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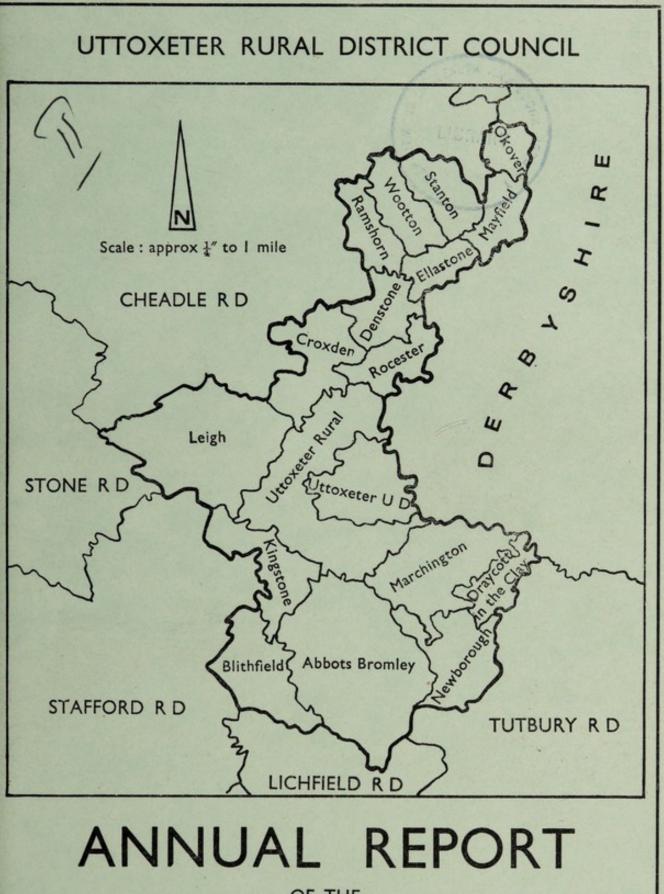
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the Senior Public Health Inspector

for the year 1970

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# ANNUAL REPORT

Council Offices, Holly Dene, High Street, Uttoxeter.

To the Chairman and Members of the Uttoxeter Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Uttoxeter Rural District for the year 1970. This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health as set out in his Circular No. 1/71.

#### Vital Statistics

As in former years this report gives the actual number of births and deaths, both male and female, in your district during the year under review, and the corresponding rates per 1,000 live births or per 1,000 population. In addition this year's report includes a table comparing the vital statistics for your district with those for England and Wales as a whole.

It will be seen from these tables that although there were no stillbirths and only 4 infant deaths in Uttoxeter Rural District throughout 1970, the relevant rates are lower than the corresponding national rates.

#### Infectious Diseases

In the field of infectious diseases the picture varied little from that of the previous year. There were five cases of dysentery notified to the Health Department and confirmed by laboratory tests, and only 2 cases of Salmonella infection came to light although there were undoubtedly more which were not investigated.

The number of cases of measles notified in the year was 46 an increase of 23 over the previous year. There was a slight fall in the number of measles vaccination – 87 in 1970 compared with 95 in 1969.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. M. DURKIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area				Acres,	56,582
Registrar General's Estimate of	f Resid	dent P	opulati	on	
(Mid 1970)					11,730
Number of Inhabited Houses	in the	Rate	Books	at	
April 1st, 1970					3,350
Rateable Value as at April 1st, 1	970			£.	343,948
Sum represented by the product	t of 1d.	rate fo	or 1970	-71	£,3,630
Number of persons per acre					0.20
Number of houses per acre					0.06
Average number of persons per	house				3.50

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 largely agricultural so the main industry is farming. 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 expanding rapidly and substantially contributes to the prosperity of the district.

