ... .. 69

#### HOUSING DEFECTS REMEDIED

Roofs repaired ... ..	14
Brickwork repointed ... ..	6
Windows repaired ... ..	2
Walls and ceilings replastered ... ..	21
Staircases repaired ... ..	2
Doors repaired ... ..	2
Floors relaid and repaired ... ..	9
Boilers fitted ... ..	1
Gutters and fall pipes renewed ... ..	9
Drain stoppages cleared ... ..	41
Hot water supplies installed ... ..	1
Water supply pipes repaired ... ..	1
New w.c. basins and cisterns provided	4
W.c. compartments rebuilt ... ..	2
Dampness remedied ... ..	12
Sink waste gully fitted ... ..	1
Accumulation of rubbish removed ... ..	2
Chimney stacks made good ... ..	2
Fire back repaired ... ..	1
Inspection chamber renewed ... ..	1
Air bricks fitted ... ..	2
Woodwork repaired ... ..	7
Yard paving relaid ... ..	1

Total 144

### DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION

Twenty-nine premises were disinfested for various insect pests. Additionally, the department was called upon to deal with the eradication of sixty-six wasps nests.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household refuse is collected weekly and generally hotels and restaurants are given a twice weekly collection service. During the season particularly where storage space is limited the refuse is removed more frequently from some hotels and restaurants.

The disposal of the refuse is by controlled tipping with the use of a mechanical shovel for efficiency on the Unicorn Meadows. Daily, fly and other insect pests control measures with approved insecticides are carried out during warm weather periods, and the tip is subject to frequent rodent control measures.



## CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of site	No. of caravans	Facilities provided
Avon Park Camp Warwick Road	Summer	249	R FFA WS D SA L
Rayford Caravan Park Tiddington Road	Summer	229	R FFA WS D SA L
The Elms Camp Tiddington Road	Summer	90	R FFA WS D SA L
Land fronting Paddock Lane	Residential	1	R FP HS FFA WS D SA
Oxstalls Farm Warwick Road	Residential	2	R FP HS FFA WS D SA
Tollgate Warwick Road	Residential	9	R FP HS FFA WS D SA

R	Roads
FP	Footpath
HS	Hardstanding
FFA	Fire fighting apparatus
WS	Water supply
D	Drainage
L	Laundry facilities
SA	Sanitary accommodation blocks

## RODENT CONTROL

One hundred and sixty-six complaints were received and 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.

### SUMMARY OF VISITS BY RODENT OPERATIVE

Number of inspections for survey and treatments:

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	2944
2. Business premises	...	...	...	429
3. Agricultural premises	...	...	...	72

Number of infestations treated:

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	114
2. Business premises	...	...	...	89
3. Agricultural premises	...	...	...	43



## SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Inspection of Premises P.H. Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Filthy and verminous premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	389
Slaughterhouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	523
Dairies ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Bakehouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cafés, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
Butchers/cooked meat shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Grocers' shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Greengrocers' shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fish premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Confectioners/sweet shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Other food premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Ice cream premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ice cream samples taken ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Visits re. unsound food ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Markets/food stalls ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Shops (Shops Act) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Premises disinfected/disinfested ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Rodent control ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	291
Refuse collection and disposal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Camping grounds ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Caravans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Factories P./N.P. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Drains tested and inspected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Clean Air Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Water samples ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Noise Abatement Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Licensed premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	256
Housing inspections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	397
Keeping of animals (pet shops) ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Hairdressers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Total								2630



## FACTORIES ACT, 1961: 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, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	19	1	1	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	65	9	6	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	0	0	0	0
Total	84	10	7	0

### 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	1	1	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	3	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act	2	2	0	0	0
Total	9	9	0	0	0



## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1905

tions of all kinds were made in respect of the welfare provisions of the Act.

Remedied:	Not Remedied:
<p>1. <i>Chlorophyll a</i> (Chl <i>a</i>)</p> <p>2. <i>Chlorophyll b</i> (Chl <i>b</i>)</p> <p>3. <i>Chlorophyll c</i> (Chl <i>c</i>)</p> <p>4. <i>Chlorophyll d</i> (Chl <i>d</i>)</p> <p>5. <i>Chlorophyll e</i> (Chl <i>e</i>)</p> <p>6. <i>Chlorophyll f</i> (Chl <i>f</i>)</p> <p>7. <i>Chlorophyll g</i> (Chl <i>g</i>)</p> <p>8. <i>Chlorophyll h</i> (Chl <i>h</i>)</p> <p>9. <i>Chlorophyll i</i> (Chl <i>i</i>)</p> <p>10. <i>Chlorophyll j</i> (Chl <i>j</i>)</p> <p>11. <i>Chlorophyll k</i> (Chl <i>k</i>)</p> <p>12. <i>Chlorophyll l</i> (Chl <i>l</i>)</p> <p>13. <i>Chlorophyll m</i> (Chl <i>m</i>)</p> <p>14. <i>Chlorophyll n</i> (Chl <i>n</i>)</p> <p>15. <i>Chlorophyll o</i> (Chl <i>o</i>)</p> <p>16. <i>Chlorophyll p</i> (Chl <i>p</i>)</p> <p>17. <i>Chlorophyll q</i> (Chl <i>q</i>)</p> <p>18. <i>Chlorophyll r</i> (Chl <i>r</i>)</p> <p>19. <i>Chlorophyll s</i> (Chl <i>s</i>)</p> <p>20. <i>Chlorophyll t</i> (Chl <i>t</i>)</p> <p>21. <i>Chlorophyll u</i> (Chl <i>u</i>)</p> <p>22. <i>Chlorophyll 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Section 24	General provisions	first aid boxes	...	...	...	...	27
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## PEP ANIMALS ACT, 1957

shops.



# The Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon

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## *Public Health Inspectors*

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Certificate of Meat and Foods

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## *Surveyor and Engineer*

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

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Area of District (acres) ... ..	86,464
Population (estimated mid 1966) ... ..	28,500
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1966 ... ..	£924,715
Product of Penny Rate 1966/67 ... ..	£3,759



## VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	250	238	488
	Illegitimate	...	...	16	14	30
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	0	3	3
	Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				...	...	521
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	6	1	7
	Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
MATERNAL DEATHS				...	...	0
POPULATION				...	...	28,500

## RATES

### LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 18.8 (17.7)\*

### STILL BIRTHS

Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births 5.75 (15.4)\*

### INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 13.5 (19.0)\*

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 14.3

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

Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) five deaths 9.6 (12.9)\*

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 5.7

### MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births 0 (0.25)\*

### DEATHS

Male	Female	Total
148	128	276

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 10.7 (11.7)\*

\*Corresponding rates for England and Wales



## HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1966 8,458

**COUNCIL HOUSES**

[illegible]

Number of houses built in 1966	...	...	...	...	...	73
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Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1966:

60 Houses	}	...	...	...	...	...	...	169
109 Flats								

Number of applications for Council Houses ... ..	765
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## REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action ... ..	57
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(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	...	...	...	0
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(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	0
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(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made	...	...	...	...	19
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(b) Number of demolitions made	...	...	...	...	1
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(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve	...	...	0
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(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let ... ..	16
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(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 ...	1
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(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 ...	0
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(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made	...	...	...	...	0
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(b) Number of Clearance areas declared ... ..	0
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(c) Number of houses involved ... .. 0

(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	...	...	...	...	0
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(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	...	0
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(f) Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	...	0
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DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS)  
ACT, 1958

(a) Number of applications received	(1) Owner occupied ...	21
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(2) Tenanted	...	...	22
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(b) Number of grants made	...	...	...	...	...	43
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(c) Number of dwellings affected ...	...	...	...	...	43
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(d) Total amount of grants made	...	...	...	...	...	£12,912
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STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT,  
1959

(a) Number of applications received (1) Owner occupied ...	13
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(2) Tenanted	...	...	7
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(b) Number of grants made	...	...	...	...	...	18
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(c) Number of dwellings affected ...	...	...	...	...	18
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(d) Total amount of grant ...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,323
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## RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	...	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	...	...	0
Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	0
Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates	...	...	...	...	0

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

1. DRAINAGE AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION					
Conversion of pail closets to water closets	...	...	...	...	4
2. REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION—AVERAGE PER MONTH					
Premises	...	...	...	...	46,567
Number of loads recorded	...	...	...	...	272
Number of cesspool loads (free service Tanworth-in-Arden and Hockley Heath)	...	...	...	...	1,385
Other cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	48
Number of pails emptied	...	...	...	...	1,563
3. DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION					
54 premises were disinfected for various insects, including fleas, cockroaches, mites and spider beetles. In addition 79 wasps nests were treated.					

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Animal boarding establishments	...	...	...	...	9
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	3
Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	19
Cafés, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses	...	...	...	...	79
Caravans	...	...	...	...	68
Complaints	...	...	...	...	56
Clean Air Acts	...	...	...	...	10
Drainage	...	...	...	...	315
Factories P./N.P.	...	...	...	...	3
Filthy and verminous premises	...	...	...	...	67
Food premises general	...	...	...	...	22
HOUSING					
Housing re-visits	...	...	...	...	526



Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Individual caravans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Infectious disease enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Inspection of premises, Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	277
Knackers' yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	194
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Premises disinfected/disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
O.S.R.P. Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Sewer surveys, houses visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Shops (Shops Act)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	432
Visits re unsound food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Water samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Pet shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

## FOOD GENERAL

### ICE CREAM

Ten ice cream samples were taken during the year.

5 were placed in Grade 1.

5 were placed in Grade 2.

Four iced lollies were also sampled. One of these only was placed in Grade 4.

### UNSOUND FOOD

Twelve 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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	375
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### DISPOSAL

Canned goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Refuse tips
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## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 31

Milk sampling for biological examination during 1966

Twenty-seven samples were taken from seven farms. Negative results in each case.

### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

Routine examinations of samples of milk taken within the Rural District during 1966:

Untreated	...	...	...	...	4
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	123
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	27

# **FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955**

Trade	No. of Premises
Grocers ... ..	36
Bakers ... ..	4
Butchers ... ..	16
Confectioners ... ..	11
Fishmongers ... ..	4
Fried fish shops ... ..	1
Greengrocers ... ..	13
General shops ... ..	52
Guest houses ... ..	6
Hotels ... ..	6
Licensed houses ... ..	54
Off-licences ... ..	20
Restaurants, cafés ... ..	17
Snack bars ... ..	3
Slaughterhouses ... ..	4
Clubs ... ..	7
Ice cream manufacturing premises ... ..	2



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

.....	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs and Goats	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	458	4	46	2781	411	0
Number inspected	458	4	46	2781	411	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	7	4	2	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	38	2	1	72	11	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	8.3	50	13.3	2.7	3.2	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	6	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	1.5	0
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

## DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

JANUARY-DECEMBER 1966

Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	69
Fascioliasis	...	...	...	...	282
Moribund	...	...	...	...	89
Abscesses	...	...	...	...	321
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	4
Bruising	...	...	...	...	269
Ascaris	...	...	...	...	21
Pyæmia	...	...	...	...	71
Necrosis	...	...	...	...	4
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	2
Emaciation	...	...	...	...	30
Oedema	...	...	...	...	257
Telangectasis	...	...	...	...	2
Septicæmia	...	...	...	...	146
Actinobacillosis	...	...	...	...	9

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ANALYSIS OF WORK CARRIED OUT TO  
31st DECEMBER, 1966

Analysis of Employed Persons						
Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale departments Warehouses	Catering establishments	Canteens	Fuel Storage depots	M F
231	236	28	375	48	7	449 496

88 premises were inspected during the year, and the following improvements recorded

Lack of first aid box	No thermometer	Redecoration of sanitary accommodation	Inadequate ventilation	Redecoration of premises	Inadequate washing facilities
10	6	—	1	2	2
No abstract	Guarding of Machinery	Guarding of stairs			
10	1	2			



# CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of site	No. of caravans
Aspley Farm, Aspley Heath	Residential	6
Avon Caravan Park	Summer	30
Brooklyn, Aspley Heath	Residential	6
Dodwell Trailer Park	Residential	80
Four Alls Site	Summer	26
Hillcrest, Portway	Residential	100
Hunts Site, Juggins Lane, Forshaw Heath	Residential	13
Langley Farm, Bishopton	Summer	20
Long Cast, Barton Road, Welford-on-Avon	Summer	15
Oaktree Farm Site, Forshaw Heath	Residential	10
Sumners, Barton Road, Welford-on-Avon	Summer	20
Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen	Residential	260
Hawkins, Welford-on-Avon	Summer	12

## RODENT CONTROL

Two Rodent Operators are employed full time by the Council. Contracts number 282 at a value of £2,309.

### SUMMARY OF VISITS FOR SURVEY PURPOSES

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	430
2. Business premises	...	...	...	615
3. Agricultural premises	...	...	...	2,973
4. Local authority	...	...	...	355

### NUMBER OF INFESTATIONS TREATED

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	171
2. Business premises	...	...	...	150
3. Agricultural premises	...	...	...	1,748
4. Local authority	...	...	...	120

The number of infestations treated over the year shows a marked increase over 1965. This is attributed to the wet summer of 1966 which encouraged the abundant growth in hedgerows, etc., allowing rats and mice coverage from predators.

There is no evidence that Warfarin resistant rats have been found within the boundaries of the Rural District.



## FACTORIES ACT, 1961: 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, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	14	3	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	141	0	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	0	0	0
Total	158	3	0	0

### 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	1	1	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3	0	0	0



## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

When I reported on this subject in 1963 I divided the villages in the Rural District into six groups and gave particulars of the conditions in each village. I thought it would be interesting to compare the situation in 1966 with what it was three years ago.

GROUP 1. This group included the villages of Bearley, Preston-on-Stour, Quinton, Snitterfield and Wellesbourne. All these villages at that time had completed schemes and there were adequate arrangements.

