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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending

31st December, 1967




Tiverton Rural District Council

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year ending the
31st December, 1967

The attached chart (which was not included in the press copies) analyses the deaths from Cancer over the past 16 years.

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.



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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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TO THE
TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

Area:	114,127
Population:	20,840 (mid 1967 estimate)
Rateable Value:	£550,149
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:	£2,240
Social Conditions:	The area being predominantly rural in nature, conditions are generally good.
Slaughtering Industries:	<p>The principal slaughterhouse in the district is :- Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand.</p> <p>In addition there are two other small private slaughterhouses. (See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses.)</p>
Other Main Industries:	<p>Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton Culm Leather Dressing Company, Cullompton Fox Bros., & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Cullompton Fox Bros. & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Uffculme Drevon & Brown, Glove Manufacturers, Cullompton Tremletts Ltd., Tannery, Cullompton Unigate Creameries Ltd., Milk Factory, Hemyock Exmoor Woodcraft Ltd., Exebridge (Morebath Parish) Bramber Engineering Works, Willand Strong Rawle & Strong, Fellmongers, Willand Easton Wells, Joinery Works, Cullompton E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh and Hillhead, Uffculme Redland Tiles Ltd., Burlescombe, Tile Manufacturers.</p>

Date		Description		Amount	
1917	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
1917	Jan 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Feb 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Mar 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Apr 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	May 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	May 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Jun 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Jul 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Aug 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Sep 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Oct 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Nov 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1917	Dec 15	Interest		5.00	
1917	Total			100.00	

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EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	289	: Male	144	: Female	145
Rate per 1,000 population				13.87			(uncorrected)	
				15.67			(corrected)	
Ratio of local adjusted birth-rate to national rate				0.91				
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS				16				
Rate per cent of total live births				5.54				
STILLBIRTHS	...	...	Total	4	: Male	2	: Female	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births								13.65
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	...			293				
INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year)				...		1		
INFANT MORTALITY RATES								
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births								3.46
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births								3.66
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births								Nil
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)								Nil
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)								Nil
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)								13.65
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)								
Number of deaths				Nil				
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births								Nil
DEATHS	...	...	Total	247	: Male	116	: Female	131
Crude death rate per 1,000 population								11.85
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population								10.19
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate								0.91

CANCER INCIDENCE

For the purpose of comparison with the national average figures, the following table relates deaths from stomach and pulmonary cancer in the Rural District for 1966 with the national figures for the same year (the latest national figures available are for 1966, therefore comparison is made for that year) :-

	Tiverton Rural District Deaths		Rate per 1,000 population living			
			Tiverton R.D.		National Rate	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Stomach Cancer	2	3	0.196	0.283	0.321	0.229
Pulmonary Cancer	10	1	0.978	0.094	0.997	0.179

GASTRIC CANCER

The following chart shows the incidence of gastric cancer in the various parishes during the last 20 years :-

Popu- lation	Parish	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	Totals 1948 - 1967
1517	Bampton						1					1	1	2	2					1		8
217	Bickleigh					1										1						2
1663	Bradninch	1		1	1		2			1					4	2	2	2		1	1	18
725	Burlescombe	1							1			1								1		4
79	Butterleigh		1													1						2
134	Cadbury															1						1
142	Cadeleigh																					-
144	Clayhanger																					-
428	Clayhidon					1								1								2
427	C. Morchard		1								1											2
3415	Cullompton	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	-	2	3	3	2	-	2	-	1	44
692	Culmstock								1						1		1		1			4
1268	Halberton			1						1		2	1	1	1					1		8
1063	Hemyock						1							1	1							3
192	Hockworthy																					-
483	H. Rogus	1		1								1										3
132	Huntsham											1										1
692	Kentisbeare					1				1					1	1						4
162	Loxbeare				1																	1
399	Morebath		2																	1		3
316	Oakford																					-
711	S. Peverell		1			2	2						1				1					7
1248	Silverton		2			1	2	1	1	1					1		1	1		1		12
278	Stoodleigh																					-
128	Templeton										1											1
674	Thorverton				1	1	2	1					1	1		1						8
1663	Uffculme				1	1		1	1		1						2	1				8
272	Uplozman																					-
323	Washfield															1						1
963	Willand		1									1			1	1	1		1	1		7
	TOTALS	6	6	8	4	6	10	12	10	8	8	10	3	9	15	12	10	4	4	5	4	154
	Tiverton Borough	1	3	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	2	4	5	10	7	3	6	-	6	5	3	77