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per 1,000 total live births) 7.0
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Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1
week per 1,000 total live births) 7.0
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths
under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live
and stillbirths) 7.0
Maternal mortality (including abortion) Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still
births 0.0
Deaths (Factor 1.37) Male Female Total
65 50 115
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population 9.8
Adjusted death rate ,, ,, ,, 13.4

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970

Cause of Death Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus Malignant Neoplasm, Breast Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate		Sex F M M F M M M	<i>Total</i> <i>all</i> <i>all</i> <i>ages</i> 3 3 3 1 1 -	Under 4 wks.	4 wks. and 1yr.	<u>1</u>	<b>∞</b>		Age	Age in Years	<sup>5</sup> 45 1111111111111111111111111111111111	22	65-	75 and 00 er 1 1 1 1 1
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# VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1970 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES FOR THE SAME YEAR

	Uttoxeter Rural District	England and Wales
Live Birth Rates, etc. Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate) Area comparability factor Local adjusted rate Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate Illegitimate live births as percentage of all livebirths	12.6 1.27 16.0 1.00 4	16.0 1.00 16.0 1.00 8
Stillbirth Rate Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil	13
Infant Mortality Rates Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births Deaths of illegitimate infants under	41 28	18 17
1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	333	26
Neonatal Mortality Rate Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	7	12
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	7	11
Perinatal Mortality Rate Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	7	23
Deaths Rates, etc. all ages Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) Area comparability factor Local adjusted rate Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	9.8 1.37 13.4 1.15	11.7 1.00 11.7 1.00

Ţ	'ear	Rate	s per 1,000 estim Population	ated	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
1	ear	Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Death Rate
1970		 12.6	0.00	9.8	7.00
1969		 13.30	0.29	10.60	19.00
1968		 13.35	0.17	9.30	6.45
1967		 13.50	0.09	8.25	25.48
1966		 16.24	0.41	9.25	35.35
1965		 19.23	0.16	8.96	17.09

# VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1965 to 1970

# CANCER DEATHS

Noted below are the total annual deaths from cancer according to sex with regard to your district during 1970 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
1970	 9	3	12	10.43
1969	 8	15	23	18.70
1968	 9	8	17	15.70
1967	 15	11	26	24.70
1966	 14	15	29	25.00
1965	 13	3	16	14.70

## Summary of Site of Cancer

Stomach		 	 2
Lung, Brone	chus	 	 3
Breast		 	 1
Uterus		 	 -
Other sites		 	 
Intestine		 	 4
Prostate		 	 2

## **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 Department of Health and Social Security. 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 1966. The Station is manned by a personnel of 25.

#### **Nursing Service**

During 1970 the area was covered by 5 District Nurse/Midwives, 5 Health Visitors and 1 District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor.

#### Clinics

During 1970 a school clinic, an infant welfare clinic, a cervical cytology clinic, a family planning 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 first made available to old age pensioners, handicapped persons, and expectant mothers, by the Staffordshire County Council in 1962, continued to operate throughout 1970, treatment being domiciliary or at Heath House Clinic according to need.

#### **Domestic Help Service**

This 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 14 part-time Helps have been employed during the year and 46 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 follows:

- (a) Bucknall Isolation Hospital ..... .....
- (b) Derby City Hospital and Derby Royal Infirmary Stoke-on-Trent City General Hospital Stafford General Infirmary Burton General Infirmary .....
- (c) Burton General Infirmary and District Hospital Centre Ashbourne Maternity Home Derby City Hospital

Infectious Diseases

General medical and surgical cases

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.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF COUNCIL **EMPLOYEES**

During 1970, 5 employees were medically examined for Sick Pay purposes and fitness to undertake certain duties.

Four employees jointly employed by Uttoxeter Urban and Rural District Councils were medically examined for fitness and entry into the Superannuation Scheme.

Two medical examinations were carried out for other Local Authorities.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases other than Tuberculosis notified during the year and also the number of cases of each disease notified during the preceding five years.

