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SWADLINCOTE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Senior Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1963



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health.

MALCOLM ALLAN. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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Senior Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer
(Also Inspector under the Shops Act)

DAVID HENRY BRADBURY. D.P.A., M.A.P.H.I.

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Additional Public Health Inspector P.R. Bramley. M.A.P.H.I.
(To 18th Sept. 1963).

Senior Clerk Mr. R. J. Lakin.

Part time Clerical Assistant... .. Mrs. V. Dennis.

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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
(Up to April, 1964.)

Chairman: Councillor F. A. Travis.

Vice Chairman: Councillor W. Heape.

Councillors:- W. Flowers. W.H.Whitehead. Mrs.M.E. Hardy.
J.W. Miller. W.Lord. J.C. Moulson. J.T.W. Briggs. T.H. Edwards.
J.Stretton. E.C. Clamp. C.Shipton. W. Brealey J.P. A.J. Hough.
A. Whittaker. Rev.S. Crawford. G.C. Holmes.

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WELLS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Senior Public Health Inspector and Hospital Officer
(also Inspector under the Fact Act)

DAVID HENRY BARNBY, D.S., M.A., F.R.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector ... F.E. ...
(to 19th Sept. 1965)

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Chairman: Councilor N. A. Travis

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CLINIC.

SWADLINCOTE - CIVIC CENTRE.

<u>Ante-natal Clinic:</u>	2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month, 9-00 a.m. to 12-00 noon. Doctor attends each session.
<u>Child Guidance:</u>	By appointment.
<u>Dental Treatment:</u>	By appointment.
<u>Eye Clinics:</u>	By appointment, 4th Thursday in each month, commencing 2-30 p.m. and 2nd Friday in each month commencing 9-30 a.m.
<u>Infant Welfare Centre:</u>	Every Monday 9-00 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and 1-30 p.m. to 4-15 p.m.
<u>Minor Ailment Clinic:</u>	Mondays 9-00 a.m. to 10-00 a.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m.
<u>Orthopaedic Clinics:</u>	By appointment. Every Tuesday in each month 9-00 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and 1-30 p.m. to 4-00 p.m.
<u>Speech Therapy:</u>	Temporarily unstaffed.
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination:</u>	2nd, 4th and 5th Saturday mornings, by appointment.

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IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHThERIA:

Facilities for immunisation are available on request, when the Doctor is in attendance at Infant Welfare Centres and Minor Ailment Clinics.

REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF GLASSES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The necessary form may be obtained on request from the Principal School Medical Officer, County Offices, Matlock, Derbyshire, or from the School Medical Officers.

CHEST CLINICS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Chest Clinic,
Outwoods Hospital,
Belvedere Road,
Burton-on-Trent.

New cases: By appointment through own Doctor Monday and Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. to 3-00 p.m. Friday 9-00 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.
Contacts: Alternate Tuesdays 9-00 a.m. to 10-00 a.m. B.C.G. Clinics on the Friday of the same week from 11-00 a.m.

DERBY.

The Chest Clinic,
Green Lane,
Derby.

New cases: Wednesday 9-30 a.m. to 12-00 noon. and 6-00 p.m. to 8-00 p.m. Friday 9-30 a.m. to 12-00 noon, 2-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m. Saturdays (Contacts) 9-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.
By appointment only at all sessions.

WELFARE FOODS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE.

COUNTY CLINIC.

Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9-15 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and 1-30 p.m. to 5-00 p.m.
Saturdays 9-00 a.m. to 12-00 noon.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Swadlincote Urban District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1963.

The year began both "snell and keen" and how better could the climatic conditions be described than by William Shakespeare whose 400th birthday anniversary is celebrated this year.

"When icicles hang by the wall
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the hall,
And milk comes frozen home in pail."

During January there were 16 days of unbroken frost and even this did not dim the optimism of some who remarked, "Well, anyhow, it's healthy weather." Curiously enough the statistics supported this optimism for influenza was not a threat, the weekly deaths in England and Wales from this disease varying from 48 to 60: in one week in January 1962 there were 783 deaths from this cause. One very special danger in such severe weather is the cold's serious effect on old people. All too many reports were in the newspapers of old people dying of cold in their own home. This is something that should be borne in mind by all who have the care of old people in winter months.

There has been no major infectious disease in the district for some years, the last Paralytic Polio was in 1953 and the last Diphtheria notification was 1948. The returns for these two infectious diseases in England and Wales during 1963 showed record low levels.