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1967 giving age incidence :-

Age Periods	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Para Typhoid	Dysentery	Meningococcal infection	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas
Under 1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	3	-	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 years	2	-	2	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 years	3	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	18	-	2	48	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	3	-	1	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	1	-	-	2	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	30	-	12	98	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1967 :-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 & over	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

SALMONELLAE

From the evidence, it is clear that there is a considerable incidence of infection, among the food animals, by organisms of the Salmonella group. In view of this high incidence it is rather surprising that there is not a higher rate of infection amongst the people in contact.

BRUCELLA ABORTUS

An appreciable number of the raw milk samples taken by the County Sampling Officer show positive results when tested for Brucella abortus. This organism is pathogenic to man and causes Undulant Fever (Brucellosis). Brucellosis in Man is not a Notifiable Disease, so it is not possible to relate animal infection with human infection, but it is reasonable to suspect that there may be a significant degree of infection amongst agricultural workers engaged in the handling of infected herds.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home - Home Help Service

Cases are dealt with by direct application from the District Nurses or Health Visitors to the County Office.

2. Laboratory Facilities

Clinical material is examined at the Public Health Laboratories, as previously, and also at the Pathological Department of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

3. Legislation in Force

The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations came into force from the 1st January, 1967. These Regulations give improved control of markets, stalls and delivery vehicles.

4. Hospital Services

Work is divided between the Tiverton Hospital Group and the Exeter Hospital Group. These have proved adequate during the year. The Tiverton District Hospital is at present undergoing very costly alterations.

5. Maternity Services

48-Hour bookings are now accepted at Tiverton and District Hospital and this has proved very beneficial in making the best use of the available beds.

6. Accommodation for the Aged

The County Authority is in the process of extending hostel accommodation for the aged. This is urgently necessary.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

The schemes are classified under the following categories in the tables overleaf:-

- (a) Effectively sewered (i.e. all except outlying properties connected or connectable to a system of main drainage with no further extension contemplated);
- (b) Partly sewered and with further extensions in prospect;
- (c) Partly sewered and with no further extensions in prospect;
- (d) Not sewered, but whole or partial sewerage intended;
- (e) Not sewered and no sewerage contemplated.

In categories (b) and (d) the probable year of commencement of work is shown together with an approximate estimate of cost on to-day's prices, of works grant-aidable under Circular No. 15/61.

In category (b) the number of properties at present served by main drainage is given and in both categories (b) and (d) the additional properties now existing to be connected or which will be connectable when proposals are carried out.

Parish	Total No. of prop- erties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	Probable year of commence- ment of work
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	
BAMPTON	} 632	(a)	-	-
BAMPTON (SHILLINGFORD HAMLET)	}	(b)	40	1967 Works commenced November
BICKLEIGH	90	(c)	-	-
BRADNINCH	653	(b)	422	1968/9
BURLESCOMBE	237	(a)	-	-
BUTTERLEIGH	32	(a)	-	-
CADBURY	55	(c)	-	-
CADELEIGH	54	(c)	-	-
CLAYHANGER	51	(e)	-	-
CLAYHIDON	140	(d)	-	1971/2
CRUWYS MORCHARD (NOMANSLAND PENNYMOOR)	} 165	{ a } { a }	- -	- -

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
-	-	The built-up area of the town is completely sewered.
-	£17,300 (Contract figure £15,197)	Progress on this scheme is up to date and we hope the scheme will be completed by the end of 1968.
-	-	-
2	£80,000	A detailed scheme is now being prepared for the Ministry by our Consultants.
-	-	During the year, minor trouble was experienced with the trade effluent from Redland Tiles Ltd., and steps have been taken with the owners of Redland Tiles Ltd., for the trade effluent agreement to be amended.
-	-	The scheme is now giving a satisfactory effluent. All small schemes of this nature are expensive to maintain.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	- ditto -
-	-	- ditto -
16	£12,000	A rather scattered parish with only one small built-up area, Rosemary Lane.
-	-	Considerable trouble has been experienced during the year with the storm overflow at Pennymoor. This has resulted in incomplete treatment of the sewage after rain. Consulting Engineers have prepared plans for a modified storm overflow at the inlet to the works and this will be installed in 1968. The Nomansland Scheme generally has been satisfactory.

