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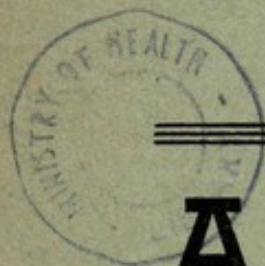
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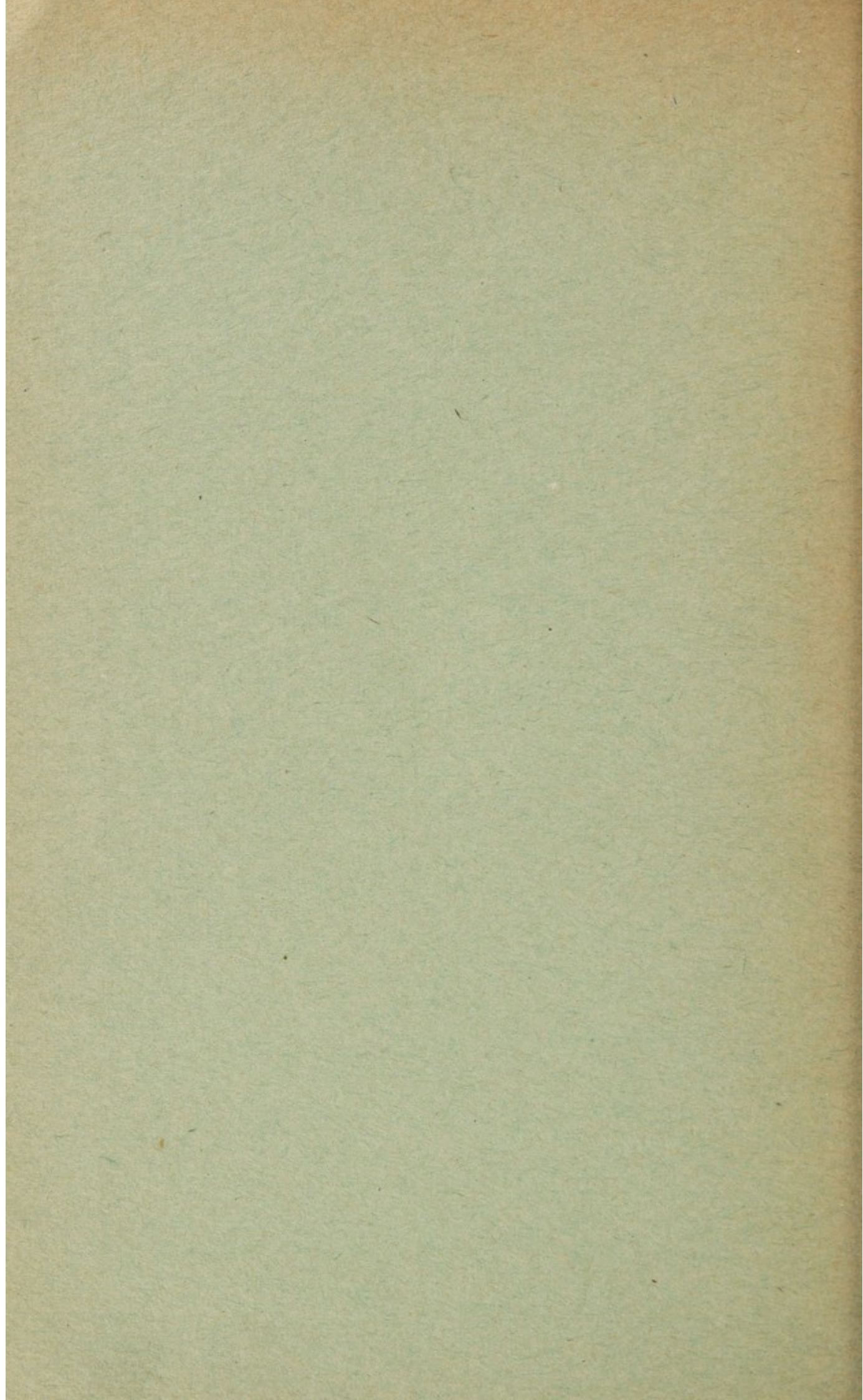


ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health
and of the Senior Public
Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1965



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Rear of Ashbourne Road

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Ashbourne Road



Ashbourne Road — Redeveloped

ANNUAL REPORT

Council Offices,
Holly Dene,
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Uttoxeter.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Uttoxeter Rural District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Uttoxeter Rural District for the year 1965. This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Minister of Health as set out in his circular No. 1/66.

You may remember that in the preamble to the 1963 report I mentioned that the Birth Rate of 18.69 in that year was the highest ever recorded in your district. 1965, with a rate of 19.23, tops this figure, and the adjusted rate of 23.27 is 5.17 above the rate for the country as a whole. It will be noted that the high illegitimacy rate of 6.64 in 1964 dropped to 2.99 in 1965, which is near the average figure for the previous 10 years.