Disease	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
Diphtheria	_	_	_	_	_	_
Scarlet Fever	1	1	2	12	5	4
Whooping Cough	10	1	3	3	-	-
Measles	46	23	104	67	38	107
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-		-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis						
(paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis						
(non-paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	5	5	16	-	18	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	3	1	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	1	4	2	-	-	-

# Corrected notifications for 1970 and the previous 5 years.

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP IN THE YEAR 1970

Table giving names of Parishes along with the incidence of infectious disease in each Parish in 1970

			_		_		_				_	_	_		_		_		
	Diphtheria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
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	Acute Pneu- monia		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
	Whooping Cough	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
	Scarlet Fever	1	1		I		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1
	Measles	9		1	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	22		10	1	46
	Name of Parish	Abbots bromley	blithfield	Croxden	Denstone	Draycott-in-the-Clay	l llastone	Kingstone	Leigh	Marchington	Mayfield	Newborough	Okeover	Ramshorn	Rocester	Stanton	Uttoxeter Rural	Wootton	TOTALS

INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1970-MONTHS OF OCCURRENCE ORIGINAL NOTIFICATIONS

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	Pul. Tuber- culosis	1	1	I	I	1	1	1	I	I	1	1	I	1
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DI	Menin- gitis	1	1	1	1	1	I	I	I	I	I	I	1	1
	Polio- myelitis (Para- lytic)	1	1	1	I	١	I	1	I	I	1	I	1	1
	Erysip-Infective elas Jaundice	I	1	I	I	!	I	I	I	I	1	I	1	1
	Erysip-	I	I	I	Ι	1	Ι	1	Ι	1	١	Ι		1
	Scarlet Fever	1	I	I	1	I	I	1	I	1	I	I	I	-
	Measles	I	3	3	2	2	19	3	1	6	5	2	1	46
	Whoop- ing Cough	I	6	I	I	I	1	1	1	1	1	I	-	10
	Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS

QUARTERLY RETURNS OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT FOR 1970 PROVED CASES

		51		
		Others	-  -	-
	Tuberculosis	CNS	1111	
	Tu	Respiratory CNS	1111	
	Food		0   0	4
	Non-	Poliomyelitis	1111	
DISEASE	Davalutio	Poliomyelitis	1111	
	Ducenter	Lysemery	1110	
	Tufanin	Jaundice	-	-
	Lindow	Fever	4111	
	Modeloc	Fever Fever Jaundice	6 23 13 4 4	f
			-  -	-
	-doou/A	Cough	∘     −   <del>5</del>	21
	Quarter 1		First Second Third Fourth	CTED O

For your information I append in table form the number of Infectious Diseases in each quarter for Rural Districts in this County

						DIS	DISEASE					
Quarter	Compa	Whoop-	Mandan	Turkini	Infantina		Paralytic	Non-		Tul	Tuberculosis	
	Fever	Cough	MIGUNES	Fever	Jaundice	Dysemeny	myelitis	is Poliomyelitis	-motio 1	Respiratory CNS	CNS	Others
First	15	17	505	1	21	7	1	!	1	3	1	1
econd	14	15	500	1	28	3	1	1		e	1	1
Third	10	S	559	1	9	30		1	I	9	1	I
Fourth	11	66	478	1	10	8	1	1	1	3		1
<b>Fotals</b>	50	136	2042	1	65	48	1	1	1	15	I	

## TUBERCULOSIS

During the year under review one new case of tuberculosis was notified but no deaths occurred due to this disease.

Year	Popula- tion	Neu	cases	D	eaths	Death Rate expressed
	lion	Pul. No		Pul.	Non-Pul.	per million population
1970	11,730	1	_	_		Nil
1969	11,610				-	Nil
1968	11,610	1		-	-	Nil
1967	11,510	-	1			Nil
1966	12,190	1			-	Nil
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 1	-	_	-	Nil
1958	11,310	1	-	_	-	Nil
1957	11,350			—		Nil
1956	11,260	2	1	-	_	Nil
1955	11,510	_	-	_	-	Nil
1954	11,100	-	-	1	-	90
1953	11,350	4	1		1	90
1952	11,170	2	1	1	-	90
1951	10,940	4	4		1	92

The figures for your district over the past 20 years are given in the following table.