This still applies except for Wellesbourne where there has been very considerable house building and the sewage works are now overloaded. A scheme of extension of the works has been designed and application has been made to the Ministry for approval. In this scheme it has been decided to include sewage from the parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley.

GROUP 2. The parishes in this group were Claverdon, Combrook, Ettington, Moreton Morrell. Four new schemes are now in being and the position is satisfactory.

GROUP 3. These parishes were Admington, Ashorne, Beaudesert, Henley-in-Arden, Wootton Wawen, Welford-on-Avon, Binton, Luddington, Tanworth-in-Arden, Ullenhall. Schemes are either completed or very nearly completed at Admington, Ashorne, Tanworth-in-Arden and Ullenhall.

A scheme for improved sewerage and a new disposal works at Wootton Wawen to take drainage from Beaudesert, Henley-in-Arden and the parish of Wootton Wawen received Ministry approval in July.

The scheme which has been designed by the Council's consultants for Welford-on-Avon, Weston-on-Avon, Binton and Luddington received Ministry approval in July in spite of the restraint on capital expenditure, there being sufficient public health grounds for an immediate start to persuade the Minister to this point of view.

GROUP 4A. Hampton Lucy and Kinton appear in this Group. Hampton Lucy as has already been said is to be included in the new Wellesbourne scheme.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in producing a reasonable effluent from the Kinton works since the amount of drainage has greatly increased due to new house building. Tenders for a new works were accepted during the year and work commenced in December.

GROUP 4B. The parishes in this group were Alderminster, Old Stratford and Drayton, Temple Grafton, Loxley. Loxley as has already been mentioned is to be included in the Wellesbourne scheme.

The parish of Alderminster is to be drained with Whitchurch to an enlarged works at Preston-on-Stour. This scheme is in preparation.

Temple Grafton and that part of Ardens Grafton in the Stratford-on-Avon Rural District was to be drained, it was hoped, over the border into Alcester Rural District where a new scheme to drain small parishes was in preparation. Little progress has been made so far since the Alcester Rural District scheme was not of the highest priority in that district. Facilities would, however, be available in the scheme if drainage was taken to the nearest part of the main sewer to the Bidford-on-Avon works in the Alcester Rural District. Considerable nuisance occurs in Ardens Grafton where the drainage is treated in a small, completely inadequate tank and there is considerable pollution of ditches. It may be necessary for this Rural District to go it alone and provide a small works for the necessary treatment independent of any plans of the Alcester Rural District.



The very scattered parish of Old Stratford and Drayton has few problems since the major development is already drained to the sewage works of the Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon.

GROUP 5. These parishes were Charlecote, Clifford Chambers, Dorsington, Long Marston and Wolverton. Charlecote as has already been mentioned is to be dealt with at the new Wellesbourne works.

A scheme for the drainage of the village of Clifford Chambers was started in December, 1966. Treatment of the drainage from this village will be undertaken at the Milcote works of the Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon.

A scheme for the village of Dorsington has been completed and it is hoped that the Ministry enquiry will soon be held.

The parish of Wolverton is to be joined with the parish of Norton Lindsey in the Warwick Rural District and is included in the scheme planned for that district. Ministry approval has been obtained.

The parish of Long Marston has considerable drainage problems. It is very low lying and any scheme will entail pumping, presumably to the Army sewage works provided these works have sufficient capacity to take the drainage.

GROUP 6. The parishes in this group are all small, Billesley, Langley, Preston Bagot, Compton Verney, Fulbrook, Milcote and Whitchurch. Whitchurch as has already been mentioned will be included in the Alderminster scheme. The other parishes are scattered and thinly populated. In the village of Langley there has been quite a bit of development recently and a certain amount of nuisance occurs in ditches.

As will be seen from what I have already said, very considerable progress has been made over the last three years. There are only two blackish spots left in the rural district. The need for adequate sewage treatment in Long Marston is urgent and in Langley almost as urgent. Almost all these schemes has been designed and supervised by the Council's own Surveyor's Department to whom great credit is due.

The large parish of Hockley Heath which was recently added to the rural district from Solihull Borough presents a considerable problem where drainage is concerned. The only adequate drainage is in the more densely populated part of the parish at Hockley Heath itself. In the near future there will be very considerable development in the Mount Estate area where at the moment there is no main drainage whatever. This part of the parish of Hockley Heath will be drained in due course to Solihull Borough's new works at Barston.

It is likely that the northern and southern areas of the parish will be drained to the Colne Valley sewer in the Bromsgrove Rural District.

It will be some little time before these schemes can be implemented although the need for adequate drainage and treatment of sewage is urgent.

## WATER SUPPLY

All water supplies in the Rural District come from sources under the control of the South Warwickshire Water Board except for the northern part of the Rural District where the Birmingham Water Department has this responsibility. There have been no major difficulties in water supply during the year. Small extensions have been made in various parts of the Rural District and the water has been pure in quality. None of the supplies, to my knowledge, are plumbo solvent.







# Rural District of Alcester

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Area of District (acres) ...	...	37,524
Population (estimated mid 1966) ...	...	19,530
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1966 ...	...	£596,568
Product of Penny Rate 1966/67 ...	...	£2,440

## VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	204	172	376
	Illegitimate	...	...	8	13	21
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	6	1	7
	Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				...	...	404
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	5	2	7
	Illegitimate	...	...	1	0	1
MATERNAL DEATHS				...	...	0
POPULATION				...	...	19,530

## RATES

LIVE BIRTHS			
Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population		19.8	(17.7)*
STILL BIRTHS			
Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births		17.3	(15.4)*
INFANT DEATHS			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total		20.0	(19.0)*
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate		18.5	
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate		47	
Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) 7 deaths		18.5	(12.9)*
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		5.3	
MATERNAL DEATHS			
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births		0	(0.25)*
DEATHS	Male	Female	Total
	120	98	218
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population		10.5	(11.7)*

\*Corresponding rates for England and Wales



## HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1966 6,126

### COUNCIL HOUSES

Total ... .. 1,442

Number of houses built in 1966 ... .. 13

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1966 ... 84

Number of applicants for Council Houses ... .. 695

### REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action ... .. 25

(2) By formal action under Public Health Acts ... .. 6

(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... .. 0

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

(a) Number of representations made ... .. 2

(b) Number of demolitions made ... .. 2

(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve ... .. 0

(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let ... .. 0

(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 ... 0

(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 ... 0

(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 ... .. 8

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

(e) Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders made ... .. 0

(f) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed ... .. 2

(g) Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders confirmed ... .. 0

(h) Number of houses demolished ... .. 4

### RENT ACT, 1957

During the year there has been no applications or action taken under the Act.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Food premises ... .. 56