There were 2 stillbirths in your district in 1965, both due to a severe degree of congenital abnormality, compared with 5 in the previous year, but the number of deaths of infants under 1 year rose from 2 to 4.

The perinatal mortality rate, i.e. stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths, dropped from 24.87 in 1964 to 12.71 in 1965 and compares very favourably with the national average of 26.85.

The general death rate was 8.96 which when adjusted was the same as the rate for England and Wales.

50% of deaths in your district were in persons of 75 years and over and 70% were over 65 years. Coronary thrombosis caused most male deaths (17) followed by cancer of the lung. The number of deaths due to the latter disease jumped from 2 in 1964 to 7 in 1965, and reminds us of the danger of heavy cigarette smoking. The causes of female deaths, of which there were 31 fewer than male, showed a more even distribution.

The infectious diseases notified in your district follow the usual pattern and included the biennial epidemic of Measles. There were, however, two cases of tuberculosis notified, one pulmonary and one non-pulmonary. From 1960 till 1964 we had been fortunate in having only 1 case notified, but although the incidence of this disease is greatly reduced as a result of improved economic and social conditions, generally speaking tuberculosis is still a more frequent cause of death than any of the other notifiable acute specific infections. The traditional preventive measures, which

have also contributed to the reduced incidence of the disease, must therefore be pursued with diligence so that cases may be brought to light early and treatment instituted without delay. Contacts must also be traced and given protection when necessary.

For the protection of our own community Staffordshire County Council offer B.C.G. Vaccination to all children who require it in their first year at a senior school. It is a pity that more parents do not give their consent for tuberculin testing to be carried out, for it not only sorts out those unsuitable for vaccination but brings to light those in whom there is a strong positive reaction and in whom an annual incidence of tuberculosis of the order of 3.50 per 1,000 may be expected in the next 2½ years. These strongly positive reactors need supervision and this is usually arranged with the chest physician for both them and their contacts. For other positive reactors to the tuberculin test it is sufficient to arrange an annual attendance for X-ray.

The Mass Radiography Service is available to inhabitants of the Uttoxeter Rural and Urban Districts on the 3rd Tuesday of each month when the van is sited in the Brewery Yard, Uttoxeter. In addition the unit visits certain industrial concerns in the Rural District from time to time.

An X-ray is of course part of the medical examination for all Council employees.

With regard to the environmental services, 1965 marked the completion of the clearance area and the subsequent redevelopment of Rocester. An example of the industrial revolution, the village grew round its cotton-spinning mill, which at one time even provided the gas which lit its streets. The cottages in the clearance areas were typical of the period and photographs of some of them form a frontispiece to this report.

The redevelopment consisted of 199 dwellings erected in two phases and incorporating nine different types of homes, in order to provide for the varied housing needs of the village. Special consideration was given to the needs of the elderly, and a welfare scheme was included in a relatively quiet part of the estate but with easy access to shops.

The layout and design of both phases was carried out by Mr. Pughe, your architect and surveyor for many years until his death in 1965, and I should like to place on record my appreciation of the co-operation which he always extended to this department and the help which he gave me personally on many occasions.

I thank Mr. Ward, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and the additional Public Health Inspectors for their support and co-operation throughout the year, and also the clerical staff for their valuable contribution to the smooth running of the department.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentleman,,

Your obedient servant,

S. M. DURKIN.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Acres, 56,624
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population (Mid 1965)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,170
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1965 according to the Rate Books	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,514
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1965	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	£374,613
Sum represented by the product of 1d. rate for 1965-66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	£1,504
Number of persons per acre	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.21
Number of houses per acre	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.062
Average number of persons per house	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.46

On the map Uttoxeter Rural District forms roughly the shape of the letter 'C'. Derbyshire lies along its inner or eastern border with the exception of the middle part where the Urban District of Uttoxeter is situated between it and Derbyshire. On its outer or western border Uttoxeter Rural District is bounded by Stone and Stafford Rural Districts. To the north lies Cheadle Rural District, and to the south Lichfield and Tutbury Rural Districts.

The District, comprising seventeen parishes, is mainly agricultural, and is aptly described by the phrase 'a green and pleasant land.'

The administrative offices are situated in the township of Uttoxeter, which is also the shopping and marketing centre for the Rural District.

The main concern of the district is of course farming, but alternative employment is offered at Mayfield by a silk mill, and at Rocester by a cotton mill and an excavator vehicle factory. The latter is a growing concern which has attracted additional population to the district, and to Rocester in particular.