#### **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.

In April, 1968, the Department of Health made available measles vaccine for the immunisation of all susceptible children up to the age of 15 years. Previously this had been offered only to pre-school children in certain groups where it was considered more dangerous for them to develop measles than the ordinary child, e.g. children with chronic disease of heart or lungs.

The extension of the measles vaccination scheme was in accordance with recommendations made by the joint committee on Vaccination and Immunisation who also reviewed the complete schedule of immunisations and advised certain alterations in order to obtain an optimum immunological response.

The revised schedule which was adopted by Staffordshire County Council in October, 1968, is as follows.

Age	Antigen	Minimum intervals between doses
6 months 8 months 12–14 months 13–15 months 14–16 months	1st Triple + 1st Polio 2nd Triple + 2nd Polio 3rd Triple + 3rd Polio Measles Vaccine Smallpox Vaccine	6–8 weeks 4–6 months 4 weeks 4 weeks
5 years or school entry	Dip/Tet Booster + Polio Booster Smallpox Vaccine	4 weeks
10-13 years	B.C.G. Vaccine	
About 15 years, prior to leaving school	Tet. Booster + Polio Booster Smallpox	4 weeks

The following tables give the number of children under 16 years who received completed primary courses (i.e. a series of 3 doses) and booster doses against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis during 1970, as well as vaccination against smallpox.

Antigen	Primary	Reinforcing
Diphtheria	_	10
Tetanus	65	188
Diphtheria/Tetanus	33	162
Triple Antigen	79	34
Poliomyelitis	140	369
Smallpox	64	20
Measles	87	

The aggregate figures for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis and smallpox in the various forms compared with figures for the previous four years are given in the following table.

	Dipht	heria	Teta	inus	Polior	nyelitis	Sma	illpox	Me	asles
Year	Primary	Reinforcing								
1970	112	206	177	384	140	369	64	20	87	-
1969	106	259	181	368	124	360	71	30	95	-
1968	147	394	284	422	172	393	81	31	-	_
1967	169	301	334	286	188	237	96	15	-	-
*1966	222	259	320	161	271	303	143	14	-	-

\* Year in which outbreak of smallpox occurred.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WATER SUPPLY

The South Staffs. Waterworks Company became the water authority for the Uttoxeter Urban and Rural Districts on 1st April, 1968.

Results of bacteriological and chemical analysis are shown on pages 24 and 25.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

#### (i) Kingstone

The sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Kingstone should commence in April 1971 and as previously reported, the sewage will be pumped to the main gravity sewer which is now operative from Bramshall to the Urban Treatment Works.

#### (ii) Leigh

The sewerage scheme for the Leigh area has been approved by the Ministry and work is expected to commence in May or June, of 1971.

The scheme will provide sewerage facilities for Upper and Lower Leigh, Church Leigh, and the Withington area. The sewage will be collected from the outlying areas and pumped to Church Leigh from where it will be pumped to the Stoke-on-Trent Sewage Treatment Works at Deadman's Green, Checkley.

### HOUSING

Pa	rish		Total No. Houses (1961 Census Figures Amended)	Estimated Population at December 1970 including Resident Colleges, Schools, etc.
Abbots Brom	ley		 420	1,962
Blithfield		•	 78	254
Croxden			 76	247
Denstone			 245	1,156
Draycott			201	652
Ellastone			 96	311
Kingstone			 123	397
	******			
Leigh			 268	871
Marchington		*****	 324	1,050
Mayfield			 476	1,547
Newborough			 151	488
Okeover			 13	43
Ramshorn			 17	55
Rocester			 442	1,436
Stanton			 67	217
Uttoxeter Ru	ral		 429	1,394
Wootton			 42	137
Totals :			 3,487	12,217

#### Dwelling Houses

#### Improvement Grants

In the year ending 31st December, 1970, under the 1959 Housing Act, six standard grants were approved, seven discretionary grants and nine standard grants were paid.