Parish	Total No. of prop- erties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	Probable year of commence- ment of work
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	
CULLOMPTON	1348	(b)	840	1967 Works commenced 1st July, 1967
CULMSTOCK	270	(a)	-	-
HALBERTON	431	(a)	-	-
HALBERTON (ASH THOMAS HAMLET)		(b)	6	1971/2
HEMYOCK	427	(a)	196	-
HOCKWORTHY	65	(c)	-	-

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
100 (approx)	£415,000 (Contract figure £378,105)	A start was made on this scheme during the year, but progress so far has been slow and is slightly behind schedule. It is hoped that the whole of the scheme will be completed by mid-1969. An additional length of sewer will be laid from Crow Green to the Tiverton Road Area, in order to serve certain land which is ripe for development.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed. There is a problem with the detritus chamber at the works and the matter has been referred to the Consulting Engineers for their attention. Until this matter is put right, there will be occasional unsatisfactory reports on the effluent.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
14	£12,000	Complaints have been received from the Parish Council regarding the state of the stream which runs through the hamlet.
48	£65,000	Progress on this scheme during the year was slow and, although, the completion date was 31st March, 1967, the works were not fully operational by the end of the year. Arrangements have been made for all the properties in the village area to be connected to the new sewers, the owners of all the properties concerned having agreed to pay the necessary connection charges.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.

Parish	Total No. of prop- erties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commence- ment of work
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	179	(a)	-	-
HUNTSHAM	52	(d)	-	1968
Blackborough KENTISBEARE	} 239	{ d b }	- 40	1970 1969
LOXBEARE	50	(e)	-	-
MOREBATH	145	(c)	-	-
OAKFORD	131	(c)	-	-
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	238	(a)	-	-
SILVERTON	456	(a)	250 (approx.)	-
STOODLEIGH	100	(d)	-	1971
	It has been suggested that commencement date be brought forward to 1968/69			
TEMPLETON	41	(e)	-	-
THORVERTON	286	(b)	200	1968

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
-	-	During the year under review, samples taken from the sewage works at Holcombe Rogus have been satisfactory.
16	£16,940	Tenders have been invited for this scheme which will probably commence during the spring of 1968.
30 67	£42,500	An 'outline' scheme has been approved by the Committee and the Consultants have been asked to prepare a detailed scheme.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	The village, which is the main part of the parish, is sewered.
-	-	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
114	£55,000	The completion date for this scheme was the 7th May, 1967, but it was not completed until the end of the year and there are still one or two items to be attended to by the Contractors.
42	£50,000	This scheme will be costly owing to the scattered nature of the village.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	£28,000	This scheme was scheduled to commence during 1968, but, so far, the Consulting Engineers have not finalised their details for submission to the Ministry. The necessary land for extending the sewage works has, however, been acquired.

Parish	Total No. of prop- erties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commence- ment of work
UFFCULME	628	(a)	-	-
UFFCULME Ashill		(d)	-	1967/8 Works commenced October 1967
UPLOWMAN	71	(c)	-	-
WASHFIELD	112	(a)	-	-
WILLAND	342	(a)	-	-

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1968 prices	Remarks
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed. We are still awaiting details from our Consultants of a replacement trunk sewer from the Old Mill to the pumping station at Cold-harbour. Until this new sewer is installed, development at the eastern end of the village will be held up.
38	£43,000 (Contract figure £36,396)	This scheme was commenced earlier than anticipated at the time of my report last year. Work is well up to date and should be completed during the year 1968. Provided all properties in the village area are connected to the new sewers, several long outstanding sanitary nuisances will be abated.
-	-	The Council's own sewerage staff have carried out certain improvements to the works at Updown and a new pump and distributing apparatus are being installed.
-	-	-
-	-	The works, which were installed as part of the new scheme in 1958/59, are now loaded to capacity, owing to recent development of private estates in both the Old Village and the Tiverton Junction areas. Planning approval for further private development is being held up pending the extension of the existing sewage works and our Consulting Engineers are now busy preparing details for duplicating the works. Now that Willand is a Key Settlement, it is essential that the works be enlarged as soon as possible to cater for the local demand.

MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

During the year under review, we have taken over no new schemes, but the schemes at Hemyock and Silverton are practically completed. We have appointed an additional labourer in the Silverton Area. Generally, the mobile gang engaged on sewerage maintenance are doing a good job.

We work in close co-operation with the Devon River Authority in producing an acceptable effluent from all our new sewage disposal works, and, in one or two cases where unsatisfactory samples have been taken, improvements have been effected. I give herewith a list of the samples taken by the Devon River Authority Officers during the year :-

Sewage Works	Date of Sampling	Result
BAMPTON	28th June 29th August 10th October 23rd November	Borderline Unsatisfactory Borderline Satisfactory
BICKLEIGH	26th September 21st November	Satisfactory Satisfactory
BRADNINCH (Hele Square)	13th November	Satisfactory
BURLESCOMBE	17th August 6th November	Unsatisfactory Satisfactory
BUTTERLEIGH	27th July 26th September	Satisfactory Satisfactory
CRUWYS MORCHARD Nomansland Pennymoor	8th November 24th October	Satisfactory Satisfactory
CULLOMPTON	17th October	Unsatisfactory
CULMSTOCK	14th June 14th September	Unsatisfactory Satisfactory
HALBERTON	1st June 17th August	Borderline Satisfactory
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	6th November	Satisfactory
KENTISBEARE (Council Houses)	17th October	Satisfactory
MOREBATH	29th August	Unsatisfactory
OAKFORD	10th August	Unsatisfactory
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	14th June 4th December	Satisfactory Borderline
THORVERTON	4th July 21st November	Unsatisfactory Unsatisfactory
UFFCULME Ashill Council Houses	14th June 4th December 6th November	Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Unsatisfactory
WILLAND	14th June 17th October	Unsatisfactory Satisfactory

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

Regular samples have been taken at the public swimming bath at Waterloo Cross, Uffculme. Results generally were very good. Hand chlorination of the pool is carried out and regular checks are made on the purity of the pool by the proprietors themselves in addition to samples taken by the Council.

For the coming year, the North Devon Water Board will have laid a spur main serving this area. This will mean that the pool can be filled and replenished from the private well and the proprietors will not be forced to utilise the land spring water, which they have had to use in the past, and which was inevitably badly discoloured. Thus it should transpire that discolouration of the pool water will, in future, be minimal.

LEARNER SWIMMING POOLS AT SCHOOLS

Routine samples of these pools are taken by the County Medical Department and occasional check samples are taken by ourselves from time to time. We give advice on chlorination and general swimming pool hygiene and these pools are well controlled by the Headmasters of the schools concerned.

WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1967 :-

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Taken
Bampton	4	4	8
Bickleigh	-	1	1
Bradninch	1	-	1
Burlescombe	-	2	2
Cadbury	1	2	3
Clayhanger	1	-	1
Clayhidon	-	1	1
Cullompton	3	2	5
Culmstock	-	1	1
Halberton	1	-	1
Hemyock	2	1	3
Hackworthy	-	2	2
Holcombe Rogus	1	-	1
Huntsham	-	1	1
Morebath	2	-	2
Oakford	2	-	2
Silverton	2	2	4
Thorverton	2	9	11
Uffculme	7	4	11
Washfield	1	-	1
Willand	1	-	1
TOTALS	31	32	63

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply in this District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board.

The quality of water supplied throughout the Rural District from the Board's Newcombe, Sheldon and Churchstanton Works, and from the service reservoir at Bickham Moor has been satisfactory.

386 Bacteriological samples have been taken throughout the area, and, although isolated instances have occurred where the initial sample was unsatisfactory, a clear result has been obtained on each occasion by re-sampling.

The quantity of water available for supply was sufficient throughout the area, although hosepipe restrictions were in force from 19th June to 22nd September, 1967.

The mains have been extended to serve all of the new or enlarged housing sites within the rural area.