In 1959, 1,342 cases of Polio were notified, whereas for 1963 the notifications reached the record figure of 78, with only 3 deaths. The statistics for Diphtheria are more remarkable still. In 1959, 279 cases compared with 45 in 1963, with not a single death. What an amazing change from 1938 with 66,000 cases and 3,000 deaths.

Such achievements are a great credit to the progressive health policies of District Councils, not only in their earlier immunisation schemes continued by the local health authority, but also in housing, water undertakings and sewage schemes.

Towards the end of the year a group of old persons flatlets was opened in the District and these are a tremendous asset to the "not-so-young" of the urban district, since their advanced design combines privacy and community life at the discretion of the individual. Moreover in the winter months the old person can move around within the building and thus maintain mobility, when to go outside would constitute a danger to life and limb. The location of the flatlets near a home for the aged facilitates interchange of accommodation and care for the aged and is evidence of imaginative planning.

Over the Christmas holidays an average of 30 people a day were killed on the roads and, in this connection, the Royal College of Surgeons of England published a Report "on this modern epidemic plague." The statistics are appalling for all accidental deaths are 20,000 per year, including 7,000 road deaths and 8,000 deaths in homes. Hospital admissions for accidents run about 300,000 per annum and total cost to the community, half of which is loss of productivity, is £170 million.

To quote statistics again, accidental deaths cause 50% of all deaths in males aged 15 to 25 years, just when they are beginning a lifetime of productive work for the community and the commonest single killer is the motor vehicle.

Prevention should begin in early life by the parents giving more training to the children about appliances driven or heated by electricity and gas, and this training would be supplemented by that in the Schools. Moreover, not enough is done to educate the pedestrian in road safety, but in the end the chief responsibility lies with the motorist who should have a special care for children and old people with failing senses. The Royal College laid great stress in their report on the finding that the behaviour of the individual is the dominant feature.

Finally a prescription for safe driving: sobriety, good manners, mental alertness and a sense of responsibility.

Road and Home Safety Committees are playing a most important part in the prevention of accidental deaths and disabilities.

The 300,000 hospital admissions for accidents need the support of the community for blood transfusions are essential not only in saving life, but also in promoting healing and returning the individual to home and work in the shortest possible time.

During the year Her Majesty the Queen sent a special message of thanks to the one million donors of the National Blood Transfusion Service, and more are needed. By their giving of blood, donors have rendered an outstanding service to those in need and much reduced the casualties stay in Hospital. The address of the Unit serving our district is:-

National Blood Transfusion Service,
Derbyshire Donor Panel,
St. John Hall,
Haddon Road,
BAKEWELL,
Derbyshire.

Tel: Bakewell 156.

which will be useful to those wishing to become blood donors.

The British Pharmaceutical Industry has made a tremendous contribution to the National Health Service. This is all too obvious when one recollects the efficacy of the anti-Tuberculosis Drugs, Penicillin and the other antibiotics together with Polio vaccination and many other immunisation procedures, to mention only a few that come readily to mind.

Such medication is under a degree of control, but there is over and above this the vast amount of self-medication which in some degree is not only unnecessary, but a danger. This drug habit is encouraged by the advertising of medicinal products not only in the press, but on commercial television to the tune of over £10 million each year. Even the aspirin can cause stomach and bowel bleeding and is a cause for concern to doctors dealing with gastrointestinal disease.

The dangers of self-medication could be mitigated by increased teaching of human biology and physiology in which the T.V. companies could play an important part by setting up programmes of advertising followed by comment in immediate sequence. We must strive at all cost to avoid the self-medication obtaining in America where handbags may contain at one and the same time, tranquillizers, pop-pills, sleeping pills and slimming pills.

In Great Britain it is estimated that there are about 300,000 alcohol addicts suffering from what is a progressively disabling disease, and the cost to the community is incalculable. This country, unlike the United States or the Soviet Union, makes little provision for the treatment of this group. Within the National Health Service there are a few specialised units and more may be forthcoming since the Ministry of Health recommended that a special centre should be set up in each Regional Hospital Board.

The amount spent in a year on alcoholic drinks is around £1,050 million and the total expenditure on advertisements about £23 million and money spent on drink goes up by an average of £50 million a year.

Much of the treatment of this pressing medico-social problem is dealt with by voluntary bodies, and one I am interested in has an annual income of £4,107. 11s. 6d.

The controversy on smoking and lung cancer continued unabated whilst meantime deaths from this disease are running at a rate of 500 a week, or one every twenty minutes. Sales of cigarettes in the United Kingdom rose from 36,000 million in 1920 to 1100,000 million in 1962 and deaths from lung cancer from 592 to 26,383.