In the same year under the 1969 Housing Act, eighteen discretionary grants and twenty standard grants were approved, and two discretionary grants and seven standard grants were paid.

#### Housing Applications and Lettings

The following is an account of the position with regard to housing applications and lettings in the Uttoxeter Rural District during 1970. This information has been supplied by your Housing Manager.

Number of applicants on Waiting List at the beginning of 1970

Abbots Bromley		31	Marchington		22
Blithfield		3	Mayfield		62
Denstone		6	Newborough		18
Draycott		19	Rocester		103
Kingstone		10	Stanton & Woott	on	12
Leigh		10	Uttoxeter Rural		
			(including Cros	kden	) 13
Total	for	all distri	cts 309		

Total for all districts

During the year 8 Houses and 3 Bungalows were completed, and tenanted, at Newborough.

Casual vacancies throughout the year occurred in the following districts:-

Blythe Bridge	 	 1
Draycott	 	 1
Kingstone	 	 1
Leigh	 	 1
Marchington	 	 2
Mayfield	 	 1
Newborough	 	 1
Rocester	 	 30
Uttoxeter Rural		 2

Eleven transfers of tenancies were approved during the year and one exchange between a Rural Council tenant and a Uttoxeter Urban Council tenant was completed.

Three families were rehoused in accordance with the provisions of The Housing Act 1957.

The Council continued its policy of making available certain of its Council Houses for Sale and 2 properties at Rocester were sold with vacant possession. The Improvement schemes at Leigh and Gratwich were completed.

Early in the year every applicant for accommodation received a circular asking if it was their intention to keep their names on the Waiting List, but although at the time this resulted in the overall number of applicants being reduced to 153, during the following months many more Applications were received, and at the end of the year, the total number of Applicants was 190 as shown below:—

Abbots Brom	nley 22	Marchington 1	10
Blithfield	3	Mayfield 5	56
Denstone	2	Newborough	9
Draycott	22	Rocester 3	33
Kingstone	8	Stanton & Wootton 1	11
Leigh	6	Uttoxeter Rural	
		(including Croxden)	8

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Holly Dene, High Street, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

July, 1971.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the work of the Public Health Inspectorate for the year 1970.

The year 1970 will be remembered as European Conservation Year, the main objectives being to arrive at agreement on policies and measures to manage the environment and improve the quality, and to improve and educate people so as to involve them actively in this work.

We are fortunate in this rural area in that pollution of the environment has not yet greatly interfered with our living standards.

Perhaps the greatest single source of pollution arose from the unsewered parishes in the district, but happily in this Conservation Year, the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme at Marchington and Draycott, and the sewage scheme for Bramshall were completed.

The Conservation Year also saw the completion of the Uttoxeter Urban new sewage works, which it is anticipated will take sewage from certain areas in the Rural district.

During the year the Rocester Conservation Area came into being, which is intended to safeguard designated dwellings in the area considered to be of sufficient importance for preservation.

Such Conservation Areas often include old houses which while of historical or architectural interest, are in themselves below the legal standard for dwelling houses. It is therefore important that if such properties are to be included in the areas means be taken to improve their standards, and also to maintain them in good condition.

There are times when slum clearance must take precedence over Conservation Areas, but with sympathetic re-development of clearance sites, the character of the Conservation Areas should be retained.

Dr. S. M. Durkin, your Medical Officer of Health since February 1958, took up an appointment in June 1971 with the Isle of Man Government, and I wish to place on record my appreciation of the good relationship which existed at all times between members of the Health Department.

In October 1970, Mr. W. R. Lea was appointed as an Additional Public Health Inspector, filling a vacancy which has existed since December 1967.