The following table shows details of properties supplied from public water mains in the Tiverton Rural District at 31st December, 1967 :-

Parish	Properties supplied by mains water				Population supplied (estimated at 3 persons per connection)
	No. of Domestic Properties	No. of Farms	No. of other meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	Total Properties	
Bampton	396	13	36	445	1,335
Bickleigh	45	6	9	60	180
Bradinch	605	18	33	656	1,968
Burlescombe	178	32	18	228	684
Butterleigh	22	6	3	31	93
Cadbury	5	1	1	7	21
Cadeleigh	10	3	2	15	45
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23	69
Clayhidon	38	31	5	74	222
Cruwys Morchard	51	17	7	76	228
Cullompton	1,325	53	98	1,476	4,428
Culmstock	227	24	17	268	804
Halberton	327	51	20	398	1,194
Hemyock	226	14	21	260	780
Hockworthy	21	16	-	37	111
Holcombe Rogis	113	11	6	130	390
Kentisbeare	163	43	22	228	684
Loxbeare	10	1	-	11	33
Morebath	39	6	2	47	141
Oakford	45	7	3	55	165
Samp. Peverell	235	14	32	281	843
Silverton	478	11	14	503	1,509
Stoodleigh	32	4	6	42	126
Templeton	12	10	-	22	66
Thorverton	252	11	14	277	831
Uffculme	527	65	61	653	1,959
Updown	38	10	2	50	150
Washfield	33	5	-	38	114
Willand	402	10	32	444	1,332
TOTALS	5,872	498	465	6,835	20,505

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

A full-time Rodent Operator is employed by this Council for the purpose of killing rats on both private and publicly owned property. During the year seventy four contracts have been taken out for rodent control on farms and business premises. The contract prices vary from approximately £4 to £30. The premises are treated four times a year or more often if necessary.

The Council's sewers are also treated at least twice a year and a regular check is kept on the refuse tips. Private dwellings are not covered by our contract service and we do not give free treatments for these. Ratepayers, however, may ask for the services of our Rodent Operator and we keep the charges as reasonable as possible.

KNACKERS' YARDS

None were licensed at the end of the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

26 Licences to slaughter animals were granted or renewed during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT 1958

At the 31st December, 1967, the following private slaughterhouses were licensed and in use in the district :-

Lloyd Maunders Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
J. Veysey & Son, 30, Fore Street, Cullompton
N. M. Western, 24, Fore Street, Silverton.

MEAT INSPECTION

We now have four full-time Meat Inspectors at Messrs. Lloyd Maunders' and two trainees. One trainee has passed the Examination for the Certificate in Meat Inspection of the Royal Society of Health, but will not receive his Certificate until he is twenty-one. The other trainee will be attending the next available Course to be held at Bristol Technical College.

It is now possible for holiday and sickness relief assistance to be provided from the general Public Health Inspectorate.

Occasionally on Saturday mornings slaughtering has gone on until twelve noon at Lloyd Maunders, owing to disruption of national meat supplies especially resulting from the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease, as the demand from unaffected districts such as this was greatly increased.

One Meat Inspector is always available to inspect carcasses in the event of emergency slaughtering.

The tables overleaf give details of carcasses inspected during the year.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :-

<u>LLOYD MAUNDER'S SLAUGHTERHOUSE TIVERTON JUNCTION</u>	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	8866	284	1005	83601	101897
Number inspected	8866	284	1005	83601	101897
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	4	4	67	126	246
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3899	180	9	3606	6297
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	44.02	64.78	6.57	4.46	6.41
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1433
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.41
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	27	3	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	27	3	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :					
	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>	
	81	13	1	12	

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :-

<u>OTHER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES</u>	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	300	-	-	884	281
Number inspected	300	-	-	884	281
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	90	-	-	39	13
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	30.0	-	-	4.41	4.63
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.36
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :					
	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>			
	7	13			

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2
Number of visits to these premises	Twice daily from 1/7/67
Total number of birds processed during the year	3,330,000
Types of birds processed	Broilers Hens Capons
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Hens: 6.178 % ** Chicken: 0.706 % **
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	Hens: 31,505 lbs. ** Chicken: 60,613 lbs. **

** Since the records commenced during the year and do not cover twelve months, these figures have been extended statistically to represent a full year.

There were two establishments operating in the Rural District during the year; Messrs. Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction and Messrs. H. J. Dunn & Son of Uffculme. The Public Health Department was not satisfied with the standard of Messrs. Dunns' premises and, after the proprietors had consulted with the Public Health Department, they decided that they would discontinue operations and close down the plant from December, 1967, rather than incur the considerable expense necessary to improve the premises.