In addition the area includes a very large military establishment which also employs civilian labour, and which has some of the largest workshops in the country.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

<i>Live births (Factor 1.21)</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	107	120	227
Illegitimate	3	4	7
	—	—	—
	110	124	234
Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population			19.23
Adjusted birth rate			23.27
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			2.99
<i>Stillbirths</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	—	2	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	2	2
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still births			8.47
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 estimated population			0.16
Total Live and Still Births			236
<i>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	2	2	4
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			17.09
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births			17.62
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births			0.0
<i>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	—	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	1	1
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)			4.27
<i>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	—	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	1	1
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)			4.27
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)			12.71
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)			0.0
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births			0.0
<i>Deaths (Factor 1.29)</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
	70	39	109
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population			8.96
Adjusted death rate			11.56

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1958 to 1965

Year	Rates per 1,000 estimated Population			Rate per 1,000 Live Births
	Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Death Rate
1965	19.23	0.16	8.96	17.09
1964	16.45	0.42	8.48	10.20
1963	18.69	0.08	10.15	18.09
1962	15.54	0.43	9.14	27.47
1961	12.6	0.25	9.30	0.0
1960	14.7	0.17	8.2	29.8
1959	15.1	0.17	10.6	34.5
1958	16.4	0.79	9.3	32.2

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1965 and 1964 WITH THOSE FOR ENGLAND and WALES FOR THE SAME YEARS

	Year	Rates per 1,000 Estimated Population			Rate per 1000 Live Births
		Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Death Rate
Uttoxeter Rural District	1965	23.27	0.16	11.56	17.09
	1964	(Adjusted) 19.90	0.42	(Adjusted) 9.75	10.20
England and Wales	1965	18.1	0.29	11.5	19.0
	1964	18.4	0.31	11.3	20.0

CANCER DEATHS

Noted below are the total annual deaths from cancer according to sex with regard to your District during 1965 and the 5 previous years. The percentage which these Cancer deaths form of the total deaths is also shown.

Year	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths
1965	13	3	16	14.7
1964	12	7	19	18.8
1963	9	9	18	15.0
1962	9	6	15	14.0
1961	8	6	14	12.9
1960	10	6	16	17.0

Summary of Site of Cancer

Lung and Bronchus	.....	7
Stomach	.....	2
Other sites	.....	7

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Laboratory Service

The district is served by the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford, which is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health. Samples and specimens submitted by the general practitioners and the Public Health Department are examined and reported on. An advisory service is also available in the event of an outbreak of an infectious disease such as food poisoning, and on these occasions the helpful advice of the Director is much appreciated.

Ambulance Service

A 24 hour Ambulance Station is maintained in Uttoxeter by the Staffordshire County Council; this has been under radio control since 1956. The Station is manned by a personnel of 23 men.

Nursing Service

During 1965 a re-organisation of the nursing service in the rural district took place. This was not completed by the end of the year but broadly speaking the area was covered by 4 District Nurse/Midwives, 1 District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor and 4 Health Visitors.

Clinics

During 1965, a School Clinic, an Infant Welfare Centre, an Ante-natal Clinic, Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes and ancillary services in connection with the School Health Service were provided at Heath House Clinic, Uttoxeter, by the Staffordshire County Council.

Chiropody Service

This service which was made available to Old Age Pensioners, Handicapped Persons and Expectant Mothers by the Staffordshire County Council in 1962 continued to operate throughout 1965, treatment being domiciliary or at the Heath House Clinic according to need.

Domestic Help Service

The service is provided by the local health authority under permissive powers deriving from Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1948. In your district 18 part-time Helps have been employed during the year and 39 cases have been attended.

Hospitals

There are no hospitals in the Uttoxeter Rural District, and as in previous years the arrangements in this connection are as follow :

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Bucknall Isolation Hospital | ..... | Infectious Diseases |
| (b) Derby City Hospital and Derby
Royal Infirmary
Stoke-on-Trent City General
Hospital
Stafford General Infirmary
Burton General Infirmary | } | General medical and
surgical cases |
| (c) Burton General Infirmary and
Andressey Hospital, Burton
Ashbourne Maternity Home
Burton House, Stafford | } | Maternity Cases
(majority of) |

Tuberculosis

Most patients attend the Stafford Chest Clinic by appointment, but all are visited in their own homes by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During 1965 the number of corrected notifications received with respect to the various infectious diseases other than Tuberculosis was as follows :

<i>Infectious Diseases</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>Admitted to Hospital</i>
Measles	107	—
Scarlet Fever	4	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	1	—
Food Poisoning	1	—
Dysentery	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	—	—
Paratyphoid	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—
	113	—

Infectious Diseases—Incidence in 1965 compared with the previous four years

<i>Disease</i>	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Measles	107	10	327	6	86
Scarlet Fever	4	3	14	2	3
Whooping Cough	—	2	—	—	4
Acute Pneumonia	1	—	1	2	10
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	1	—
Dysentery	—	1	—	54	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	1	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—
	113	16	343	66	104

**ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP.
AGE PERIOD IN YEAR 1965 — CORRECTED**

	Under 1 year		1—2 years		3—4 years		5—9 years		10—14 years		15—24 years		25 years and over		Age Un-known		Totals		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Measles	2	1	9	11	19	17	19	20	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	56	107
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) (Non-Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abortus Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table giving names of Parishes along with the incidence of infectious disease in each Parish in 1965

Name of Parish	DISEASE												
	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Acute Pneu- monia	Food Poi- son- ing	Erysi- pelas	Acute Poliomye- litis (Paralytic)	Acute Poliomye- litis (Non- Paralytic)	Dysentery	Ophthalmia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Diphtheria
Abbots Bromley	11	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blithfield	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Croxden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Denstone	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Draycott-in-the-Clay	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ellastone	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingstone	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leigh	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marchington	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mayfield	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newborough	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Okeover	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ramshorn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rocester	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uttoxeter Rural	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wootton	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	107	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases 1965—Months of Occurrence.