My thanks are again due to my deputy Mr. H. Nutter and also my Clerk/Typist Miss R. Hodgkins for the work done in maintaining the smooth running of the department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant, A. F. WARD.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

# Notices Served

Notices served during Year	No. Served	No. Complied with (Served 1970 and previously)
Informal notices and letters as	20	21
to general matters	29	31
Verbal notices Informal notices to provide	15	13
dustbins	11	11
Statutory Notices :		
(a) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
(b) Public Health Act, 1936	2	1

# Complaints received and dealt with during the year

Total number received		 	 148
Drainage, housing, and gene	ral matters	 	 19
Rodent and insect infestation	1	 	 129

## WATER SAMPLING

(Carried out by Public Health Department)

# (a) Samples for bacteriological examination

Source	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Mains Water After Chlorination	22	5
Private Supplies Wells Boreholes	1 2	6
J. C. Bamford Farley Estate, Springs (after chlorination)	7	3
TOTAL	32	14

## (b) Drinking Water-samples for chemical analysis

Samples of water as supplied by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company to the Rocester/Denstone area.

Sample Number	(i)
pH	7.7
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C)	237 p.p.m.
Chlorides (as C1)	29 p.p.m.
Total Hardness (as CaC0 <sub>3</sub> )	180 p.p.m.
Total Alkalinity (as CaC0 <sub>3</sub> )	146 p.p.m.
Carbonate Hardness (as CaC0 <sub>3</sub> )	146 p.p.m.
Non-Carbonate Hardness (as CaC0 <sub>3</sub> )	34 p.p.m.
Excess Alkalinity (as CaC0 <sub>3</sub> )	Nil
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.03 p.p.m.
Nitrate Nitrogen	1.5 p.p.m.
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil
Oxygen Absorbed in 4 hrs. at 27°C.	0.05 p.p.m.
Fluoride (as F)	0.51 p.p.m.
Free Residual Chlorine	0.10 p.p.m.
Total Residual Chlorine	0.10 p.p.m.
Metals (p.p.m.) Copper	0.09

## (c) Swimming Bath Water Samples

Five samples were taken, one from Denstone College and four from the swimming bath at the School of St. Mary and St. Anne, Abbots Bromley.

Two samples were found to be unsatisfactory and advice was given regarding remedial measures necessary.

## Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

# PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	N	Number of			
Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)		Occupiers prosecuted (5)	
<ul> <li>(i) Factories in which Sections</li> <li>1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authori- ties</li> </ul>	2	3	Nil	Nil	
<ul> <li>(ii) Factories not included in         <ul> <li>(i) in which Section 7 is             enforced by the Local             Authority</li></ul></li></ul>	25	15	Nil	Nil	
<ul> <li>(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-workers' pre- mises)</li> </ul>	8	4	Nil	Nil	
Total	35	22	Nil	Nil	

# Part VIII of the Act—Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

		. Section 133			Section 134		
w	ture of ork 1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecu- tions
W	Making	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel	etc., Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	_	_	_

## **REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

A fortnightly refuse collection service has been maintained during the year, and approximately 3,350 premises have been served, the number of refuse bins emptied being approximately 3,600. A regular collection is also made from bins at County Council lay-bys and also litter baskets in the district.

The vehicles used are two Shelvoke and Drewry 16/18 cu.yd. fore and aft tipping vehicles. The personnel consists of two Driver/ Loaders and five Loaders.

A total of 20,252 miles was covered by the vehicles during the year in respect of refuse collection, disposal, and tip maintenance.

Arrangements exist with Ashbourne Rural District Council and Uttoxeter Urban District Council for tipping facilities at their tips as it has not been possible to find suitable tips for the central and northern parts of the district.

During the year tipping also took place at Abbots Bromley and Field. Use of the Abbots Bromley tip was denied to the Council in April 1970 and this resulted in extra time being spent on transporting refuse from this area to other tips.

One vehicle was renewed in November 1970 and an order placed for a second replacement vehicle to be supplied in June 1971.

## NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION SERVICE

The number of pails has been reduced to approximately 400, the mileage covered by the vehicle on this work was 10,014 miles.

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

The nightsoil collection service is still very necessary for the unsewered parishes and outlying districts of the rural area.