Licensed premises ... .. 5

Clean air ... .. 32

Housing investigation for rehousing and lodgers in council houses 117

Housing inspection under Public Health and Housing Acts ... 265

Provision of dustbins ... .. 17

Sanitary accommodation ... .. 92

Drainage matters ... .. 101

Water samples (bacteriological) ... .. 14



Water supplies ... ..	41
Dirty premises ... ..	7
Verminous premises ... ..	12
Factories ... ..	12
Tips ... ..	107
Ditches ... ..	4
Caravans and sites ... ..	126
Temporary structures ... ..	12
Rent Act ... ..	1
Refuse collection ... ..	308
Smoke nuisance ... ..	2
Rodent control supervision ... ..	7
Food inspection ... ..	73
Keeping of animals ... ..	17
Boarding kennels ... ..	5
Food vehicles ... ..	3
Miscellaneous visits ... ..	47
Removal of vehicles ... ..	33

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

### (a) GENERAL

Butchers' shops in the district ... ..	12
Bakehouses ... ..	1
Licensed premises ... ..	45
Clubs ... ..	7
Licensed restaurants ... ..	3
Snack bars ... ..	2
Fish and chip shops ... ..	2
Grocers' shops ... ..	551
Cafés ... ..	8
Slaughterhouses ... ..	2

### (b) PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16

Ice cream ... ..	73
Preparation of sausages, etc. ... ..	8

### (c) NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES ... .. 56

### ICE CREAM PREMISES

No ice cream is manufactured in the district. Seventy-three are registered for storage and sale of ice cream supplied by large manufacturing firms.

No samples were taken during this year.



## FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Fifty-six inspections have been made under the provisions of the Regulations and the following improvements recorded:

Ventilation	...	...	...	...	14
Wash-hand basins	...	...	...	...	8
Hot and cold water	...	...	...	...	8
Rooms requiring cleaning and decorating	...	...	...	...	14
First aid materials	...	...	...	...	6
Clothes lockers	...	...	...	...	4
Soap, towel and nailbrush	...	...	...	...	8
Dirty floors	...	...	...	...	14
Defective dustbins	...	...	...	...	2

## UN SOUND FOOD

The following has been voluntarily surrendered to prevent it being used for human consumption. A large proportion of this has been brought to the headquarters of a multiple shop which is situated in this district.

201 tinned tomatoes	42 tinned vegetables
401 tinned fruit	29 tinned milk and cream
62 tinned fish	30 tinned milk puddings
53 tinned meat	6 tinned soup
12 tinned fruit juice	4 lbs. meat

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The incentive bonus scheme came into operation on the 1st day of January, 1966, resulting in much improved collection. Ten day service is maintained generally.

The estimated actual cost of refuse collection and disposal for 1966/67 is £20,218 less £185 income for tipping charges and sale of scrap, etc.

## WARWICKSHIRE CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

A smoke filter with volumetric sulphur dioxide apparatus is installed at Studley High School and a lead peroxide apparatus in operation at Alcester Grammar School.

## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS, 1963

One establishment is now licensed to keep and board dogs. On inspection the premises are suitable and kept satisfactorily.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One application was received in connection with the above act for the sale of birds and tropical fish. Inspections proved the premises to be satisfactory.

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time rodent operative.

Number of inspections as a result of notification:

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	373
2. Business premises	...	...	...	12
3. Farms	...	...	...	842
4. Council property	...	...	...	156

Number of infestations discovered:

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	365
2. Business premises	...	...	...	12
3. Farms	...	...	...	67
4. Council property	...	...	...	10

Number of re-visits for treatment purposes	...	...	...	821
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The value of contracts in operation on the 31st December, 1966, was £618, involving 67 premises.

A minimum of one visit per month is paid to each premises under contract.



# CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of site	No. of caravans	Facilities provided
Abbots Salford	Summer	230	S L R FP FFA WS D SA
Fish Hotel, Wixford	Summer	14	R FFA WS D SA L S
Golden Cross, Exhall	Summer	15	R FFA WS D SA
Mill House, Aston Cantlow	Summer	40	R FFA WS D SA L
Willowdene, Wilmcote	Residential	15	R FFA WS D L S FP SA
Oversley Mill, Alcester	Residential	42	Work in progress
Hoo Mill, Alcester	Summer	100	R FFA WS D SA
Three Horse Shoes, Wixford	Summer	18	R P FFA WS D SA S
Mill Meadow, Salford Priors	Summer	47	R FFA WS D SA S
Welford Road, Barton	Summer	15	R F FFA WS D SA
Grange Road, Bidford	Summer	15	R FFA WS D SA
Outhill Farm, Studley	Summer	30	R FFA WS D SA
Woodcote, Aston Cantlow Road, Wilmcote	Residential	45	R FFA WS D L S FP WC T

In addition there are 10 small sites involving 17 caravans. Work requested to make sites satisfactory has been carried out. Proceedings were taken in two cases where sites were used without site licenses and both were fined £10.

R Roads	s Storage Space
FFA Fire Fighting Apparatus	FP Footpath
ws Water Supply	SA Sanitary Accommodation blocks
D Drainage	wc Water Closet to each caravan standing
L Laundry facilities	T Telephone



# **FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART I OF THE ACT**

## **1. INSPECTIONS for purposes 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, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	9	1	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	93	7	6	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	12	4	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

## **2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	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	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	1	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



**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)	1008	—	45	6352	1172	—
Number inspected	1008	0	45	6352	1172	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	1	0	0	9	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	143	0	0	13	2	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	14.285	0	0	0.35	0.17	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	32	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	2.73	0
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Two accidents have been reported and investigated consisting of: injury to ankle and broken knee cap. The Annual Report under the Act is as follows.

**Table A**  
**REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS**

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	33	5
Retail shops	3	89	10
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	6	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	24	8
Fuel storage depots	—	1	—

**Table B**  
**NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES**

41

**Table C**  
**ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE**

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	128
Retail shops	277
Wholesale departments, warehouses	82
Catering establishments open to the public	130
Canteens	4
Fuel storage depots	2
Total	623
Total males	252
Total females	371



## **SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

The three main schemes of sewerage and sewage treatment which have been in the planning stage for many years were completed during the year and the new works at Alcester, Studley and Bidford-on-Avon have been working satisfactorily. The smaller scheme of a new sewer in the village of Wilmcote was also completed during the year. Treatment of the sewage is undertaken at the Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon's Sewage Works at Milcote.

In many ways it is unfortunate that these schemes were planned so long ago since they are already inadequate and a new contract was signed to provide the necessary modifications for all three schemes. Work started under this contract to enlarge the Studley works and to expand the sewer to Lords Lane and Spenal Ash. Once again the Council's schemes were dogged by misfortune since the Contractor went into liquidation and was only restarted with new Contractors at the very end of the year.

### **SCHEMES FOR THE SMALL PARISHES AND HAMLETS**

Very necessary drainage for the small parishes and hamlets in the Rural District where there is considerable nuisance was prepared during the year and forwarded to the Ministry for approval. These schemes will be very expensive since they entail long runs of trunk sewers to carry the sewage to the main sewage treatment works at Studley, Alcester and Bidford-on-Avon. If these schemes should be implemented the justifiable complaints of the Severn River Authority about pollution of ditches at Haselor and Great Alne will be answered. Although in these two villages the nuisance is very considerable, they are by no means the only places in the Rural District where work is urgently needed.