Month	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Acute Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Erysipelas	Acute Poliomyelitis		Dysentery	Paratyphoid	Ophthalmia	P. Pyrexia	Cerebro Spinal Fever
							Paralytic	Non-Paralytic					
Jan.	13	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb.	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr.	22	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
June	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
July	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aug.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sept.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct.	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	107	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

For your information I give details regarding infectious diseases in the Rural Districts of Staffordshire—1965. — Corrected Cases.

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever and Paratyphoid	Acute Primary Pneumonia	Dysentery	Acute Poliomyelitis		Food Poisoning	Tuberculosis	
						Paralytic	Non-Paralytic		Lung	C.N.S.
1st Quarter	39	—	—	27	55	—	—	—	10	—
2nd Quarter	51	—	—	22	5	—	—	6	7	—
3rd Quarter	7	—	1	3	5	—	—	2	14	—
4th Quarter	17	—	1	10	12	1	—	5	10	—
TOTALS FOR 1965	114	—	2	62	77	1	—	13	41	—
TOTALS FOR 1964	93	—	2	41	121	—	—	24	38	—

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year under review 2 new cases of tuberculosis were notified but no deaths occurred due to this disease. This is a happy state of affairs in your district, but the number of new notifications and deaths in the country as a whole are a reminder that one cannot be entirely complacent with regard to tuberculosis.

The figures for your district over the past 20 years are given below.

Year	Popula- tion	New Cases		Deaths		Death Rate expressed per million population
		Pul.	Non.Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	
1965	12,170	1	1	—	—	Nil
1964	11,910	—	—	—	—	Nil
1963	11,820	—	1	1	—	86
1962	11,710	—	—	—	—	Nil
1961	11,610	3	—	—	1	86
1960	11,470	—	—	—	—	Nil
1959	11,570	2	—	—	—	Nil
1958	11,310	1	—	—	—	Nil
1957	11,350	—	—	—	—	Nil
1956	11,260	2	1	—	—	Nil
1955	11,150	—	—	—	—	Nil
1954	11,100	—	—	1	—	90
1953	11,350	4	1	—	1	90
1952	11,170	2	1	1	—	90
1951	10,840	4	4	—	1	92
1950	10,710	8	1	1	1	160
1949	10,950	5	6	3	—	280
1948	10,710	4	3	2	3	373
1947	9,900	3	—	4	1	500
1946	9,710	2	—	—	2	210

Prophylaxis Against Infectious Diseases

As you are aware the Staffordshire County Council is the responsible authority throughout the county with regard to immunisation and vaccination.

In this section of the annual report, however, it is customary to include for your information the numbers in your district in the various age groups, who, according to the records held in the Area Health Office, were protected against infectious diseases during the year under review.

The present position with regard to prophylactics is somewhat complicated. The schedule of protective injections approved by the Ministry of Health and offered by the Staffordshire County Council during 1965 was as follows :—

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Interval between Doses</i>
3rd month	1st Triple	4 to 6 weeks
4th month	2nd Triple	
5th month	3rd Triple	
6th month	1st oral polio	4 to 6 weeks
7th month	2nd oral polio	
8th month	3rd oral polio	
During 2nd year	Smallpox	
18 months to 2 yrs.	Triple Booster	
School Entry	Diph/Tet. Booster	
	Smallpox (Re-vaccination only)	
End of Jun. School	Diph/Tet. Booster (Half-dose)	
Secondary School	B.C.G.	

It will be appreciated that for the time being it is necessary to collate the numbers of children receiving protection in the various forms in order to compare the response to diphtheria immunisation during the year under review with that in previous years. As it becomes a standard procedure to give children protection in the form of combined antigens the administration of the immunisation programme and the assessment of the response will be simplified.

DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS

Table giving the numbers of children immunised with the various antigens in your District in 1965 :

<i>Antigen</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Reinforcing</i>
Diphtheria	1	105
Tetanus	131	12
Diphtheria/Tetanus	19	47
Triple Antigen	168	35
Quadrilin	9	11

The aggregate figures for diphtheria immunisation in the various forms compared with the figures for the previous four years are given in the following table.