Collection is also made from some schools in the district and the vehicle is used for the emptying of pails at Uttoxeter Racecourse, and also 12 properties in the Uttoxeter Urban area. The cost of the work in the Urban district is re-chargeable.

#### HOUSING

#### Representations were made on:-

2 semi-detached Cottages, Town Head, Stanton. Bankside Cottage, Stanton. Chapel House, Stanton. Bouldershaw Cottage, Stanton. Pump House, Stanton. Rock Cottage, Wootton.

#### Closing Orders were made on:-

Chapel House, Stanton. Bouldershaw Cottage, Stanton.

A Demolition Order was made on Bankside Cottage, Stanton.

**Undertakings** were accepted in respect of:—

2 semi-detached Cottages, Town Head, Stanton. Pump House, Stanton. Rock Cottage, Wootton.

In returns to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government the following properties were included.

#### **Houses Demolished**

2 cottages (Blythe Cottages) Hen Lane, Upper Leigh. Cherry Tree Cottage, Denstone.2 Cottages, Yoxall Lane, Newborough.

#### **Unfit Houses Closed**

Fair View, Mayfield.
 Fair View, Mayfield.
 Rectory Cottage, Bramshall.

#### Unfit house made fit

Church Lane Cottage, Newborough.

#### Families Displaced from unfit houses

4 families – 10 persons.

#### **Qualification Certificates**

One application was made in respect of a house at Draycottin-the-Clay.

## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Two new licences were granted during the year for sites at:-Thorswood House Farm, Stanton. Hollington Lane, Stramshall, each for one caravan.

At the end of the year there were 18 licensed sites, 15 for one caravan, 2 for 2 caravans, and 1 licensed for 17 caravans.

There were a few cases of unauthorised use of land for caravans during the year, but very little nuisance has arisen.

## **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 disinfestation is afforded for residential property, while the cost of the work at business premises is re-chargeable.

In 44 cases contracts have been entered into for disinfestation work:— 7 business premises and 37 farms.

The following is a copy of the Annual Report for 1970 as submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	TYPE OF	PROPERTY
Properties other than Sewers	Non- Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	2,910	728
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	100 80 19	5 7
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	757	30
*Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	31 22	90 33

\*i.e. number of infestations.

The sewers in the area were baited in October, no infestations were discovered.

# FUMIGATION WORK

Pest	Cock- roaches	Wasps	Ants	Bees	Wood- worm	Flies	Clover Mites
Premises infested and treated	6	5	5	1	1	1	3

Regular treatments were carried out on the refuse tip to prevent a build up of insect infestation.

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The sewers in the area were baited in October, no intestations were discovered.

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

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

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	_	5	4
Retail Shops	3	17	17
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	3	4	4
Fuel Storage Depots	- 1 2000		1
TOTALS	7	27	26

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Pr

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Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	30
Retail Shops	36
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	10
Catering Establishments open to the	
public	10
Canteens	16
Fuel Storage Depots	—
Totals	102
Total Males	41
Total Female	es 61

No. of Contraventions found		No. of Contraventions found	
Cleanliness	3	Sitting facilities	-
Overcrowding		Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
Temperature		Eating facilities	-
Ventilation	1	Floors, passages and stairs	_
Lighting		Fencing, exposed parts of machinery	_
Sanitary conveniences	1	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	_
Washing facilities		Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	_
Supply of drinking water		Prohibition of heavy work	-
Clothing accommodation		First aid	_
		Other matters	14
		TOTAL	27

# ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

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## **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 dealt with informally.

## **THEATRES ACT, 1968**

Licences were issued in respect of the following premises, all of which were given the necessary inspections:—

School of St. Mary & St. Anne, Abbots Bromley. School Room, Denstone College, Denstone. Marchington Village Hall, Marchington. Springfield Secondary School, Rocester.

#### **SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

The two slaughterhouses in the district have generally been well kept throughout the year.

Regular inspections have been made including joint inspections with a Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

## **SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958**

The above legislation requires the licensing of persons to slaughter and stun animals in slaughterhouses and knacker yards, 15 licences were granted during the year.