Some seven years ago the British Government was advised by the Medical Research Council of "a very great increase during the past twenty-five years in the death rate from lung cancer in this and other countries, and that a major part of the increase was associated with tobacco smoking, particularly in the form of cigarettes." Further investigations here and elsewhere have confirmed the above statement.

Smoking also plays a part in several other diseases such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, coronary disease, peptic ulcer and low birth weight. All told, cigarette smoking is as fruitful a source of disease and death as some of the epidemics of previous centuries, and all we do is stick up posters. Health education has little influence on the habits of adults and there is more reward in tackling the problem in school children and youth groups.

Linked with the above problem is the struggle for cleaner air to which industry generally has made a substantial contribution by improving the efficacy of combustion fuels and thus reducing smoke. The chief offender is the domestic grate which emits three times as much smoke as is discharged from all the other uses of coal and is far and away the greatest cause of pollution at ground level.

Progress in dealing with domestic smoke is painfully slow, but now various local difficulties are being resolved, it would greatly benefit the health of the people of the District if this environmental problem was tackled vigorously.

With one of your Councillors I had the privilege and pleasure of attending a Conference at Harrogate on the theme "The Way of Health" which covered the whole span of life in its individual and social aspects. In the Conference Handbook the local Medical Officer of Health said this, "It is an interesting commentary on human nature that the public who so enthusiastically consume various chemical solutions as spa waters and who still relish a good bottle of medicine, are so very nervous about the addition of a trace of fluoride to water supplies."

Within the Report there is a list of County Council Clinics and a Table showing primary immunisations against Diphtheria for which I am indebted to Dr. J. B. S. Morgan, County Medical Officer of Health.

It is a pleasure to me to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer Mr. C. D. Hull, General Practitioners, Health Visitors, Heads of Departments and Staffs, particularly of course, all the Staff of the Public Health Department, especially the Chief Public Health Inspector and his Additional Public Health Inspector.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

MALCOLM ALLAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Area of District in Acres (inclusive of water)....	3,754.
Number of inhabited houses	7,402.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,104.
Rateable Value	£534,664.
Population (Census) 1931	20,604.
Population (Census) 1951	20,909.
Population Registrar General's Estimate 1963 ...	19,500.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Legitimate	271	145	126	(Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. Crude 14.40 Corrected 15.40)
Illegitimate	10	7	3	
	<u>281</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>129</u>	

<u>Still Births</u>				
Legitimate	5	1	4	(Rate per 1,000 live and still Births 20.9)
Illegitimate	1	1	-	

<u>Deaths (All ages)</u>				
	219	124	95	(Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. Crude 11.23 Corrected 12.68)

In ascertaining the corrected rates the following comparability factors were used.)

Births 1.07
Deaths 1.13

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES (HEADING 30 OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S SHORT LIST.)

Deaths

Pregnancy, childbirth abortion Nil. Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births ... Nil.

<u>Deaths of Infants one year.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate	8	-
Illegitimate	-	-

Death rate of infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	28.46
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	29.52
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-

Deaths of Infants under four weeks.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate	3	-
Illegitimate	-	-

Death rate of Infants under four weeks of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	10.67
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births ..	11.70
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-

Deaths from Measles (All ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years)	Nil.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR 1963.

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospitals.	Total Deaths
Measles	156	3	-
Lobar Pneumonia	4	2	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-
Meningococcal Meningitis..	-	-	-
Dysentery	49	3	-
Influenzal Pneumonia.. .. .	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis (Non-Paralytic)	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Peurperal Pyrexia	1	1	-

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1963

Disease	Age Groups														U.K.	Total
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	6-	7-	10-	15-	35-	45-	60-			
Measles	8	9	13	20	15	40	21	18	6	2	-	1	-	3	156	
Lobar Pneumonia	1		1			1				1					4	
Scarlet Fever				1		3	1	1							6	
Whooping Cough		2			1	1	2		1						7	
Meningococcal Meningitis																
Dysentery		2	1	1	1	3	5	5	7	2				22	49	
Influenzal Pneumonia																
Ophthalmia Neonatorum																
Erysipelas																
Polio-myelitis Non-Paralytic.																
Typhoid Fever																
Peurperal Pyrexia														1	1	

TUBERCULOSIS.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Number of cases notified during 1963.		2	3	-	5
Number of cases on Register 31st Dec.1962	93	48	25	23	189

SCABIES TREATMENT.