Diphtheria Immunisation since 1962

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Reinforcing</i>
1965	197	198
1964	164	206
1963	153	238
1962	30	43
1961	137	239

WHOOPING COUGH

All children receiving protection against whooping cough in 1965 received it in the form of the triple antigen referred to above.

SMALLPOX

The number of vaccinations according to the records received in the Public Health Department, carried out in the Uttoxeter Rural District in 1965 are as follows :—

	<i>Under 15 years</i>	<i>Over 15 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
Primary Vaccinations	21	2	23
Re-vaccinations	2	14	16

The following table shows the vaccinations carried out in your district since 1961.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
1965	23	16
1964	83	33
1963	118	32
*1962	725	602
1961	41	22
1961	137	239

*Year in which outbreak of smallpox occurred.

POLIOMYELITIS

In October, 1961, The Minister of Health announced that following extensive trials Sabin (oral) vaccine had been approved as safe and effective for use in protecting against poliomyelitis. Supplies were made available during 1962.

Accordingly the following tables give figures for protection against Poliomyelitis by injection and also orally. The oral or 'sugar lump' method was given as a primary course of three doses in a high proportion of cases, and also as a fourth dose in the 5—11 year old group as recommended by the Ministry of Health.

It will be noted that the number protected in any one year has dropped considerably since the early days of poliomyelitis immunisation. This is to be expected since in the first few years of the scheme in addition to children many adults received protection against the disease.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Primary Doses</i>	<i>Reinforcing Doses</i>
1965	181	297
1964	214	222
1963	186	301
1962	163	633
1961	424	873
1960	486	1,471

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

I am indebted to your Surveyor for part of the information included in this section of the report.

WATER SUPPLY

(a) *Reorganisation of water undertakings*

The Minister has intimated that he will be prepared to consider firm suggestions for the absorption of the Rural and Urban District Councils' undertakings by the South Staffs. Waterworks Co. and negotiations are proceeding for implementation at 1st April, 1967.

(b) *Hollington Lane, Nabb Lane and Croxden*

A scheme has been prepared which is being further considered jointly by the Minister, the South Staffs. Waterworks Co. and our Consultants.

(c) *Heatley Lane, Abbots Bromley*

The scheme prepared by the South Staffs. Waterworks is now under consideration by the Staffordshire County Council for possible financial contributions.

(d) *Water Supply Generally*

A chart showing the estimated population and number of properties connected with a water supply is given below.

Parish	Total No. of Houses (1961 Census fig. amended)	Population at Dec.1964 (inc. resident Colleges, Schools, etc.)	No. of Houses with piped water supply		No Piped Supply	Total Estimated Population supplied
			Public Mains	Private		
Abbots Bromley	374	1744	338	10	26	1649
Blithfield	78	254	77	—	1	251
Croxden	76	247	28	9	39	120
Denstone	178	959	147	16	15	910
Draycott	195	634	160	23	12	595
Ellastone	97	316	86	—	11	280
Kingstone	109	354	93	—	16	302
Leigh	263	855	247	2	14	810
Marchington	305	1102	281	12	12	1063
Mayfield	481	1563	481	—	—	1563
Newborough	146	475	117	4	25	394
Okeover	13	42	—	6	7	19
Ramshorn	17	55	—	6	11	19
Rocester	491	1597	458	16	17	1542
Stanton	66	215	63	—	3	205
Uttoxeter Rural	421	1462	357	9	55	1285
Wootton	42	137	36	5	1	134
Totals :	3352	12011	2969	118	265	11141

Note :

Percentage of population with a piped water supply	91.1%
Percentage of houses with a piped water supply	92.1%
Percentage of houses with a public mains supply	88.6%
Percentage of houses with no piped supply	7.9%

WATER SUPPLY SAMPLING
(carried out by Public Health Department)

Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination

Source	Number taken	RESULTS		
		Satisfactory	Doubtful	Unsatisfactory
Mains Supply	29	27	—	2
Wells	9	—	—	9
Springs	6	—	—	6
Council Reservoirs	4	3	—	1
Private Reservoirs	1	—	—	1
Swimming Pools	1	1	—	—
TOTAL	50	31	—	19

Samples taken for Chemical Analysis

Eight samples were taken during the year :—

1. 26.1.65 Croft House, Rocester tap—mains supply
2. 10.5.65 Co-operative Stores, Rocester tap—mains supply
3. 22.6.65 School, Abbots Bromley Swimming Pool
4. 23.9.65 6 Ashbourne Road, Rocester tap—mains supply
5. 28.9.65 Fold Farm, Wootton tap—mains supply
6. 18.10.65 Wootton Lodge Estate Reservoir
7. 18.10.65 Wootton Lodge Estate Hydraulic Ram
8. 9.11.65 Stanton Reservoir

Samples 6 and 7 were from private supplies, the remainder from the Council's mains.

All of the samples were chemically satisfactory.