#### FOOD INSPECTION

#### Particulars of Food Inspection during 1970

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Carcases inspected and condemned	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed Number <b>not</b> inspected	710	1	1	2,226	569
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some	_	_	_	_	_
part or organ was con- condemned	173	-	1	31	19
<b>Tuberculosis only</b> Whole carcase condemned Carcase of which some part or organ was con-	-	1	-	_	-
demned '	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticerci Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned Carcases submitted to re-	_	_	_	_	_
frigeration Generalised and totally	-	-	-	-	-
condemned	-	-	-	-	-

#### (a) Meat: Carcases inspected and condemnations made

#### (b) Other Food Condemned

Approximately 140 lbs. of miscellaneous frozen foods found to be unfit for sale.

Total weight of food condemned - 1 ton, 4 cwts., 56 lbs.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

## (a) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The number of food premises subject to these regulations grouped in categories of trade is as follows:—

Bakers				1
Butchers				6
Cafes				2
General Provisions				38
Greengrocers				1
Fish and Chips				1
Private Hotels				1
Public Houses				31
Works Canteens				4
Private and Special	Scho	ol Cant	eens	
and Kitchens				5
School Canteens and	d Kitc	hens		14
				104

#### (b) Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

## MILK AND FOOD SAMPLING

## Results of Milk Samples taken during 1970 by the County Milk Sampling Officers

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

Test	No. of Samples	Passed	Failed	Void
Methylene Blue	 207	192	15	_
Phosphatase	 83	83		_
Tuberculin	 _	-	-	Ξ
U.H.T	 _	-		-
Brucellosis	 41	41	-	-

Informal Milk Samples collected during the year 1970 Retail Milks (i.e. excluding milk from schools, hospitals etc.)

Total		n- ated	Cha				Pasteurised Channel Island				Ultra Heat Treated	
	S.	U.	S.	U.	S.	U.	S.	U.	S.	U.	S.	U.
32	4	-	_	-	14	-	13	-	1	-	_	-

# UTTOXETER RURAL DISTRICT

Unsatisfactory Nil % Fat Deficient

% Added Water

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

#### Milk Samples taken by Headquarters District in Uttoxeter Rural District during the year 1970

Designation	No. of Samples	Genuine	Adulterated
Untreated Milk	22	21	1
Pasteurised Milk	2	—	2

In respect of the two adulterated samples of Pasteurised Milk containing added water, the Dairymen concerned were cautioned. One producer was cautioned in relation to one adulterated sample of Untreated Milk containing added water. Ten of the twenty-two samples of Untreated Milk were "Appeal-to-Cow" samples, eight of which were subsequently certified by the Public Analyst as being naturally poor in milk-fat.

## Details of samples procured during the year 1970

Number of samples taken	 	 42
Number of samples genuine	 	 41
Number of samples adulterated	 	 1

Aspirin BP 300mg Minced Beef with Onion and Gravy (2) Buttermints Biscuits (33 calories per Pork Sausage with Preservative biscuit) (4)Biscuits Pudding Rice **Butter Puff Biscuits** Parsley Sauce Mix Raspberry Flavoured Jelly Brawn (3) Black Pudding Rum Chum Salmon Steak Pie Cheese Spread Sucron Chicken Fillets in Jelly Savoury Faggotts Stoneless Red Cherries in Syrup English Cheddar Cheese Sild in Tomato Fruit Malt Loaf Fresh Cream Doughnuts Sun Dried Apricots St. Vincent Arrowroot Gooseberries in Heavy Syrup Ground Ginger Sausage containing Preservative Jam Cream Biscuits Sausage Rolls Viennese Coffee Concentrate Vanilla Ice Cream Vegetable Cooking Oil Whiskey (2)

#### Particulars of adulterated sample

8 B/G – Pork Sausage with Preservative Prosecute – Fined £10, Costs £7.35. 13.7% deficient of the required minimum amount of meat.