From July 1967, an Inspector has visited Messrs. Lloyd Maunders' plant twice daily to inspect and diagnose the carcasses and viscera rejected by the spotters employed by the proprietors, in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry Inspector. In view of the distance involved, it was not possible to make frequent visits to Messrs. Dunns' premises, but this matter resolved itself by the closure of that plant.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

These Regulations came into operation on the 1st January, 1967. During the year inspections have been made of six vehicles regularly operating in the Rural District and these vehicles have been made to comply with the requirements of the Regulations. Other mobile stalls have been inspected, but these have not been regularly operating in the Rural District and were removed before any enforcement would have been possible. Where a vehicle is operating from another District, the details are sent to the local authority concerned.

It would seem probable that there are other delivery vehicles etc., operating within the District, but, in such a large Rural District as this, it will, of necessity, take some time for them to be located and identified.

Implementation of the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued throughout the year and improvements have been effected by the serving of informal notices where appropriate. This has resulted in improvement of several premises. Throughout the holiday season particular attention is given to food premises on the holiday routes to ensure that the resultant increase in business does not lead to a lowering of standards.

Type of premises	No. of premises (i)	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (ii)	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies (iii)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19 (iv)
Bakehouses	11	11	11	11
Butchers' Shops	24	22	24	23
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5
Retail Food Shops	59	57	51	50
Catering Establishments	74	63	74	74

HOUSING ACTS 1957 - 1964

During the past twelve months 36 applications for Standard Grants have been received and 41 applications have been approved: some of these applications were received during the year 1966. 6 Applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants were received during this period and 6 were approved.

With regard to housing generally, during the year 17 Closing Orders and 2 Demolition Orders were made in respect of unfit properties not capable of repair at reasonable expense and 3 Undertakings under Section 16 (4) of the Housing Act, 1957, were accepted. In addition, 17 unfit properties were demolished, 10 Preliminary Notices were served in respect of unfit houses capable of repair at reasonable expense and 11 houses were made fit either as the result of cancelled Undertakings or revoked Closing Orders.

The Government have intimated that they intend to bring in new legislation regarding the improvement of older houses. This, no doubt, will include provisions to increase the amount of grant available for the improvement of property which has not kept pace with rising costs and, in the case of Discretionary Improvement Grants, has remained practically stationary since 1949. It is hoped that this will encourage owners to repair and improve their property in much greater numbers in the coming years.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES : There are none in this Rural District.

REFUSE COLLECTION

In September, 1967, the Council commissioned a second Pakamatic compression vehicle, making a refuse collection fleet of two 35 cu. yd. Pakamatic compression vehicles and one 18 cu. yd. fore and aft tipper: in addition, the Council operates a small Bedford tipping truck, which is used partly on refuse collection and partly on sewage work. When the new compression vehicle was put into commission, the refuse collection service was reorganised so that the majority of premises within the Rural District have a weekly collection and the frequency of collection from the remaining premises has been increased. In the process of this reorganisation, Cullompton, which previously had a twice weekly collection was changed to once weekly.

Lay-bys on the major routes are provided with paper sack holders and these are regularly emptied and the lay-bys cleared by our refuse collection vehicles.

BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION

In accordance with the recommendations of the Working Party on Refuse Collection, the Council is arranging for the collection of bulky refuse throughout the District. The proposals are to have two such collections during the first twelve months and one collection per year thereafter. The first of these collections will be in January, 1968, and the second is planned for the early autumn. It has been, and will continue to be, the practice of the Council to collect bulky items of refuse in the normal course of refuse collection, wherever possible; this has, of course, materially affected the situation in this District regarding the number of such items.

Concurrently with the first of the bulky refuse collections, the Council propose to clear up any unauthorised tips located throughout the District. Some such tips have been cleared in the past and notices prohibiting tipping have been erected.

GYPSIES

It has been agreed in principle that it is desirable to provide a permanent site for gypsies. During the year investigations have been made into various proposals, but it has not yet been possible to formulate a definite scheme.

CARAVAN, MOVEABLE DWELLING AND CAMPING SITES

AND

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1967 17

In addition there are sites for tourists' caravans at :-

Little Copse Filling Station, Cullompton and
The Wishing Well Cafe, Bampton,

which are exempt from Local Authority controls, the Caravan Club of Great Britain having granted their form of licence to the sites.

FACTORIES ACTS

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 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 (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	10	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	9	1	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	148	19	1	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

The only outworkers employed in this area are those engaged on the making of wearing apparel as shown in the abstract of the prescribed schedule below :-

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list req'd by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel } Making etc.,	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.