Details of Chemical Analysis of Water Samples

Sample No.	1	5
pH	7.3	7.6
	—parts	per million
Total solid matter dried at 212°F.	210.0	300.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	Nil	Nil
Albuminoid	Nil	Nil
Nitric Nitrogen	0.5	1.2
Chlorine present as Chloride	15.0	15.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F.	Nil	Nil
Appearance	—clear and	colourless
Metallic Contamination.....	Nil	Nil
Carbonate Hardness	152.0	—
Total Hardness	178.0	—

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

(a) *Bramshall Sewerage Scheme*

A scheme has been prepared for Bramshall sewage to be taken by means of a new outfall sewer down the Hockley Brook valley into the Urban District Council's sewerage system, and arrangements are proceeding for this scheme to be carried out concurrently with the Urban District Council's own scheme for extensions and improvements.

(b) *Marchington and Draycott Sewage Scheme*

Plans for this scheme have been completed by our consultants and have been approved by the Ministry. Negotiations are proceeding for way-leaves and the acquisition of land.

HOUSING

(a) *Rocester*

The scheme for 92 dwellings and 5 shops in Wimpey's "No Fines" construction was completed during the year.

(b) *Private Development*

26 private houses were completed during the year.

Improvement Grants

(a) *Discretionary*

Applications received	.....	.....	.....	16
„ finally approved	.....	.....	.....	9
„ approved in principle	.....	.....	.....	7
„ refused	.....	.....	.....	—

(b) *Standard*

Applications received	.....	.....	.....	29
„ approved	.....	.....	.....	28
„ refused	.....	.....	.....	1

Details of progress regarding the clearance of unfit houses is included in your Public Health Inspector's report.

The following is an account of the position with regard to housing applications and lettings in the Uttoxeter Rural District during 1965. This information has been supplied by your Housing Manager.

Number of Applicants on Waiting List at beginning of 1965

Abbots Bromley	.....	23	Marchington	.....	19
Blithfield	.....	3	Mayfield	.....	43
Denstone	.....	5	Newborough	.....	12
Draycott	.....	9	Rocester	.....	75
Kingstone	.....	3	Stanton & Wootton	.....	11
Leigh	.....	11	Uttoxeter Rural	.....	16
Total for all districts		.....	230		

During the year, one Cottage was acquired at Stramshall and added to the Register, and the Rural Council's second phase of

house building at Rocester was completed, the first lettings being made in February and the final ones in August.

This second phase scheme consisted of

3 Bedroom type Houses	35
2 Bedroom type Flats and Maison- ettes	47
2 Bedroom type Bungalows	4
1 Bedroom type Flats	2
Bedsitting Rooms	4
Flats over Shops	5
	—
Total	97
	—

In addition, 41 Garages were erected at the same time.

Throughout the Rural District, casual vacancies occurred as follows :—

Abbots Bromley	1
Leigh	1
Mayfield	5
Rocester	32 (Mainly as a result of transfers to the New Site).

Ten transfers of tenancies were approved and one mutual exchange between two Rocester families was completed.

The Council continued its policy of making Council Houses available for sale and one house at Abbots Bromley, one at Newborough and one at Loxley were sold to existing occupiers. In addition, seven pre-war erected Houses at Rocester were sold with vacant possession.

A modernisation scheme on several groups of pre-war type properties was begun and good progress was made towards bringing up to modern standards houses at Woodcock Heath, Lower Loxley, Loxley Green, Leigh and Newborough.

During the year a large number of Housing Applications were cancelled as a result of enquiries made, particularly in regard to prospective rehousing on the new development at Rocester, but in spite of this there was a slight overall increase in the number of applicants remaining on the Waiting List, as shown below, at the end of 1965.

Abbots Bromley	26	Marchington	23
Blithfield	3	Mayfield	34
Denstone	4	Newborough	12
Draycott	13	Rocester	80
Kingstone	6	Stanton & Wootton	11
Leigh	14	Uttoxeter Rural	12
Total for all districts	238		

The Rent Rebate Scheme continued to operate, with a number of allowances being made to new tenants rehoused at Rocester, but otherwise the number of Rebates granted throughout the Rural District varied little from those granted in previous years.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Holly Dene,
High Street,
Uttoxeter.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Uttoxeter Rural District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

Once again I have pleasure in presenting my report on the work of the Public Health Inspectorate for the year 1965.

Although 25 houses were represented as unfit during 1965, little progress was made in regard to re-housing the occupants. This was mainly due to the fact that such re-housing was dependent upon casual vacancies occurring in existing Council houses, as apart from the central re-development of Rocester no Council houses were built.

In April the control and supervision of refuse collection and disposal in the Urban area was transferred from the Urban Surveyor to the Public Health Inspectorate.

The fortnightly collection of refuse in the Rural area was maintained, and a report was made to the Council in respect of requests for a weekly collection. The report indicated the extra vehicle and workers required and after consideration of costs involved the Council decided against improving the existing service.