There were no cases of Scabies treated at the Clinic during the year.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS.

Cause of Death.	All ages		Total
	M.	F.	
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	1
Meningococcal Infection.. .. .	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm Stomach	5	2	7
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus ..	8	-	8
Malignant neoplasm Breast	-	4	4
Malignant neoplasm Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasm	14	9	23
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	2	2
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular Lesions of nervous system ..	11	14	25
Coronary disease angina.. .. .	29	13	42
Hypertension with heart disease.. ..	1	2	3
Other heart diseases	11	17	28
Other circulatory diseases	9	7	16
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	5	8
Bronchitis	15	2	17
Other diseases of respiratory system.	3	2	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion . ..	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	12	16
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1	4
All other accidents	4	-	4
Suicide	1	-	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
TOTALS	124	95	219

WATER SUPPLY

The Council are responsible for the distribution of water, obtained in bulk from the Swadlincote and Ashby Joint Water Board, to the Urban Area, the supply being derived from the Bunter Sand-stone measures to the south of Milton Village, and treated at the Board's works at Milton. Water is now also being obtained through the river Dove Water Board from their works at Melbourne.

Difficulties in the distribution of water to certain parts of the District continue to exist due to mining subsidence, and I am informed by Mr. J. W. May, M.I. Mun. E., M.Inst. H.E. the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, that it was necessary to carry out repairs to 58 broken mains, 55 drawn joints and 50 broken services to premises during the year.

Bacteriological sampling is done fortnightly. Chemical samples are also submitted for analysis at fairly frequent intervals. The Health department also obtain samples regularly from various points in the Urban Area to check against results obtained from each supply.

8	-	8	Malignant neoplasms of the respiratory system
4	-	4	Malignant neoplasms of the digestive system
1	-	1	Malignant neoplasms of the circulatory system
25	9	16	Other malignant and dysplastic neoplasms
2	2	-	Leukaemia, myeloid
2	1	1	Diabetes
25	14	11	Vegetative lesions of nervous system
22	13	9	Coronary disease angina
2	2	1	Hypertension with heart disease
28	17	11	Other heart diseases
10	5	5	Other circulatory diseases
-	-	-	Influenza
8	2	2	Pneumonia
17	15	15	Bronchitis
2	2	2	Other diseases of respiratory system
1	-	1	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
-	-	-	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea
-	-	-	Hepatitis and nephritis
-	-	-	Hypertrophy of prostate
-	-	-	Prognosis, childbirth, operation
1	-	1	Congenital malformations
1	-	1	Other defined and ill-defined diseases
4	3	3	Motor vehicle accidents
4	4	4	All other accidents
1	1	1	Deaths
-	-	-	Homicide and operations of war
218	99	119	TOTAL

To the Chairman and Members of the
Swadlincote Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with great pleasure that I present the annual report of work undertaken by the Public Health Department for the year 1963.

In September Mr. Bramley, the Additional Public Health Inspector, resigned to take up a similar post at Trowbridge, Wilts, but after advertising in the professional and local press the post was still vacant at the end of the year. This state of affairs gives some indication of the national shortage of inspectors and stresses the necessity for training suitable aspirants locally.

The provision of new houses was very slow during the year, resulting in a fall in the number of families rehoused from unfit dwellings. More emphasis is now being placed on the housing of the aged, and bungalows and flatlets are the types of housing being concentrated upon by the Housing Committee, and it is foreseen that as the demand for general needs housing falls, more relets will be available for slum clearance rehousing.

The introduction of payment for meat inspection met little opposition from the butchers but being under-staffed towards the end of the year this increased the pressure of work.

Once again it gives me great pleasure to express my thanks and appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued interest in the work of the Department.

My thanks are also due to the Chairman and Members of the Housing Committee for their support and appreciation of the work undertaken on their behalf by the staff of the department.

I would express my grateful thanks to the Medical Officer and Clerk to the Council for the wholehearted support and guidance throughout the year, which has been greatly appreciated.

Last but by no means least, to the staff of the department I say thank you for a job well done.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

D. H. BRADBURY.

Senior Public Health Inspector and
Housing Officer.

HOUSING.

Building Programme.

The number of new Houses erected during the year were as follows:-

(1)	By the Local Authority ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120.
(11)	By other Local Authorities ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
(111)	By other bodies or persons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43.

Housing Programme.

	Houses demolished ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.
(A)	In Clearance Areas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
(B)	Not in Clearance Areas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.
	Houses closed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.
	Closing Orders made ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.
	Demolition Orders made ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
	Clearance Areas declared ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
	Families rehoused from unfit houses...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.