The Severn River Authority have also expressed concern about what appears to be the considerable amount of infiltration of water into the new sewer at Alcester. This results in a considerably greater effluent flow into the river from the new Alcester works than was originally estimated. The Council's Consulting Engineers are investigating the matter.

Progress in providing sewerage and sewage treatment in the Alcester Rural District appears, unfortunately, to be very much slower than in the other two Rural Districts with which I have dealings. It is hoped that this very necessary work will be considerably speeded up in the next few years.

## **WATER SUPPLY**

As has been reported in previous years, most of the Rural District is supplied with water by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company. The few villages and hamlets in the southern part of the Rural District receive their supply from the South Warwickshire Water Board. There have been no water supply troubles during the year and any necessary extensions have been made by the Boards concerned. None of the water supply is, to my knowledge, plumbo solvent.

After the general scheme was approved and the necessary arrangements made, the work was carried out during the year. The new works at Abinger, Biddon-on-Avon have been working satisfactorily. The smaller works in the village of Wilmore were also completed during the year. The result of the work is satisfactory in the Abinger and Biddon-on-Avon sewage works.

In many ways it is fortunate that the scheme was planned so long ago, since the necessary modifications for all these schemes have been made under the same contract to enlarge the study works and to expand the sewerage works. The Council's scheme was approved by the Council since the Council were then in position and only required with new contractors at the very end of the year.

#### SCHEMES FOR THE SMALL PARISHES AND HAMLETS

Very necessary drainage for the small parishes and hamlets in the Rural District where there is considerable business was prepared during the year and forwarded to the Ministry for approval. These schemes will be very expensive since they entail long lengths of main sewer to carry the sewage to the main sewage treatment works at Abinger, Biddon-on-Avon. It is therefore essential that the necessary compensation of the Severn River Authority should be obtained at Abinger and Biddon-on-Avon. It is also essential that the necessary compensation should be obtained at Abinger and Biddon-on-Avon. It is also essential that the necessary compensation should be obtained at Abinger and Biddon-on-Avon.

The Rural District Authority have also considered the possibility of water supply to be the considerable water supply to be made into the new scheme at Abinger. This would be a considerable improvement in the water supply to the Rural District. The Rural District Authority are investigating the matter.

Progress in providing sewage and water treatment in the Rural District appears unsatisfactory so far as the Rural District is concerned. It is hoped that this year two Rural Districts will be considerably speeded up in the next few years.

#### WATER SUPPLY

As has been reported in previous years, most of the Rural District is supplied with water by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company. The few villages and hamlets in the southern part of the Rural District receive their supply from the South Worcestershire Water Board. There have been no water supply works during the year and no necessary extensions have been made by the Board concerned. None of the water supply is to my knowledge planned at present.



# The Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

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Area of District (acres) ...	...	53,339
Population (estimated mid 1966) ...	...	9,400
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1966 ...	...	£291,423
Product of Penny Rate 1966/67 ...	...	£1,156

## VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	90	67	157
	Illegitimate	...	...	4	5	9
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	1	0	1
	Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				...	...	167
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	...	...	1	1	2
	Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
MATERNAL DEATHS				...	...	0
POPULATION				...	...	9,400

## RATES

### LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 19.8 (17.7)\*

### STILL BIRTHS

Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births 6.0 (15.4)\*

### INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 12.0 (19.0)\*  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 12.7  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate 0  
 Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) 1 death 6 (12.9)\*  
 Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 5.4

### MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births 0 (0.25)\*

### DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	68	66	134

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 9.9 (11.7)\*

\*Corresponding rates for England and Wales



## HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1966 ... 3,716  
(estimated)

### COUNCIL HOUSES

Number of council houses at 31st December, 1966	859	
Number of council houses at 31st December, 1965	838	
Number of council houses built in 1966 ...	21	increase 2.80%

### PRIVATE HOUSES

Number of private houses built in 1966 ...	82	
Number of houses demolished in 1966 ...	8	
Increase in private dwellings ...	74	

### TOTAL DWELLINGS

Total dwellings at 31st December, 1966 ...	3,716	
Total dwellings at 31st December, 1965 ...	3,621	
Increase in number of dwellings in 1966 ...	95	increase 2.56%

### COUNCIL HOUSES

Number of council houses completed in 1966 ...	21	
Number in course of erection ...	91	
Total	111	
Number of applicants for council houses ...	207	

### REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

- |  |    |
|--|----|
| (1) By informal action ...   | 31 |
| (2) By formal action under Public Health Act ...   | 0  |
| (3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ...   | 0  |
| (4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:   |    |
| (a) Number of representations made ...   | 11 |
| (b) Number of demolition orders made ...   | 20 |
| (c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve ... | 1  |
| (d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let ...         | 1  |
| (e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 ...   | 17 |
| (f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 ...   | 0  |
| (5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957:   |    |
| (a) Number of representations made ...   | 0  |
| (b) Number of Clearance areas declared ...   | 0  |
| (c) Number of houses involved ...  | 0  |
| (d) Number of Clearance Orders made ...  | 0  |
| (e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed ...   | 0  |
| (f) Number of houses demolished ...  | 0  |



# DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

(a) Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied ...	5
	(2) tenanted ...	13
(b) Number of grants made	...	18
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	18
(d) Total amount of grants made	...	£6,344

# STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied ...	5
	(2) tenanted ...	5
(b) Number of grants made	...	10
(c) Number of dwellings affected	...	10
(d) Total amount of grant	...	£1,765

## RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	...	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	0
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	0
Number of certificates issued	...	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates	...	0

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

### DWELLINGS IMPROVED

Total number of grants authorised to 31st December, 1966	622
Total number of council houses improved to 31st December, 1966	207
Total number of dwellings improved to 31st December, 1966	829-22.77%

### COUNCIL HOUSES IMPROVEMENTS

All the substandard council houses were improved before the end of 1962.

### FUTURE PROGRAMME

The Council have not formulated any programme to enforce the improvement of property and the installation of bathrooms by statutory means as there has been a steady flow of applications over the years. The larger property owners agree to proceed with two or three of their properties each year and general help and encouragement is given all round. In several villages almost all houses have bathrooms, etc., and some effort will be made to complete these and a survey is to be made.



## HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

HOUSING SURVEY, 1960—FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME: DETAILS AS AT 31st  
DECEMBER, 1966

Various additions have been made to the original list, which now totals 141 dwellings. The record of actions taken and results obtained, both formally and informally, is as follows:

Demolition orders made (outstanding) ... ..	2
Houses demolished ... ..	9
Houses closed ... ..	17
Undertakings to repair (outstanding) ... ..	26
Closing Orders (outstanding) ... ..	49
Houses repaired ... ..	7
Official representations awaiting decision ... ..	6
Houses outstanding ... ..	25
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	141
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### SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT—VISITS MADE

Inspection of premises—Public Health Act ...	1,040
Slaughterhouses and knackers' yards ... ..	246
Milk and dairies ... ..	7
Food premises ... ..	196
Ice cream premises ... ..	34
Petroleum stores ... ..	25
New buildings ... ..	736
Drains tested ... ..	168
Ditches, drainage matter and sewage works ...	430
Water supplies ... ..	36
Tips ... ..	87
Filthy and verminous premises, including disin- fection ... ..	6
Caravan sites ... ..	30
Rodent control, including and in conjunction with other visits (other than rodent operative)	30
Miscellaneous visits ... ..	526
Clean Air Act (records, etc.) ... ..	375

#### NOTICES SERVED

(a) Statutory ... ..	0
(b) Informal ... ..	125

#### RESULTS OF NOTICES SERVED

(a) Notices complied with Statutory	...	0
	Informal	84
(b) Notices outstanding	Informal	41



## LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

In attempting to determine the number of houses required to house slum clearance families, under occupation, overcrowding and general needs, the Council became aware that in existing Council houses changing conditions and the growing up of families had obscured the actual facts, and, in order to present a more clear picture, an exercise was held during the year to obtain statistics of the present actual occupation of Council houses. It was also decided to investigate all applicants for Council houses. To this end detailed information has been obtained from the tenants of 851 Council houses, most of whom had to be visited, and all applicants for Council houses who were visited, the house inspected and the applicant interviewed. Where the applicant resided out of the district information was obtained from the Public Health department of the applicant's district.

The statistics were accumulated and analysed in detail, tabulated into villages and sites and presented to the Council in the form of two reports. Some of the more interesting facts are set out hereunder:

### OCCUPATION OF EXISTING 851 COUNCIL HOUSES

#### 1. Size of families in council houses

Number in family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total	122	209	223	157	86	23	20	8	2	1

Average of 3.1 persons per dwelling

#### 2. Under occupation and overcrowding

	Under occupied				Normal occupation	Overcrowded			
Bedrooms	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
Totals	1	61	129	23	586	—	5	40	6
	Total					Total			
	152					51			

#### 3. Families bordering overcrowding or under occupation

	Likely to increase	Likely to decrease
Number	37	47

#### 4. Age grouping of families of two or one person in 3 or 4 bedroomed houses

Over	60	65	70	75	80	85
Totals	20	24	15	10	1	1
Total	51					

### ANALYSIS OF 200 APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES

#### TYPE OF DWELLING APPLIED FOR

##### APPLICANT RESIDING

in district	outside district	in local council house requiring exchange
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##### TYPE REQUIRED

House	Flat	Bungalow	House	Flat	Bungalow	House	Flat	Bungalow
47	13	61	11	7	17	20	2	22
Totals	121			35			44	

Total asking for: houses 78, flats 22, bungalows 100



# PRIORITY RATING

Priority group	A	B	C	D	E	F
Number	31	23	33	43	60	10

## SIZE OF FAMILIES (unit standard)

Persons in family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Totals	42	75	36	23	14	7	-	1	1	1

COUNCIL HOUSES APPLICANTS' WAGES, FEBRUARY 1967

	Old Age Pen.	£5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
1	33	1	-	1	2	1	5	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
2	21	-	-	1	-	-	13	6	9	5	4	13	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	87
3	1	-	-	-	1	-	5	3	6	6	7	9	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	44
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	-	5	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	8
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	55	1	-	2	3	2	29	10	26	14	18	26	6	5	4	3	5	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	1	217



## **PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936**

### **1. DRAINS AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION**

The conversion and modernisation of house drains is being undertaken at the same time and in conjunction with the installation of new sewers and sewage disposal schemes. This policy has been adopted by the Council and has operated for some years, thus as schemes are completed all the house drains have been brought up to standard and connected to the new systems and the surface water drains diverted to the appropriate culverts or streams.

In those villages where schemes are not yet in progress the Council encourage owners to improve their property and install modern drains so constructed to be readily adapted to new sewers as and when they are installed.

Detailed sketch plans of existing house drains are being made as time permits and it is intended that a complete file of every house will be available within a comparatively short time; this is of considerable help in preparation for new sewerage schemes.

### **2. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Refuse collection is made every week in the township of Shipston-on-Stour and every fortnight in the villages in the area. Although few complaints are received it is felt that a full weekly collection ought to be made from all the villages in the area, but this has been deferred for a further 12 months. Consideration has also been deferred on the question of amending the kerbside collection to one of direct from the premises. It is appreciated that the Government have requested Councils to restrict their expenditure, but in this day and age improvements in sanitary services should proceed as rapidly as is possible.

The Council own two disused railway cuttings outside the town of Shipston-on-Stour and the one is being used very conveniently as a refuse tip. The cuttings are tree lined, which forms excellent screening whilst the shape facilitates controlled tipping being carried out. The Council employ a man full-time at the tip and a bulldozer and scraper are used for levelling whilst an excavator is available to dig out extra soil for covering as and when required. A supply of tip dressing and pesticide is kept at the tip and is used daily to keep down any nuisance from flies and other insects.

The question of the disposal of car bodies still raises difficulty although there is one dealer in the area who will take them and dispose of the waste in a disused quarry which is well away from habitation and more or less out of sight. The illegal dumping of some car bodies still continues despite repeated requests for it to stop and legal action may have to be taken in the very near future.

### **3. NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION**

Where no sewers are available the general practice is for the installation of septic tanks. The few tenants to retain pail closets bury the contents in the gardens and no nightsoil collection is, therefore, necessary or exists. No complaints have been received. Septic tank waste is disposed of by contractors who provide a very satisfactory service in the area.

### **4. CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES**

The Caravan Club have one authorised site in the area where five caravans are permitted to remain and there are 13 single sites for caravans providing the domestic needs for agricultural workers or family overspill. All sites have water supply, some form of drainage, hard standings, refuse bins and all matters required to comply with the regulations. The Council do not favour the setting up of caravan sites for general use in order to preserve the rural amenities of the area.



## 5. THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There are 77 registered premises in the area of which 64 received a general inspection. More detailed inspections will need to be carried out in due course. Fifty contraventions have been found and the owners or tenants have been notified and requested to remedy those matters. There have been no accidents reported during the year.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

### ICE-CREAM PREMISES

The premises registered in the area for the sale of ice-cream are maintained in a satisfactory condition and hygienic standards are aimed at. All the premises sell only pre-packed goods and there has been no complaint.

Premises registered for the manufacture by heat treatment	...	0
Premises registered for the manufacture by cold mix	...	0
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	...	41

### FISH FRIERS

Two premises in the area are used in connection with fish frying but the trade is ancillary to that of selling wet fish. Good hygienic standards are maintained and the premises are regularly inspected. No complaints have been received.

### SAUSAGE MANUFACTURE

The manufacture of sausages as an ancillary trade is carried out by seven butchers in the area. The conditions are satisfactory and no wholesale trade is carried out.

### INNS, PUBLIC HOUSES AND HOTELS

There are 28 licensed premises in the area. Inspections are made at frequent intervals and the conditions on the whole are found to be satisfactory.

### HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The undermentioned premises in the district are subject to the Hygiene Regulations and are in addition to the Inns and Hotels.

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

Forty contraventions of regulations have been reported in the year, all of which have been remedied informally.



## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 31

### RESTAURANT KITCHENS

Inspections are made at premises where food is prepared for sale to ensure that the Food Hygiene Regulations are carried out. Efforts are being made to improve conditions at one premises where the trade is out-growing the accommodation. No official action has been necessary.

### MILK AND DAIRIES

All licences under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations are issued by the Warwickshire County Council. Full co-operation is maintained between the County Council and this Council and records are kept of licences issued or cancelled.

The following table shows the results of samples taken in this area during the year. Thirty-eight samples were submitted for biological examination, all of which were reported as a negative result for tubercle bacilli.

DESIGNATION			TESTS FAILED		
Untreated formerly T.T.	Pasteurised	Sterilised	Methylene Blue	Phosphatase	Turbidity
0	37	0	0	0	0

### MEAT INSPECTION

1. The two private slaughterhouses in the area are maintained in good condition and are operated satisfactorily. Both are of a good standard and no action has been necessary during the year. Minor repairs have been carried out.

2. Condemned meat is disposed of by the occupiers to processors.

#### 3. DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

				lbs.
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	60
Parasites	...	...	...	1,290
Abscesses	...	...	...	562
Bruised and broken bones	...	...	...	53
Angeoma	...	...	...	60
Cysticercus bovis	...	...	...	0
Fevered carcasses	...	...	...	420
Septicaemia	...	...	...	180
Emaciation	...	...	...	680
Immaturity	...	...	...	220
				<hr/> 3,525 <hr/>

#### OTHER CONDEMNED FOODS

			lbs.
Fruit and vegetables	...	...	14

### KNACKERS' YARDS

There is one licensed knackers' yard in the area and it is maintained in a reasonable manner.



# CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep, and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	382	0	57	1169	519	0
Number inspected	382	0	57	1169	519	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	1	0	11	13	2	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	115	0	0	86	30	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	31.18	0	19.30	8.47	6.17	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	6	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	1.51	0
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0



## RODENT CONTROL

A full-time operator is employed to carry out the requirements of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. The work is supervised by the Public Health Inspector. The operator carries out survey work in addition to treatments.

Farm and business premises are catered for under a contract system which has proved very satisfactory. The Council's operator treats the Council's sewers and sewage disposal works and gives special attention to the refuse tips. A free service is operated for the minor infestations found in domestic premises.

### SUMMARY OF RODENT CONTROL ACTION

Number of contracts obtained Annual	...	79
	Hourly charge	—
Value of annual contracts	... ..	£675-8-0
Value of hourly charge contracts	... ..	—
Number of inspections for survey purposes:		
1. Dwellings	... ..	1,150
2. Business premises	... ..	4
3. Farms	... ..	255
4. Council property other than tips and sewage works	... ..	5
Number of infestations discovered:		
1. Dwellings	... ..	249
2. Business premises	... ..	44
3. Farms	... ..	12
4. Council property	... ..	5
Number of re-visits for treatment purposes	...	2,141
Number of carcasses picked up	... ..	244
Number of treatments completed	... ..	277

# **FACTORIES ACT, 1961:**

## **1. INSPECTIONS for purposes 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, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	3	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	84	50	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	13	5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## **2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	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)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## WATER SUPPLIES

All the villages in the area are served by a full supply of water in mains and only those outlying farms on the hills depend on private supplies. The supply is sufficient for domestic and trade purposes. The water system passed to the control of the South Warwickshire Water Board in 1963.

The sources of supply are from the North Cotswold Water Board, a supply from the Stratford-on-Avon District and local springs in Ebrington. The supplies are chlorinated at source. There are six distribution reservoirs and five pumping stations in the district.

The supplies have not been restricted even in dry conditions as the Water Board are able, by loop mains, to augment the supplies as required.

### QUALITY OF WATER

As stated, the supplies are chlorinated at source and samples of water are regularly tested. No complaints have been received in the year.

The water from private supplies is checked at intervals to ensure that conditions are satisfactory.

### ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

During the year samples of water have been sent for analysis and the details are set out hereunder:

				Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Private	...	...	...	1	3
Public	...	...	...	7	1

### ACTION IN RESPECT OF CONTAMINATION

The Council have a portable Wallace and Tiernan chlorinator which can be used if the need of emergency arises and a small stock of liquid chlorine is kept available.

### PLUMBO SOLVENCY

There is little risk of plumbo solvent action as all the water supplied in the area is fairly hard. Most of the pipework used in domestic systems is either of copper, iron or thermo-plastic.

## SEWERAGE

Good progress is being made with the provision of sewers and sewage disposal works to serve the villages in the area. The aim of the Council to provide full sewerage schemes in all the villages in the district is within the foreseeable future. On a parish population basis some 70.5 per cent of the population is now fully served, schemes to cover an additional 15.7 per cent are in course of construction and the Minister has approved the scheme for Oxhill and Whatcote which is now going out to tender and will add a further 3.6 per cent. It is therefore anticipated that by the end of 1968 almost 90 per cent of the people in the district will have the advantage of full public services. The remaining villages are small and scattered, and with difficult topography, but the Council intend to proceed with its object and schemes are in course of preparation for 5.3 per cent of the remainder. Consideration is also being given for another 3.0 per cent, leaving only 1.9 per cent not yet considered under active consideration.

The large scheme serving the northern part of the district and now under construction involves the sewerage of seven villages. The sewage will be pumped back to Shipston-on-Stour where a new works to serve those villages and also the town itself will satisfy a much needed want. The old disposal



works at Fell Mill serving Shipston-on-Stour have been difficult to maintain and the Severn River Authority have been very tolerant and understanding in allowing some temporary surface irrigation of settled sewage over grass-land in order to ease the loading on the old filters.

The problems in the unsewered villages can only be solved by the provision of full schemes and good progress is being made.

As previously stated the Council follow a policy of amending existing house drainage systems and having them connected up to the new sewage schemes as the work of each scheme is in progress. This has resulted in house drains and village sewers all being completed as each contract reaches its final stage. This method obviates the necessity for the service of notices for the enforcement of house drainage systems and the general considerable delay where this type of work is not undertaken in conjunction with the main sewage contracts.

Where main sewers are not yet provided in full, there are a number of small disposal works which receive careful attention, and in other cases, properties are drained to septic tanks or soakaway systems. Whilst every effort is made to reduce nuisance to a minimum nothing less than full sewage disposal systems will prevent the contamination of streams, ditches and the River Stour. It is, therefore, essential that the Council's policy of sewerage all the villages in the area should progress as rapidly as is possible.



**SEWERAGE 1966**  
(Population estimated)

Villages	Houses	Population	Date of Operation	Remarks	Percentage of District				
<b>FULLY SEWERED</b>									
1. Brailes: Upper } 2. Lower }	294	824	1960	Parts 1 and 2	70.5				
3. Butlers Marston	82	230	1966						
4. Cherington	97	272	1960						
5. Honington	68	191	1909						
6. Ilmington	214	600	1957 & 1959						
7. Little Compton	110	308	1961						
8. Long Compton	233	652	1961						
9. Idlicote	32	89	1963						
10. Pillerton Hersey	48	134	1966						
11. Pillerton Priors	62	174	1966						
<b>SCHEMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>									
1. Armscote 2. Blackwell 3. Darlingscote 4. Halford 5. Newbold-on-Stour 6. Tredington 7. Honington (new)	46 51 35 102 149 163 68	129 143 98 285 417 456 191		Grouped to one disposal works and to include Shipston-on-Stour	15.7				
<b>APPROVED BY MINISTRY</b>									
1. Oxhill } 2. Whatcote }	87 38	244 107					3.6		
<b>IN COURSE OF DETAILED PREPARATION</b>									
1. Barcheston 2. Burmington 3. Tidmington 4. Willington 5. Whichford 6. Ascott	10 42 12 26 73 24	28 117 34 72 204 67					5.3		
<b>UNDER CONSIDERATION</b>									
1. Great Wolford 2. Little Wolford	51 50	143 140							3.0
<b>NO ACTION TO DATE</b>									
1. Barton-on-the-Heath 2. Compton Wynyates 3. Winderton	40 8 19	112 22 53			1.9				

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# **BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages	Under 4 weeks
3. Syphilitic disease	M	1	
	F	0	
6. Meningococcal infections	M	0	
	F	1	
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	3	
	F	5	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	7	
	F	2	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0	
	F	5	
13 Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	2	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	8	
	F	11	
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	0	
	F	3	
16. Diabetes	M	1	
	F	0	
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	11	
	F	18	
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	30	
	F	23	
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	2	
	F	2	
20. Other heart disease	M	3	
	F	7	
21. Other circulatory disease	M	7	
	F	3	
23. Pneumonia	M	7	
	F	10	
24. Bronchitis	M	9	
	F	2	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	
	F	1	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	2	
	F	1	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	M	0	
	F	1	
31. Congenital malformations	M	2	
	F	1	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	4	
	F	11	
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	6	
	F	0	
34. All other accidents	M	1	
	F	6	
<b>Total all causes</b>	M	<b>105</b>	
	F	<b>115</b>	

# RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages	Under 4 weeks
3. Syphilitic disease	M	1	
	F	0	
6. Meningococcal infections	M	0	
	F	1	
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4	
	F	2	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	11	
	F	5	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0	
	F	4	
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	3	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	18	
	F	13	
16. Diabetes	M	0	
	F	1	
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	11	
	F	23	
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	26	
	F	18	
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	0	
	F	3	
20. Other heart disease	M	10	
	F	13	
21. Other circulatory disease	M	10	
	F	8	
22. Influenza	M	1	
	F	5	
23. Pneumonia	M	7	
	F	7	
24. Bronchitis	M	12	
	F	4	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	
	F	2	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	0	
	F	1	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	0	
	F	1	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	M	0	
	F	1	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	M	2	
31. Congenital malformations	M	3	
	F	0	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	14	
	F	10	
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	6	
	F	1	
34. All other accidents	M	6	
	F	2	
35. Suicide	M	4	
	F	0	
36. Homicide and operations of war	M	1	
	F	0	
<b>Total all causes</b>	M	148	
	F	128	



## RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages	Under 4 weeks
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4	
	F	1	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	11	
	F	0	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0	
	F	1	
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	2	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	11	
	F	16	
16. Diabetes	M	0	
	F	1	
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	7	
	F	7	
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	22	
	F	13	
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	0	
	F	3	
20. Other heart disease	M	13	
	F	7	
21. Other circulatory disease	M	7	
	F	6	
22. Influenza	M	0	
	F	1	
23. Pneumonia	M	6	
	F	15	
24. Bronchitis	M	10	
	F	2	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	3	
	F	1	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1	
	F	0	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	0	
	F	1	
31. Congenital malformations	M	3	
	F	2	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	17	
	F	13	
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	3	
	F	1	
34. All other accidents	M	1	
	F	2	
35. Suicide	M	1	
	F	3	
<b>Total all causes</b>	M	<b>120</b>	
	F	<b>98</b>	

# RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages	Under 4 weeks
3. Syphilitic disease	M	0	
	F	1	
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	1	
	F	1	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	1	
	F	0	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0	
	F	2	
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	6	
	F	5	
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	10	
	F	10	
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	19	
	F	11	
20. Other heart disease	M	6	
	F	5	
21. Other circulatory disease	M	5	
	F	11	
22. Influenza	M	3	
	F	3	
23. Pneumonia	M	5	
	F	5	
24. Bronchitis	M	1	
	F	2	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	
	F	2	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1	
	F	0	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	0	
	F	1	
31. Congenital malformations	M	1	
	F	0	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	5	
	F	3	
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	2	
	F	2	
34. All other accidents	M	0	
	F	1	
35. Suicide	M	1	
	F	0	
<b>Total all causes</b>	M	68	
	F	66	



# 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 unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to hosp.
Measles	6	42	68	74	-	4	2	-	196	
Scarlet fever	-	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	7	
Puerperal pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	

# RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to hosp.
Measles	5	23	42	49	5	-	-	-	124	
Scarlet fever	-	1	2	5	-	-	-	-	8	
Whooping cough	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	



# **RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER**

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS**

<b>Classifications</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>25 and over</b>	<b>Age unknown</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Ad. to hosp.</b>
Acute pneumonia	-	2	1	2	1	-	6	-	12	
Measles	7	80	83	138	1	-	-	-	309	
Scarlet fever	-	1	3	3	1	-	-	-	8	
Whooping cough	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	

# **RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR**

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS**

<b>Classifications</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>25 and over</b>	<b>Age unknown</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Ad. to hosp.</b>
Scarlet fever	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	5	
Measles	2	23	29	72	10	3	1	-	140	1
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	3
Whooping cough	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	



# BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

## TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1966

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1966

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
19	19	4	5
22	20	5	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								
11-15								
16-21								
22-25	1							
26-35	1	1						
36-45			1					
46-55				1				
56-65								
66 and upwards	2							
Age unknown								
TOTAL	4	1	1	1				

3 of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transferred from another area

# RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

## TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1966

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1966

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
25	31	7	5
26	31	8	6

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5	1	1						
6-10								
11-15								
16-21	1	1						
22-25								
26-35		1	1					
36-45		1		1				
46-55								
56-65								
66 and upwards		1			1	1		
Age unknown								
TOTAL	2	5	1	1	1	1		

2 of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transferred from another area



# RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

## TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1966

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1966

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
20	13	0	8
24	13	0	8

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						
22-25	1							
26-35								
36-45	1							
46-55					1			
56-65	1							
66 and upwards	2							
Age unknown								
TOTAL	5	1				1		

3 of these cases are transferred from other areas

# RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

## TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1966

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1966

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
14	8	0	4
15	4	0	2

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	2							
16-21								
22-25								
26-35								
36-45								
46-55								
56-65						1		
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
TOTAL	2					1		

2 of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transferred from another are a