During the year the Council suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. H. W. Pughe, Engineer and Surveyor. Since entering the Council's employment in 1950 I enjoyed very close co-operation with him, and the Health Department will miss him greatly.

I would record my appreciation of the work done by Mr. H. Nutter, Mr. T. Wood and my Clerk/Typist Miss R. Hodgkins.

I am Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thornton and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. WARD.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Notices Served

<i>Notices served during Year</i>	<i>No. Served</i>	<i>No. Complied with (Served 1965 and previously)</i>
Informal notices and letters as to general matters	26	24
Verbal notices as to general matters	32	31
Informal notices to provide dustbins	55	55
<i>Statutory Notices :</i>		
(a) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
(b) Public Health Act, 1936	3	3

Complaints received and dealt with during the year

Total number received	152
General Disrepair of Dwellings	4
Others	148
(including rodent and insect infestation)	

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A fortnightly refuse collection has been maintained during the year, and approximately 3,275 premises have been served, the number of refuse bins emptied being 3,450. A regular collection is also made from bins at County Council road lay-bys and also litter baskets in the district.

The vehicles used are two modern Shelvoke and Drewry 16/18 cu. yd. tipping vehicles, and as an auxiliary vehicle a Bedford 4-ton truck. The personnel consists of two Driver/Loaders and five Loaders.

There is a general increase in the bulk of refuse collected, bearing in mind the increased number of houses built, and the changing nature of the refuse itself due to the practice of pre-wrapping many products formerly sold loose.

A total of 16,835 miles was covered by the vehicles during the year in respect of refuse collection, disposal, and tip maintenance.

NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION SERVICE

Although the number of pails has been reduced to approximately 750, the mileage for the vehicle engaged on this work has remained fairly constant and for 1965 was 11,956 miles.

By working overtime a regular 7 day collection service has been afforded with only slight variation at holiday times.

Although new sewerage schemes or extensions of existing schemes have in recent years been undertaken in Abbots Bromley, Rocester and Mayfield, the nightsoil collection service is still very necessary for the unsewered parishes and outlying districts.

Collection is also made from some schools in the district, and pending the provision of a sewerage scheme, arrangements were made to include the new school at Marchington.

In addition the vehicle is used for the emptying of pails and tanks at Uttoxeter Racecourse, and also 25 properties in the Uttoxeter Urban area.

The cost of this work is re-chargeable upon the Urban District Council.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

One new licence was granted during the year in respect of use of land at The Blythe Inn, Blythe Bridge, Kingstone, as a site for one caravan. In addition the following existing licences were renewed :—

Use of land at Bankside, Stanton, as a site for one caravan.

Use of land at Post Office, Stramshall, as a site for one caravan.

Use of land at Harts Farm, Abbots Bromley, as a site for one caravan

Use of land at Upper Leigh, Leigh, as a site for one caravan.

At December, 1965 there were 14 licensed sites, 13 for one caravan only, and one site licensed for 17 caravans.

HOUSING

The following 25 unfit houses were represented during the year :—

- 2 Cottages, The Village, Newborough.
- 2 Cottages, Moor Lane, Lower Leigh.
- Park Cottage, Loxley.
- 2 Cottages, Station Road, Draycott-in-the-Clay.
- 52, 54, 56, High Street, Rocester.
- Bungalows Nos. 1 and 2, Field.
- Tomlinson's Corner Cottage, Thorney Lane, Newborough
- Holt Hall Cottage, Thorney Lane, Newborough.
- Cliff Cottage, Woodroffe's Cliff, Marchington Woodlands.
- 2 Cottages, Hen Lane, Upper Leigh.
- White House, Pipe Hay Lane, Draycott-in-the-Clay.
- The Nook, Pipe Hay Lane, Draycott-in-the-Clay (one room).
- 3 Cottages, School Lane, Abbots Bromley.
- Detached Cottage, School Lane, Abbots Bromley.
- 2 Cottages, Great Gate.

In addition—

(a) *2 Houses were demolished.*

2 Cottages, Corn Mill Lane, Mayfield.

(b) *8 Houses were reported as Closed.*

52, 54, 56, High Street, Rocester.

Bungalow No. 2, Field.

Moor Cottage, Moor Lane, Lower Leigh.

Cottage, The Village, Newborough.

2 Cottages, The Square, Marchington.

(c) *23 Persons comprising 8 Families were Displaced.*

(d) *7 Unfit Houses were made fit.*

1, 2, 3, 4, Church Lane, Mayfield (made into one house).

3 Houses, Station Road, Rocester (made into two houses).

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A rodent operative is employed for duties in both the Rural and Urban areas and works under the supervision of your Public Health Inspectors.

Throughout the district a free service of rodent disinfection is afforded for residential property, while the cost of the work at business premises is rechargeable.

In 34 cases contracts have been entered into for disinfection work—7 business premises and 27 farms.

Number of Infestations found and dealt with during 1965

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>Business Premises</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
Total number of properties inspected	24	620	72	89
Number of properties found to be infested by :				
Common Rat (Minor Infestations)	20	164	7	26
House Mouse (Minor Infestations)	1	21	6	26
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	205	1335	105	319
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	21	218	27	43
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	59	254	79	259

SEWER TREATMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the testing of sewers was carried out to ascertain any evidence of rat infestation.

The following table shows the results obtained.

May, 1965.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Manholes treated</i>	<i>Complete take of test bait</i>	<i>Partial take</i>	<i>No take</i>
Abbots Bromley	16	—	—	16
Denstone	3	—	—	3
Ellastone	2	—	—	2
Mayfield	9	—	—	9
Rocester	11	—	—	11
Uttoxeter Rural (Stramshall)	2	—	—	2
TOTAL	43	—	—	43

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937/1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections
(1) No Power	3	19
(2) With Power	39	47
TOTAL	42	66

THEATRES ACT, 1843

The following licences were granted for the year 1965/66 :

Abbots Bromley and District Institute, Abbots Bromley.
New School Hall, School of S. Mary and S. Anne, Abbots Bromley.

Denstone College, Denstone.

Denstone Village Hall, Denstone.

Village Hall, Ellastone.

Mayfield Memorial Hall, Mayfield.

Stramshall Village Institute, Stramshall.

Springfield Secondary School, Rocester.

Marchington Village Hall, Marchington.

Inspections were carried out prior to re-licensing, and also during performances of Stage Plays. In all cases conditions were satisfactory and there were no contraventions of the conditions attaching to the licence.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence has been granted under the Act in respect of premises used for the boarding of dogs.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Contraventions of the Act were few and all were dealt with informally.

**OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY
PREMISES ACT, 1963**

Following a period for registration of premises the main provisions of the Act came into operation on the 1st August, 1964.

The following tables give details of the number and class of premises on the register, inspections made and persons employed.

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>No. of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices	1	5	1
Retail Shops	4	19	4
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	1	—
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	1	3	1
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
TOTALS	6	28	6

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises 18

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>
Offices	31
Retail Shops	40
Wholesale departments, Warehouses	1
Catering Establishments open to the public	6
Canteens	18
Fuel Storage Depots	—
Total	96
Total Males	43
Total Females	53

Number of Informal Notices served during 1965 5

FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Food Inspection during 1965

(a) Meat : Carcasses inspected and condemnations made.

	Cows and Bulls	Heifers and Bullocks	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and notified	1	414	—	2,342	607
Number inspected	1	414	—	2,342	607
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	2	1
Part or organ	—	62	—	73	95
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	—	15%	—	3.1%	15.6%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Part or organ	—	1	—	—	14
Percentage affected	—	0.2%	—	—	2.3%
Cysticercosis only					
Whole carcass condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Part or organ condemned	—	1	—	—	—
Percentage affected	—	0.24%	—	—	—

Weight of meat condemned for Tuberculosis = 142 lbs.

Weight of meat condemned for Cysticercosis = 30 lbs.

Weight of meat condemned for other diseases = 1,457 lbs.

Total weight of meat condemned 1,629 lbs.

(b) *Other Food condemned*

Nil.

	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Total weight of all food condemned	14	2	5

FOOD HYGIENCE

The majority of shops in the rural area are of the small family type business and generally they are well maintained.

34 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream and 8 for the preparation and manufacture of preserved food.

Several mobile shops also operate in the area, some are based in neighbouring districts, others in this district. The standard of these mobile shops varies greatly, but has shown an improvement in the last 12 months.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER YARD

The two slaughterhouses and one knacker yard in the district have generally been well kept throughout the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

The above legislation requires the licensing of persons to slaughter and stun animals in slaughterhouses and knacker yards, 18 licences were granted during the year.

MILK AND FOOD SAMPLING

Results of Milk Samples taken during 1965 by the County Milk Sampling Officers

Samples of milk are tested for cleanliness, efficient pasteurisation and sterilisation, and the presence of tuberculous organisms.

<i>Test</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Failed</i>	<i>Void</i>
Methylene Blue	260	241	5	14
Phosphatase Test	180	180	—	—
Turbidity Test	73	73	—	—
Biological Test	12	12	—	—

In addition milk samples are taken by the County Milk Sampling Officers while visiting school canteens, etc. for informal examination for fat and non-fatty solids content. This work is carried out as an administrative convenience and the results are notified to the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

The samples taken in your district during 1965 were as follows:

Untreated .....	.....	.....	12
Pasteurised .....	.....	.....	38
Sterilised .....	.....	.....	12
			—
			62
			—

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955

The following information relates to sampling carried out by the County Council's Officers during 1965 under the above Act.

<i>Designation</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Genuine</i>	<i>Adulterated</i>
Untreated Milk	46	42	4

The four adulterated samples of Untreated Milk were found to be deficient in fat.