1963 was more or less a "stand-still" period on slum clearance having regard to the new housing programme planned to re-house overspill population employed by the National Coal Board. For this purpose 30 houses were allocated to the Central Engineering Establishment whilst a start was made on the erection of 200 for the housing of displaced miners from the North East and Scotland. Other local authority building included 20 bungalows and 20 flatlets for the housing of aged persons.

This new block of flatlets was opened towards the end of the year, providing homes for 10 single persons on the ground floor and ten single persons on the first floor, together with a two bedrooned flat for the housekeeper's family and a guest bedroom for old peoples relatives in case of emergency. On the ground floor is a comparatively large communal room furnished by local donors and equipped with arm-chairs, tables and television set, where the residents are able to relax and enjoy each others company. This venture is proving very popular and the Council hope that in the not too distant future similar accommodation will be provided in another part of the Township.

The demand for bungalows is still the main feature of the Council's housing list and it is to this end that the Housing Committee are looking regarding new building.

During the year 46 standard grants and one discretionary grant were approved, involving the payment of £5,818.

COMPLAINTS.

602. complaints were received during the year relating to 677 items which are tabulated below.

<u>Complaints.</u>	<u>Total complaints investigated.</u>
House Roof	6.
Eaves, Gutters and rain water pipes...	5.
Dampness	7.
Ceiling Plaster	5.
Windows	5.
Floors	1.
Fireplaces	4.
Water Supply..	5.
Dirty Conditions	5.
Water closet:-	
cistern	2.
joints defective	14.
water supply (bursts)	15.
Drainage:-	
obstructions... ..	115.
drains defective	6.
Dustbins	113.
Refuse accumulations	8.
Infestations:-	
Rats	154.
Mice	15.
Ants	82.
Cockroaches	13.
Flies	5.
Silver Fish	1.
Beetles	13.
Disinfestations requested.	5.
Domestic Smoke nuisance... ..	4.
Offensive smells	27.
Noise	6.
Miscellaneous.	36.
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	677.
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DEFECTS REMEDIED.

Chimney stacks - overhauled	21.
House roof - repaired	19.
Eaves gutters provided or repaired... ..	9.
Rainwater fallpipes - renewed or repaired.. ..	16.
Perished pointing	12.
Ceiling Plaster	14.
Wall Plaster	26.
Floors repaired	22.
Stairs	2.
Windows:-	
Frames repaired	11.
Frames renewed	4.
Sash cords renewed	19.
Doors repaired	6.
Cooking Ranges:-	
Repaired	2.
Fireplaces repaired	6.
Fireplaces renewed	9.
Sinks and washbasins	4.
Sink waste pipes renewed	3.
Washboilers:-	
Brickwork repaired... ..	9.
Water Supply	11.
Water Closets:	
Water Supply	2.
Pans renewed	7.
Flushing cisterns renewed... ..	13.
Seats renewed	4.
Defective joints	5.
Compartments repaired.	6.
Drainage:	
Drains repaired	42.
Drains relayed	21.
Yard gullies renewed.. ..	18.
Obstructions removed.. ..	103.
Yard paving repaired	3.
Dustbins provided	227.
Noise	1.
Caravans	5.
Animals	2.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RESULTANT ACTION.

The following information is compiled in tabular form and is in fact a summary of work undertaken in the department during 1963.

(a) <u>Housing.</u>	
Visits under the Housing Acts...	704.
Visits under the Public Health Acts...	996.
(b) <u>General.</u>	
Subsidence	152.
Factories	108.
Outworkers	-
Verminous premises and articles	14.
Schools	10.
Keeping of Animals...	9.
Water Supplies and Water Sampling	21.
Food Premises	1621.
Tents, Vans and Sheds	17.
Drain Testing and inspection	323.
Hairdressers	14.
Smoke Observations...	66.
(c) <u>Interviews.</u>	
Complaints	164.
Housing Applicants...	551.
Owners	111.
Contractors	58.

