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URBAN DISTRICT OF STREET



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(including the Report of the Public Health Inspector)

FOR THE YEAR

1961

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STREET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

L. C. Corlett, M.A.P.H.I.

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STREET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR

1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Street

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the Health of the District during 1961.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1961

Area of Urban District (in acres)	3,069
Population (mid-year 1961)	6,830
Number of inhabited houses	2,130
Rateable Value	£83,399
Product of a Penny Rate	£342

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1961

(With comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales where available)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>				<u>Street</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate	44	52	96				
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>				
TOTALS	<u>46</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>100</u>			8,215	803,843
Rate per 1,000 population				14.7	14.1	16.58 (Corrected)	17.4

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 4.0 4.53

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LIVE BIRTHS	M	F	Total	Somerset		England and Wales	
				Recorded	Corrected	Recorded	Corrected
Legitimate	44	52	96	8,215	8,215	803,813	803,813
Illegitimate	2	2	4	165	165	174	174
TOTALS	46	54	100	8,380	8,380	803,987	803,987
Rate per 1,000 population				15.7	15.7	15.1	15.5
						(Corrected)	

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births)

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<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	M.	F.	Total	<u>Street</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u> (Provisional)
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate ...	-	1	1				
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-				
TOTALS ...	-	1	1				

Rate per 1,000 live and still births 9.9 18.04 19.1

TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS ... 46 55 101 8,366 819,474

TOTAL DEATHS
(all ages) ... 29 25 54
Rate per 1,000 population ... 7.9 7.75 12.77 12.0

INFANT DEATHS
(under 1 year)
Legitimate ... - - -
Illegitimate ... - - -
TOTALS - - - 130 17.392

INFANT MORTALITY RATES
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births ... 15.82 21.6
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ... 15.93
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. 13.45

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES
(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ... 10.83 15.5

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ... 8.9

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE
(still births & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live & still births) 9.9 26.8 32.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)
Number of deaths ... -
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births- 0.12 0.33

MUTUAL MORTALITY (including abortion)		PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE		EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE		NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE		TOTAL DEATHS (all ages)		TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS		STILL BIRTHS	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Number of deaths	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	(still births & deaths under 1 week)	Rate per 1,000 total live births	(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	Rate per 1,000 total live births	(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 live and still births	TOTALS	Legitimate	Illegitimate	TOTALS
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0.12	0.33	8.9	10.83	12.42	15.93	15.88	21.6	12.77	12.9	101	46	55	101
26.8	32.2	17.395	130	17.395	130	17.395	130	12.77	12.9	12.77	12.9	12.77	12.9
18.04	19.1	8,366	819,474	8,366	819,474	8,366	819,474	18.04	19.1	18.04	19.1	18.04	19.1

CAUSES OF DEATH

(As given by the Registrar-General for 1961)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	3	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	6
Coronary Disease, angina	9	3
Other heart disease	3	7
Other circulatory disease	2	-
Pneumonia	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1
Congenital malformation	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3
All other accidents	1	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>
Measles	221
Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever)	1
Puerperal pyrexia	1
Whooping Cough	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	<u>227</u>

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SEC. 47) & AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No cases occurred requiring action under the provisions of these Acts,

ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS

There were no Food Poisoning notifications during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH

(As given by the Registrar-General for 1951)

Female	Male						
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Tuberculosis, respiratory
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Malignant neoplasm, stomach
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Malignant neoplasm, breast
2	3	...	...	...	...	...	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms
6	3	...	...	...	...	...	Vascular lesions of nervous system
3	9	...	...	...	...	...	Coronary disease, angina
7	3	...	...	...	...	...	Other heart disease
1	2	...	...	...	...	...	Other circulatory disease
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Pneumonia
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Congenital malformation
3	1	...	...	...	...	...	Other defined and ill-defined diseases
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	All other accidents

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Total Cases Notified	Diseases
231	Measles
1	Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever)
1	Paratyphoid
1	Whooping Cough
<u>234</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SEC. 43) & AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

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NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1961

Although as a general rule the figures are too small for much significance to be attached to them, nevertheless certain broad statements can be made.

Population

The Registrar's estimate of the population of Street for mid-year 1961 is 6,830, which is 410 more than the estimate for 1960.

Births

Live births in 1961 totalled 100 which is 18 less than the figure for the previous year.

The birth rate was 14.7 which is less than the figure for 1960 (18.38).

The Registrar now provides a correction factor for birth rates, and in the case of Street this factor is 0.96 which gives a corrected birth rate of 14.1, a figure noticeably less than the rate of 16.58 for Somerset and 17.4 for England and Wales.

The number of still births, per 1,000 live and still births, was 9.9 compared with nil for the previous year. However, it is scarcely more than half the figure for the County, and England and Wales.

Deaths

The Recorded or Crude Death Rate was 7.9, which is a lower figure than that of last year (9.33). The Corrected Death Rate (Registrar's correction figure 0.98) was 7.75, comparing favourably with the figures of 12.77 for Somerset and 12.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Mortality

It is pleasing to report that the Infant Mortality Rates, Neo-natal Mortality Rate and Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate were nil in each case.

The Peri-natal Mortality Rate was only 9.9 as against 26.8 for Somerset and the figure of 32.2 for England and Wales.

Maternal Mortality

It is gratifying to note that in 1961, as in the previous year, no women in the District died as a result of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

Causes of Death

Diseases of the Cardio-vascular System - continue to be the cause of the largest number of deaths, and the number (33) is almost identical to the figure of 32 for last year. Of these, the largest number (12) were due this year to coronary disease as opposed to vascular lesions of the nervous system which took the lead the previous year.

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The large number of 221 cases of Measles notified reflects the occurrence of a sizeable epidemic of this disease in the town during 1961. Otherwise there is little noteworthy in the number of notifiable diseases reported except that once again there have been no cases of the major diseases such as Poliomyelitis and Tuberculosis.

Factories

Usual routine inspection of factories have been made during the year. Generally, conditions found were of a satisfactory nature. Where necessary, attention was drawn to any defects found.

Food Hygiene

Bakehouses, butchers' shops, fish-shops and restaurants were visited during the year and, as appearing later in the report, regular and frequent visits are paid to the two slaughterhouses in the District.

Mortuary

As referred to in the previous Annual Report, the construction of a new mortuary and Chapel of Rest by a private firm in the District was completed and brought into use, and the Council's mortuary has been closed, arrangements having been made with the private undertaker for the new mortuary to be fully available.

Parks

Further malicious damage has occurred during the year at the Public Conveniences at Merriman Park and Woods Batch.

Clearance work on Ivythorn Hill has continued and this open space is a very popular place with the general public.

Water Supply

Generally, the year in relation to water supply was satisfactory except for a short period in the later part of the summer when restriction on the use of hoses had to be applied for a period of a fortnight when consumption figures rose above the yield at the time of the sources.

The quantity of water supplied to Bristol Waterworks Company (for supply in the Wells Rural District Area) again increased during the year.

There were 25 samples of water for bacteriological examination, and one sample for chemical analysis taken of the supply during the year. All the results were satisfactory.

Cemetery

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Park

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General

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Sewage Disposal

The works of partial reconstruction of the sewage works continued during the year and the third percolating filter and the ancillary pumps, pipe works etc. were completed and brought into use in the later part of the year.

Greenbank Swimming Pool

This excellently maintained pool continues to provide a very considerable amenity for the community. Its popularity is well illustrated by the fact that the attendance was 99,000 over a season of 20 weeks.

Housing

During the year, 26 houses, including Old People's Bungalows, were completed and during the period 34 houses were completed by Private Enterprise.

Site works were in progress on two sites, one for further provision of Old People's Bungalows and one for the provision of further Council houses.

The Council's Direct Labour Force has continued to work satisfactorily and has been during the period mainly engaged on the erection of Old People's Bungalows.

Improvement Grants

Number of Discretionary Grants approved during the year - 5

Number of Standard Grants approved during the year - 7

Public Cleansing

House refuse is collected weekly and together with trade refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

Slaughterhouses

The work of alteration at the two private slaughterhouses to comply with the new regulations have been completed. 100% inspection of the animals slaughtered in these two slaughterhouses is carried out and this has necessitated over 300 visits during the year. Details of the meat condemned and animals killed is given below.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part
during year

	Cattle excluding	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed	209	-	24	805	650	-
No. inspected	209	-	24	805	650	-

General Disposal

The works of partial reconstruction of the sewage works continued during the year and the third percolating filter and the auxiliary pumps, pipe works etc. were completed and brought into use in the later part of the year.

Frederick Submarine Pool

This excellently maintained pool continues to provide a very considerable amenity for the community. Its popularity is well illustrated by the fact that the attendance was 92,000 over a season of 20 weeks.

Housing

During the year, 25 houses, including Old People's Bungalows, were completed and during the period 34 houses were completed by Private Enterprises.

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	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses	
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	-	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	20	Nil	Nil	6	8	-	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	9.5%	Nil	Nil	1.8%	1.5%		
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	-	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	-	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.2%	-	
<u>Cysticercosis</u>							
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	
<u>Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-</u>							
							<u>Total</u>
(a) Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	100	-	100
(b) Cysticercosis submitted to treatment by refrigerator	1,550	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	1,550
(c) Other	615	Nil	Nil	30	295	-	940
Total (in lbs.) condemned	2,165	Nil	Nil	30	395	-	2,590
							73
Tinned Meat							103
Tinned other food							<u>2,766 lbs.</u>

Premises Where Food is prepared:

Number registered under Section 16
of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955,
(Ice Cream, Manufactured Meat
Products, etc.)

24

Clean Air Act, 1956

Any Action taken:-

Factories burning oil fuel

Agricultural (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Action taken during year:-

Several visits paid to farm premises in course of year.
Farms in District are small, mainly run as family units
and facilities of house available.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made
by Public Health Inspectors) FACTORIES ACT 1937 to 1959

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect- ions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	100	4 written 4 verbal	---
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	350	1 written 7 verbal	---
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				
Total.....	27	450	5 written 11 verbal	Nil

Number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1939 (Ice Cream, Manufactured Meat Products, etc.)

2A

Green Act, 1935

by action taken:-

Factories during off trial

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(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	18	330	1 written 7 verbal
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)			
Total.....	27	430	5 written 11 verbal

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	2	2			Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-			Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-			Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	2	2		1	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil			Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1			Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	One altered so access separate		
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	Attention drawn verbally to small points when inspection made.				

Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 and 111 - 67 workers

Nature of work - Wearing apparel.

Attention of factory owners drawn to fact that in 3 cases out-workers were using inflammable cement for shoe making.

Deryck E. Clare,

L. C. Corlett

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Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found	Revised	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2				Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	-				Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-				Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	2		1		Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil			Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Inefficient					
(b) Unavailable or defective	1	1			Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1			
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)					
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One altered so access separate					

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