(d) <u>Number of Notices served.</u>		
	<u>Informal Notices</u>	<u>Formal Notices</u>
	Outstanding Jan.1963.	Outstanding
	_____	_____
Public Health Act. 1936.	2	4
Food and Drugs Act. 1955.	1	-
Factories Act. 1937.	-	-
Clean Air Act. 1956.	-	-
Derbyshire County Council Act.1954.	-	-
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. 1960.	1	-

	<u>Informal Notices</u>	<u>Formal Notices</u>
	Served	Served.
	_____	_____
(e) Public Health Act. 1936.	54	6
Food and Drugs Act. 1955.	6	-
Factories Act. 1937.	2	-
Clean Air Act. 1956.	-	-
Derbyshire County Council Act. 1954.	-	-
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. 1960.	-	-

(f) <u>Number of Notices complied with</u> <u>(including notices outstanding</u> <u>from 1962).</u>		
	<u>Informal Notices</u>	<u>Formal Notices</u>
	Served	Served.
	_____	_____
Public Health Act. 1936	51	5
Food and Drugs Act. 1955	7	-
Factories Act. 1937.	2	-
Clean Air Act. 1956.	-	-
Derbyshire County Council Act.1954.	-	-
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. 1960.	1	-

DRAINAGE WORKS.

During the year 269 visits to premises were made in connection with drainage work.

The service provided by the Council for clearing the drains of privately owned property is now under the Public Health Department and during the year 103 obstructions were dealt with. Work of repair to drains has been largely of a minor nature, 81 repairs have been carried out.

REFUSE RECEPTACLES.

Dustbins provided up to 31st December, 1963.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>By Council.</u>	<u>By Owner.</u>	<u>By Tenant.</u>
January	18	16	2	-
February... ..	13	12	1	-
March	30	28	2	-
April	28	28	-	-
May	22	22	-	-
June	19	19	-	-
July	24	23	-	1
August	6	6	-	-
September... ..	18	18	-	-
October	28	28	-	-
November... ..	13	12	1	-
December... ..	15	15	-	-
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	234	227	6	1
1963	234	227	6	1
1962	303	291	12	-
1961	278	262	16	-
1960	331	308	18	5
1959	265	228	34	3
1958	310	271	20	19
1957	338	323	12	3
1956	322	315	1	6
1955	396	329	44	23
1954	326	273	35	18
1953	168	159	5	4
1952	190	151	20	19
1951	153	115	22	16
1950	328	215	84	29
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	3942	3467	329	146

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

<u>Month.</u>	<u>Smoke.</u>	<u>S.O.2.</u>
January	212	191
February	201	229
March	123	149
April	105	117
May	61	70
June	38	59
July	57	71
August	46	67
September	96	75
October	95	91
November	113	106
December	154	134

WATER SUPPLY.

Representative samples of piped towns water supply were submitted for examination during 1963. The table on this page gives a summary of the results.

	<u>Chemical.</u>		<u>Bacteriological.</u>	
	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Unsat.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Unsat.</u>
Swadlincote and Ashbys Joint Water Board.	1.	Nil.	12.	9.

SUMMARY OF RODENT OPERATOR'S ACTIVITIES - 1963.

Type of Premises.	No. of Premises Inspected	No. of Properties infested.		No. of Treatments.	No. of Bodies recovered.		Estimated Kill.	
		Rats.	Mice.		Rats.	Mice.	Rats.	Mice.
Local Authority Property (Other than properties at which permanent points are established.)	22	22	-	22	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Houses.	625	506	-	284	656	1782	-	-
Agricultural Property.	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
All other Property. (Including Business Premises).	85	41	-	26	-	-	-	-
	733	570	-	333	656	1782	-	-

TREATMENT OF SEWERS - 1963.

Date.	Total No. of Manholes.	No. Baited.	Manholes showing takes.	Total No. of takes.	Poison used.	Remarks.
October 1955.	563	413	105	105	Zinc Phosphide	
November 1956.	563	422	102	102	"	
July 1957.	584	397	209	209	"	
February 1958.	585	326	102	102	"	
November 1958.	585	52	16	16	Warfarin 5.	(Newhall only.)
March 1959.	563	32	-	4	-----	(Test bait).
May 1959.	563	38	7	7	Warfarin 5.	
November 1959	563	123	13	13	Warfarin 5.	
December 1960.	563	41	9	9	Warfarin 5.	
June 1961.	563	41	19	19	Warfarin 5.	
November 1961	537	48	12	12	-----	(Test bait).
April 1962.	537	99	29	29	Warfarin 5.	
May 1963.	537	78	17	17	Warfarin 5.	

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

Register of Food Premises.

The following table supplies information on the number and types of food premises in the Urban District.

	<u>Type of Premises.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Bakehouses...	...	6
Butchers' Shops (Including making up premises)...	...	27
Cafe's Restaurants and Canteens	...	15
Fried Fish and Chip Shops and Wet Fish Shops	...	13
Greengrocers..	...	8
Grocers and General Stores (Excluding Off Licenses)	...	77
Corn Merchants	...	5
Licensed Premises...	...	49
Off-Licenses including those selling General Goods	...	30
Confectioners	...	11
Mineral Water Manufacturers	...	2
Ice Cream Manufacturers...	...	1
Slaughterhouses	...	7
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Inspection of Food Premises.

The following table is included as an indication of amount of work involved in routine inspection of food premises during the year.

Bakehouses	...	33
Ice Cream Manufacturers..	...	9
Market Stalls	...	162
Mineral Water Manufacturers	...	4
General Food Premises	...	332
Cafe's, Canteens (including works canteens)	...	14
Slaughterhouses	...	891
Fried Fish and Chip Shops (including wet fish)	..	27
Butchers' Shops including making up premises	...	149

Unsound Food.

The following is an abbreviated list of items of food found to be unfit for human consumption during 1963, followed by a summary of the estimated weight of all condemnations of unfit food during each of the last five years.

24 lbs.	Tongue.
96 lbs.	Corned Beef.
36 lbs.	Jellied Veal.
37 lbs.	Braised Kidneys.
5 lbs.	Stewed Steak.
233 lbs.	Pork.
439 lbs.	Ham.
1 lb.	Ham & Pork.
40 lbs.	Luncheon Meat.
16 lbs.	Chopped Ham.
4 lbs.	Brisket Beef.
2 lbs.	Irish Stew.
12 lbs.	Chicken.
7.	Steak & Kidney pies.
7.	Veal & Ham pies.
3.	Pork pies.
41 lbs.	Sausages.
138 tins.	Tomatoes.
6 cases.	Cucumbers.
4 tins.	Tomatoe Juice.
6 tins.	Cream.
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Mushrooms.
27 tins.	Baked Beans.
8 tins.	Soup.
19 tins.	Milk.
1 tin.	Rice Pudding.
1 bottle.	Sunfresh.
2 tins.	Oranges.
21 tins.	Pears.
64 tins.	Peaches.
6 tins.	Loganberries.
14 tins.	Apricots.
28 tins.	Strawberries.
1 tin.	Raspberries.
5 tins.	Pineapples.
3 tins.	Plums.
4 tins.	Grapefruit.
25 tins.	Fruit Salad.
1 tin.	Rhubarb.
31 tins.	Peas.
18 tins.	Salmon.
4 tins.	Pilchards.
$7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Jam.
5 lbs.	Marmalade.
3 tins.	Carrots.
3 jars.	Horse radish.
274 pkts.	Frozen Foods.

The approximate weight of food condemned during recent years is as follows:-

(a) 1963	13 cwts.
(b) 1962	12 cwts.
(c) 1961	7 cwts.
(d) 1960	13 cwts.
(e) 1959	8 cwts.

SUMMARY OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED, INSPECTED AND INCIDENCE OF DISEASE FOUND.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lanbs.	Pigs	Horses.
Number killed	867	43	22	1636	1496	-
Number inspected	867	43	22	1636	1496	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci whole carcasses condemned.	---	--	--	---	---	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	59	3	1	22	70	-
Total:-	59	3	1	22	70	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	6.80	6.9	4.54	1.30	4.67	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u> Whole carcasses condemned	---	--	--	---	---	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	1	--	---	19	-
Total:-	1	1	--	---	19	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	.13	2.32	--	---	1.27	-
<u>Cysticerosis:-</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	--	--	---	---	-
Cases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	--	--	---	---	-
Generalised and Totally condemned	---	--	--	---	---	-

MEAT INSPECTION.

The seven licensed slaughter houses have continued throughout the year and the standard of meat has remained high with very little evidence of disease.

The introduction of meat stamping brought one disapproval of the system of payment for inspections, but generally it has been accepted without comment.

The quality remains high and fortunately, as compared with other districts the necessity for week-end slaughtering has disappeared.

Two cases of cysticercus bovis were found and the carcasses subjected to freezing, but there were no cases of generalised tuberculosis.

Summary of disease found and parts of animals affected.

<u>Tuberculosis.</u>					<u>Cwts. Qtrs. lbs. ozs.</u>			
<u>Bovines.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	-	-	-
	Organs	-	3	16	-
<u>Pigs.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	-	-	-
	Organs	1	2	7	6
<u>Calves.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	-	-	-
	Organs	-	-	-	-
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					2	1	23	6
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<u>Other Diseases.</u>								
<u>Bovines.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	-	17	-
	Organs	7	-	2	-
<u>Pigs.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	1	9	-
	Organs	1	1	1	-
<u>Sheep.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	-	-	-
	Organs	-	1	10	8
<u>Calves.</u>	Carcase Meat	-	-	-	-
	Organs	-	-	1	8
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					9	-	13	-
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RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT.

One premise is registered under the provisions of Section two of the Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act.

ICE CREAM.

Details of Register, 31st December, 1963.

Registered for Manufacture only	1.
Registered for sale only	112.

Changes in Register, 1963.

	<u>Amendments.</u>	<u>Additions.</u>	<u>Removed from list.</u>
Number for Manufacture and sale.	1	-	1
Number for sale only.	3	3	-

Bacteriological Analysis.

Two samples of Ice Cream and one mineral water sample were submitted to the County Laboratory for examination with the following results.

	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
ICE CREAM. Local Manufacture	1	1
MINERAL WATER. Local Manufacture	1	-

SHOPS ACT.

The following is the result of the annual survey of Shops.
Summary of types of Shops in the Urban Area.

	<u>Swadlincote.</u>	<u>Newhall.</u>	<u>Gresley.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Off Licences only	3	3	2	8
Dff Licences and General Stores..	9	4	9	22
Grocery and General Stores. ...	26	31	20	77
Greengrocers and Florists.. ...	3	2	3	8
Butchers	13	8	6	27
Wet Fish only	-	-	-	-
Fried Fish and Chips	4	3	6	13
Confectioner and Tobacconists ...	7	1	3	11
Cafes	3	-	-	3
Corn Merchants	3	1	1	5
Newsagents and Stationers.. ...	4	2	2	8
Shoes	2	1	1	4
Shoe Repairs	1	2	3	6
Drapers, Outfitters and Millinery.	14	3	6	23
Hairdressers	12	7	5	24
Jewellers & Watch Repairs.. ...	3	-	-	3
China, Crockery, Leather Goods & Toys.	3	-	1	4
Hardware & Ironmongery	5	1	2	8
Radio, Electric, Cycle & Motor Spares.	13	5	3	21
Dry Cleaners	2	-	1	3
Builders & Decorators Supplies...	7	1	1	9
Entertainment	1	-	-	1
Second Hand Goods	2	-	-	2
Firewood and Paraffin Dealers ...	1	-	-	1
Furniture	5	-	-	5
Multiple Stores	1	-	-	1
Seeds & Nurseryman	2	2	1	5
Commission Agents	3	1	1	5
Chemists	2	1	1	4
Photographic Materials	2	-	-	2
Wines and Spirits	1	-	-	1
Licensed Premises	20	11	18	49
Garages etc.	10	3	2	15
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	107	93	98	378

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Register.

The following table is a copy of the register of the factories in operation in the Urban Area:-

	Swad-	Gresley.	Newhall.	Total.
	lincote.			
Pipe Works	2	2	1	5
Brick Works	1	1	-	2
Potteries	3	4	-	7
Flint Mill	-	1	-	1
Engineers	6	4	2	12
Iron Foundry and Pattern Makers.	1	-	-	1
Rubber Manufacturers	1	-	-	1
Automobile Repair	12	1	5	18
Waste Paper Baling	1	-	-	1
Joiners	3	4	1	8
Crate Manufacturers	1	-	-	1
Firewood Dealers	1	-	-	1
Plumbers	1	-	2	3
Upholsterers	2	-	-	2
Cycle Repairs and Radio	7	2	-	9
Printing	2	-	-	2
Boot Repairs	2	1	-	3
Tailoring	1	1	-	2
Watch Repairs	1	-	-	1
Entertainment	1	-	-	1
Food Preparation	4	3	4	11
Bakeries	2	3	1	6
Ice Cream Manufacturers... ..	1	-	-	1
Mineral Water Manufacturers	2	-	-	2
Coal Packers	1	1	-	2
Building Operations	3	-	-	3
	62	28	16	106

FACTORIES ACT. 1937.

Part 1 of the Act.

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

	<u>Number</u> <u>on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Written notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which Section 1 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	9	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	93	148	4	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	7	2	-	-
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	109	164	4	-

	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found.</u>				<u>No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
	<u>Found.</u>	<u>R'died.</u>	<u>To H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector.</u>	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	1	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outworkers.)	-	-	-	-	-
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	4	4	1	3	-

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)

Number of Outworkers in August list required by Sections 111 (1) (c).

Nature of Work

Nil.

Wearing Apparel, making etc:



