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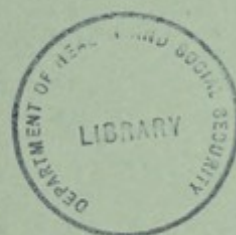
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR
1968

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
ENGINEER, SURVEYOR & PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTOR



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WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1968

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report for 1968.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 19,060, which is a decrease of 300 compared with the estimated population for 1967. Births numbered 300. Deaths totalled 263. The natural increase was 37. 239 of the 263 deaths occurred in persons over 55 years of age. 202 occurred in persons over 65 years. Diseases of the heart, and the circulatory systems, and cancer, were the main causes of death.

The contracts for the Melton Constable and Briston Sewerage disposal schemes were completed. The house conversions for the above schemes were still proceeding at the end of the year. The Fakenham sewerage disposal contract was in progress during the year, and it was hoped that completion would take place early in 1969.

The scheme for augmenting the water supplies to Fakenham and the south-west of the district was commenced. The construction of a rising main from Houghton St. Giles to Fakenham and a 500,000 gallons storage tower at Fakenham, were in process of being constructed at the end of the year.

A check on the 12th August showed that 239 residential and holiday caravans, together with 57 tents, were occupied. Most of these were sited in the Blakeney area and were used by holiday makers.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and the staff of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office for their interest, support and help throughout the year.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

LESLIE G. POOLE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

S E C T I O N I

GENERAL STATISTICS

- (a) The Walsingham Rural district covers 88,818 acres and is divided into 39 parishes.
- (b) The estimated Mid-Year Home Population for the District for 1968 was 19,060. This was 300 less than in 1967.

Table showing estimated population for the last 10 years

Year	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Estimated Mid-Year Population	23890	23640	22830	22390	20410	19550	19680	19190	19360	19060

There were 263 deaths and 300 live births registered, showing a natural increase of births over deaths of 37.

- (c) The Rateable Value of the District was £ 528,759.
- (d) The Product of Penny Rate was £ 1,984.
- (e) Meteorological Factors :- the information shown on the table has been acquired by courtesy of the R.A.F. West Raynham. The figures in brackets are the corresponding figures for 1967.

Month	Mean daily maximum Temp (°F)	Mean daily minimum Temp (°F)	Mean daily temperature (°F)	Total rain-fall inches	Mean relative humidity
Jan.	41.5 (42.3)	34.3 (34.9)	37.9 (38.6)	2.57 (1.78)	88.50 (91.50)
Feb.	38.8 (46.2)	30.6 (36.0)	34.7 (41.1)	1.32 (2.15)	89.25 (86.75)
Mar.	50.2 (51.1)	36.3 (37.4)	43.3 (44.3)	1.34 (1.12)	77.50 (79.25)
Apr.	55.0 (50.9)	38.1 (38.7)	46.5 (44.8)	1.80 (2.54)	77.0 (83.75)
May	56.5 (58.5)	42.3 (43.3)	49.4 (50.9)	2.11 (5.11)	83.50 (84.25)
June	65.7 (63.7)	49.6 (48.4)	57.7 (56.1)	3.54 (.95)	83.50 (80.25)
July	64.4 (71.8)	51.4 (54.5)	57.9 (63.1)	3.94 (1.70)	83.75 (79.25)
Aug.	64.4 (67.8)	53.1 (51.6)	58.7 (59.7)	3.78 (2.27)	89.75 (83.75)
Sept.	63.9 (63.7)	50.5 (50.4)	57.2 (57.1)	5.17 (1.93)	86.25 (87.25)
Oct.	59.0 (56.5)	48.6 (45.5)	53.8 (51.0)	1.84 (3.10)	90.0 (86.50)
Nov.	47.5 (46.9)	40.6 (36.0)	44.1 (41.5)	2.56 (3.48)	90.25 (92.25)
Dec.	39.2 (41.9)	32.4 (34.3)	35.8 (38.1)	3.01 (3.00)	92.75 (92.25)

VITAL STATISTICS - 1968

Births :-

The Registrar General's figures for live and still births in the District were 300 and 3 respectively.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births for past 5 years :-

		1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Legitimate	Males	153	167	145	148	140
	Females	155	128	152	149	137
	Total	308	295	297	297	277
Illegitimate	Males	11	8	10	7	12
	Females	10	5	3	6	11
	Total	21	13	13	13	23
Total Live Births		329	308	310	310	300

Live Birth Rate

The crude birth rate was 15.7 per 1,000 population. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.01) was 15.9 per 1,000 population. The birth rates for England and Wales, and the Administrative County of Norfolk, were 16.9 per 1000 and 15.72 per 1000 respectively.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate live births was 23. The percentage of illegitimate live births to the total live births was 7.7.

Still Births

There were 3 stillbirths in 1968, giving a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 9.9. The rate for England and Wales was 14.0, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 11.33.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate stillbirths for past 5 years:-

		1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Legitimate	Males	1	1	2	3	2
	Females	1	3	2	2	1
	Total	2	4	4	5	3
Illegitimate	Males	-	-	-	-	-
	Females	-	1	-	1	-
	Total	-	1	-	1	-
Total Stillbirths		2	5	4	6	3

Infant Deaths

Three infants under one year of age died in 1968.

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births, and for 1968 was 10.0. The rate for England and Wales was 18.0, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 15.0.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, and for 1968 was 10.8.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, and for 1968 was zero.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. Of the three deaths of infants under one year, all were in infants under four weeks. The rate for 1968 was 10.0.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live births. Of the three deaths of infants under four weeks of age, two were under one week of age, giving a rate of 6.7.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1968 was 16.5.

Maternal Mortality Rate

No deaths occurred in 1968, therefore the rate was zero.

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Live Births	329	308	310	310	300
Live Birth Rate - Crude	16.8	15.6	16.2	16.0	15.7
Live Birth Rate - Corrected	18.3	15.7	16.4	16.16	15.9
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate	6.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	7.7
Still Births	2	5	4	6	3
Still Birth Rate	6.0	15.9	12.7	18.9	9.9
Total Live & Still Births	331	313	314	316	303
Infant Deaths	2	2	5	4	3
Infant Mortality Rate	6.1	6.5	16.1	12.9	10.0
Infant Mortality Rate - Legitimate	6.5	3.4	16.8	13.4	10.0
Infant Mortality Rate - Illegitimate	0	76.9	0	0	0
Neonatal Mortality Rate	6.1	6.5	16.1	6.5	10.0
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	6.1	6.5	16.1	6.5	6.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate	12.1	22.4	28.7	25.3	16.5
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0	0	0	0

Deaths

The total number of deaths at all ages in the District during 1968 was 263 (males 147: females 116).

Heart disease, with 82 deaths, headed the list of causes of death and caused 31.2% of all deaths. Vascular lesions of the nervous system, with 37 deaths, gave a figure of 14.1% of all deaths.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system, (which includes vascular lesions of the nervous system) are totalled, a figure of 134 deaths is attained - thus causing 50.9% of all deaths in the District.

Cancer caused 49 deaths, giving a figure of 18.6%. Cancer of the lung and bronchus caused 13 deaths or 26.5% of deaths from all types of cancer.

Nine accidents, which were preventable, caused 3.4% of all deaths.

Three deaths occurred in infants under one year, and were due to malformation and prematurity. The deaths occurred at one hour: eight hours, and nine days.

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	-	13.8
Corrected Death Rate (comparability factor 0.95)	-	13.1
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	-	1.10
Death Rate for the Administrative County of Norfolk	-	12.84
Death Rate for England and Wales	-	11.9

			1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Deaths			198	180	185	223	263
Death Rate	-	Crude	10.1	9.1	9.6	11.5	13.8
Death Rate	-	Corrected	18.89	9.28	9.9	11.73	13.1

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths tabled under the International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1966. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to these causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under four weeks	AGE IN YEARS						
				15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
B18. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(1).Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach.	M	6	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B19(2).Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus.	M	13	-	-	-	-	2	2	8	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(3).Malignant Neoplasm - Breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
B19(4).Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
B19(6).Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	2
	F	13	-	-	-	1	1	3	3	5
B20. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms.	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B21. Diabetes Mellitus.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
B26. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B27. Hypertensive Disease.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B28. Ischaemic Heart Disease.	M	28	-	-	-	-	1	6	9	12
	F	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	8
B29. Other Forms of Heart Disease.	M	12	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	7
	F	19	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	16
B30. Cerebrovascular Disease.	M	19	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	9
	F	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	14
B46(5).Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
B31. Influenza.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
B32. Pneumonia.	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3
	F	6	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1
B33(1).Bronchitis and Emphysema.	M	14	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	6
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
B33(2).Asthma.	M	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B34. Peptic Ulcer.	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B36. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	M	130	-	-	2	2	9	23	44	50
	F	105	-	-	-	2	2	10	29	62

Deaths from all causes - cont'd.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under four weeks	AGE IN YEARS						
				15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Carried forward	M	130	-	-	2	2	9	23	44	50
	F	105	-	-	-	2	2	10	29	62
B37. Cirrhosis of Liver.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B46(7). Other Diseases of Digestive System.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(8). Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System.	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(9). Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B46(10). Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B42. Congenital Anomalies.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B43. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B45. Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BE47. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE48. All Other Accidents.	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
BE49. Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries.	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Causes	M	147	1	-	2	2	12	24	45	61
	F	116	2	1	-	2	2	13	29	67

SECTION II

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

One hundred and eighty-three cases of infectious diseases were notified during 1968.

Incidence of Infectious Diseases for past 5 years :-

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Measles	98	198	93	397	176
Whooping Cough	19	19	14	29	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	1	1	-	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	2	2	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	6	1	4
Food Poisoning	-	2	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	1	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	3	1
Pneumonia	2	4	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-
Total	125	228	120	431	183

Measles

Measles, with 176 cases, formed the majority of the infectious diseases notified. The following table shows the distribution of the measles notifications, by age groups.

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Under 1 year	1	7	3	7	8
1 - year	3	17	9	23	14
2 - years	9	21	6	46	14
3 - years	14	23	10	44	27
4 - years	8	22	8	61	23
5 - 9 years	60	92	39	192	67
10 -14 years	1	14	13	18	19
15 -24 years	1	-	5	4	3
25 - years	1	2	-	2	1
Total	98	198	93	397	176

Measles Vaccination

	Area 8	Walsingham R.D.
Born 1967	74	27
" 1966	57	20
" 1965	40	15
" 1961 - 64	331	122
Others under age 16 years	26	8
Total	528	192

Tuberculosis

One new case of tuberculosis was reported.

Incidence of Tuberculosis for past 5 years :-

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
<u>New Cases</u> :- Pulmonary	3	1	1	-	1
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	2	-	-
<u>Inward Transfers</u> :- Pulmonary	1	1	1	-	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Numbers on Register</u> Pulmonary	40	40	41	40	37
<u>at 31st December:-</u> Non-Pulmonary	5	6	7	5	3
Total	45	46	48	45	40

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in the District in 1968. Immunisation is offered by the County Council and is by oral vaccine.

The following table shows the number of persons immunised against poliomyelitis during 1968 in Area 8 (which comprises Walsingham and Docking Rural Districts and Hunstanton and Wells Urban Districts), and in Walsingham R.D.

Age Groups	Area 8	Walsingham R.D.
Children born in 1968	175	81
Children born in 1967	312	135
Children born in 1966	33	17
Children born in 1965	9	4
Children born 1961 - 1964	19	11
Others under age 16 years	8	2
Re-inforcing doses (all children under 16).	433	222
Total	989	472

The following table shows immunisation against poliomyelitis for the past five years :-

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
<u>Initial Courses</u>					
Area 8	674	746	631	639	556
Walsingham R.D.	238	371	289	301	250
<u>Re-inforcing</u>					
Area 8	583	434	456	594	433
Walsingham R.D.	237	189	209	285	222

(i) Figures for 1964 and 1965 include adults.

(ii) Figures from 1966 are for children up to 15 years of age only.

Smallpox

No cases of smallpox occurred in the District in 1968.

The following table shows the number of vaccinations, by age groups, carried out in Area 8 and Walsingham Rural District in 1968.

	Area 8		Walsingham R.D.	
	Primary	Re-Vacc.	Primary	Re-Vacc.
0 - 3 months	-	-	-	-
3 - 6 "	2	-	1	-
6 - 9 "	9	-	6	-
9 - 12 "	7	-	4	-
1 year	223	-	95	-
2 - 4 years	72	13	25	8
5 - 14 "	22	76	8	48
Total	335	89	139	56

The following table shows vaccination against smallpox, in the District, for the past five years :-

<u>Primary</u>	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
0 - 3 months	7	2	1	2	-
3 - 6 "	8	4	4	6	1
6 - 9 "	11	6	2	8	6
9 - 12 "	29	49	9	13	4
1 year	65	92	112	165	95
2 - 4 years	7	15	19	34	25
5 - 14 "	5	14	2	19	8
Total	132	182	149	247	139
Re-Vaccinations - Total	-	5	30	44	56

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

One case of whooping cough was notified in 1968. There were no cases of diphtheria or tetanus.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus in the population, from birth to 15 years, of age in Area 8, (Area 8 comprises Walsingham and Docking Rural Districts, and Hunstanton and Wells Urban Districts), and the District in 1968.

		Area 8	Walsingham R.D.
Triple	Initial	511	227
	Booster	445	249
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial	19	8
	Booster	503	157
Diphtheria	Initial	-	-
	Booster	1	-
Tetanus	Initial	26	4
	Booster	421	227

The following table shows immunisation against these diseases, in the District, for the past five years :-

		1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Triple	Initial	200	329	239	280	227
	Booster	72	97	110	268	249
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial	34	9	19	18	8
	Booster	337	528	243	208	157
Diphtheria	Initial	8	-	-	-	-
	Booster	132	38	15	2	-
Tetanus	Initial	117	56	25	4	4
	Booster	55	39	82	212	227

SECTION III

Contributed by the Engineer, Surveyor and Chief
Public Health Inspector.

<u>RECORD OF INSPECTIONS</u>	<u>1968</u>
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Knackers Yard

Inspections	5
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<u>Street Naming and Numbering Visits</u>	22
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<u>Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act</u>	54
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<u>Animal Boarding Establishments</u>	3
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<u>Car Parks</u>	30
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Water Supply

Existing Mains	37
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New Contracts	22
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Other Inspections

Not classified under headings above but made in connection therewith.	336
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Total visits made	5,202
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NOTICES SERVED19681967Informal Notices

Public Health and Housing Acts	72	81
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Food and Drugs Act	28	34
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Factories Act	1	1
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Building Byelaws	-	4
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Building Regulations	111	92
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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	3	2
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Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	7	9
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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	38	40
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Clean Air Act	-	1
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Total Notices Served	260	264
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Formal Notices19681967Public Health Acts

Permission to serve	12	16
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Served	11	10
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Section 42 (Drainage reconnection) served	-	-
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Section 47 (closet conversion) served	-	-
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Housing Acts

Permission to serve	25	30
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Served	25	30
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Total Notices Served	36	40
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HOUSING

(a) Slum Clearance

The following table sets out work done under this heading:-

	1968	1967
Houses <u>demolished</u> as a result of formal procedure	13	15
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of <u>informal</u> action by the Council	11	7
Number of houses made fit by owners as a result of formal action.	6	6
Number of houses made fit after service of <u>formal</u> notices by the Council in default of owners.	-	-
<u>Undertakings</u> given by owners not to relet.	-	-
<u>Undertakings</u> given by owners that houses will cease to be used for human habitation.	-	-
Number of <u>demolition orders</u> made during the year.	8	10
Number of <u>closing orders</u> made during the year.	3	5

(b) New Dwellings

The following figures include conversions of non-domestic buildings to habitations:-

- By private persons - 76 completed and 68 under construction at the end of the year.
By Local Authority - 22 completed and 21 under construction at the end of the year.

(c) Improvement Grants - Discretionary

Since improvement grants were introduced in 1949, the Council has authorised the following:-

Total Amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by		Grant essential to preserve house and provide amenities	Grant to improve amenities only
	Owner	Tenant		
Jan - Dec.1967 £17,734	10	35	11	34
Total at Dec.1967 £154,946.13s.	158	317	117	342
Jan - Dec.1968. £14,237.15s.	21	19	11	29
Total at Dec.1968. £169,184.8s.	179	336	128	371

(d) Improvement Grants - Standard

The following are the statistics of Standard Grants approved since 1959 when they were introduced.

Total amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by :-	
	Owner	Tenant
From July 1959 to December 1967 £106,266.10s.	303	223
<u>January to December, 1968</u> £21,338.17s.6d. (£15,579.0s.0d).	68 (51)	31 (18)
Reduced standard as from August 1964. (-)	- (-)	- (-)

(Figures in brackets relate to preceding year)

PLANS BROUGHT BEFORE THE PLANS COMMITTEE

No. of plans considered by Committee 1968 - 651
(No. of plans considered in 1967 - 897)

<u>New dwellings</u>	<u>Alterations to dwellings</u>	<u>Factories</u>	<u>Domestic Garages</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
103	207	11	66	178
<u>Outline applications</u>				
60	6	3	1	16

Excellent co-operation between the office and Architects and builders continued, but some difficulty has been experienced with a minority of builders through failure to notify certain stages of building works at the proper time.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year the contract for Melton Constable and Briston was completed and a formal opening ceremony was held at Briston.

Conversions of the houses are proceeding.

Work on the Fakenham Contract was not completed within the year but it was hoped that completion would take place early in 1969.

The enquiry into the Gt. and Lt. Snoring and Kettlestone Schemes was expected and Hindringham Scheme was made ready for tendering pending approval of Loan Consent. Preliminary work was carried out at Gt. Ryburgh and negotiations continued with Crisp Maltings over the combined use of the Pasveer Ditch.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

One new tip was leased at Gt. Walsingham to replace the Edgar Road tip which was almost full. One new Refuse Vehicle was purchased.

The question of paper sacks for refuse collection was considered, and trials were held in various villages. A firm decision was postponed in view of the difficult financial situation.

One interesting and unusual event was the washing ashore of five dolphins which were removed by order of the Coastguards.

Street Cleaning services were extended during the year, and part-time men were employed in Melton Constable, Blakeney, Little Walsingham and Fakenham.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Court action was taken under these Regulations against a baker, which resulted in a conviction and fine of £20.0.0d.

DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS

Three buildings were dealt with under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1961. The Grove at Hempton was subsequently demolished, Nissen Huts at Little Snoring were restored and repaired, and at the Manor House at Binham negotiations commenced with the Ministry as the building was listed as of architectural and historical interest.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Efforts continued during 1968 to obtain a site for Public Conveniences at Morston. A contract was prepared for the decorations of the Oak Street Conveniences at Fakenham.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

Nine thousand, eight hundred and eight inspections of properties were made, and seven hundred and thirty-one treatments were given to premises found to be infested with rats and mice.

Eighty-six treatments of farm lands and premises were carried out. The treatment of farm premises was curtailed during the early part of the year, owing to Foot and Mouth disease.

FOOD

(a) Food Preparing Premises

Type of premises	No. of Premises	Complying with Regulation 16 (Washing facilities)	No. to which Regulation 19 applies (Provision of sink)	Complying with Regulation 19
Bakehouses	8	8	8	8
Butchers Shops	14	14	14	14
Catering Establishments.	18	18	18	18
Fish Shops	6	6	6	6
Provision Stores	69	69	69	69

Market Foodstalls

The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 came into operation on 1st January, 1967.

There were sixteen foodstalls regularly attending Fakenham Market, each stallholder was supplied with a leaflet outlining the provisions of the Regulations. The majority of these stallholders have made a genuine attempt to comply with the Regulations.

One additional premises was registered for the sale of Ice Cream.

Fifteen samples of Ice Cream were taken, none of which were classified as unsatisfactory.

(b) Milk

One new distributor of milk was registered during the year.

Sixty-six samples were taken by the County Council's officers. All but one satisfied the phosphatase test for efficiency of heat treatment, and five failed the methylene blue or cleanliness test.

(c) Meat Inspection

100% inspection of meat was achieved during the year.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned for the year 1968

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number Inspected	439 (453)	- (1)	693 (718)	934 (940)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned.	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	85 (99)	- (-)	11 (5)	63 (79)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.	19.5%	-	1.6%	6.7%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	25 (40)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	2.7%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	4 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	4 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally condemned.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

(Figures in brackets are for 1967)

FACTORIES

Factories Act 1961

Annual Report for 1968 under Section 153(1) of the Factories Act 1961

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

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	3	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	91	13	4	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	94	13	4	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	1	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	1	-	2	-

3. Part VIII of the Act. Outworkers ... One.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	- (2)	37 (40)	2 (10)
Retail shops	5 (4)	91 (93)	13 (43)
Wholesale shops & warehouses.	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens.	- (-)	9 (9)	- (2)
Fuel Storage Depots.	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)

(Figures in Brackets relate to 1967)

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises : 54 (112)

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed	
Offices	241	(247)
Retail Shops	389	(377)
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	8	(9)
Catering establishments open to the public.	47	(51)
Canteens	-	(-)
Fuel Storage Depots	3	(4)
Total	688	(688)
Total males	288	(287)
Total females	400	(401)

TABLE D EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemption under the Act were made during the year.

TABLE E PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were made during the year.

WATER SUPPLIESPumping statistics for Walsingham Rural District for 1968

Month	<u>Houghton Pumping Station to Gunthorpe Reservoir</u>		<u>Average Daily Consumption</u>	
	<u>Total Gallons 1968</u>	<u>Total Gallons 1967</u>	<u>Gallons 1968</u>	<u>Gallons 1967</u>
January	12,868,000	12,477,000	415,096	402,483
February	11,956,000	11,554,000	412,275	412,642
March	13,387,000	12,584,000	431,838	405,935
April	13,839,000	12,973,000	461,300	432,433
May	14,202,000	14,248,000	458,129	459,612
June	15,782,000	17,173,000	526,066	572,433
July	15,690,000	15,722,000	506,129	507,161
August	15,060,000	14,396,000	485,806	464,387
September	14,221,000	12,624,000	474,033	420,800
October	14,031,000	12,820,000	452,612	413,548
November	13,256,000	12,042,000	441,866	401,400
December	15,546,000	12,980,000	501,483	418,709
Total	169,838,000	161,593,000		

Gallons pumped from Fakenham Well

Month	<u>Total Gallons 1968</u>	<u>Total Gallons 1967</u>	<u>Daily Average 1968</u>	<u>Daily Average 1967</u>
January	2,266,000	1,997,000	73,096	64,419
February	2,134,000	1,775,000	73,586	63,393
March	2,336,000	1,960,000	75,354	63,226
April	2,317,000	2,079,000	77,233	69,300
May	2,459,000	2,227,000	79,322	71,839
June	2,190,000	2,343,000	73,000	78,100
July	2,294,000	2,342,000	74,000	75,548
August	2,351,000	2,323,000	75,838	74,935
September	2,218,000	2,105,000	73,933	70,167
October	2,463,000	2,276,000	79,451	73,419
November	2,254,000	2,176,000	75,133	72,533
December	2,351,000	2,149,000	75,838	69,323
Total	27,633,000	25,752,000		

WATER SUPPLIES - Cont'd.North Creake Bore

Month	Total Gallons 1968	Total Gallons 1967	Daily Average 1968	Daily Average 1967
January	1,030,000	664,000	33,225	21,419
February	766,000	520,000	26,413	18,571
March	657,000	599,000	21,193	19,322
April	705,000	748,000	23,500	24,933
May	693,000	744,000	22,354	24,000
June	698,000	790,000	23,266	26,333
July	800,000	875,000	25,806	28,225
August	813,000	800,000	26,225	25,806
September	746,000	741,000	24,866	24,700
October	783,000	717,000	25,258	23,129
November	735,000	647,000	24,500	21,566
December	832,000	734,000	26,838	23,677
Total	9,258,000	8,579,000		

Connections to the mains were laid as follows :-

128	Domestic Supplies
18	Metered Supplies
5	Other Premises

Extensions to the mains by direct labour were :-

335	yards of 4" main	-	Station Farm area, Thursford.
1,292	yards of 3" main	-	Westwood Farm area, Gt. Ryburgh.
210	yards of 4" main	-	Industrial Estate, Melton
			Constable.
305	yards of 3" and 4" main	-	Cresswell and Williamson
			development area, Fakenham.

WATER SUPPLIES - Cont'd.

The following figures show the number of houses by Parishes where Council mains water is piped into the house:-

Number of Houses with Mains Water Supply in Walsingham Rural District

Bale	..	..	..	47
Barney	..	..	..	73
Barsham E.N.W.	..	..	..	65
Binham	..	..	..	114
Blakeney	..	..	..	406
Briningham	..	..	..	46
Brinton	..	..	..	32
Briston	..	..	..	386
Cockthorpe	..	..	..	16
Dunton	..	..	..	-
Fakenham	..	..	..	1,546
Field Dalling	..	..	..	62
Fulmodestone	..	..	..	53
Gunthorpe	..	..	..	55
Helhoughton	..	..	..	71
Hempton	..	..	..	195
Hindolveston	..	..	..	98
Hindringham	..	..	..	148
Holkham	..	..	..	96
Houghton	..	..	..	27
Kettlestone	..	..	..	38
Langham	..	..	..	103
Melton Constable	..	..	..	311
Morston	..	..	..	44
Pudding Norton	..	..	..	42
Raynham E.S.W.	..	..	..	119
Ryburgh Gt. & Lt.	..	..	..	162
Saxlingham	..	..	..	17
Sculthorpe	..	..	..	187
Sharrington	..	..	..	46
Shereford	..	..	..	-
Snoring Gt.	..	..	..	97
Snoring Lt.	..	..	..	124
Stibbard	..	..	..	98
Stiffkey	..	..	..	122
Swanton Novers	..	..	..	66
Tatterford, Tattersett	..	..	..	43
Toftrees	..	..	..	6
Thurning	..	..	..	5
Thursford	..	..	..	57
Walsingham Lt. & Gt.	..	..	..	371
Warham	..	..	..	81
Wighton	..	..	..	112
Wiveton	..	..	..	68
Wood Norton	..	..	..	53
Total				<u>5,908</u>

WATER SUPPLIES - Cont'd.

Six houses are supplied by standpipes.

The estimated total population supplied was approximately 21,100.

The total number of houses in the District was 6,484 (including 35 caravans).

TABLE SHOWING RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Sources of Samples	Houghton St. Giles Public Supply December 1968	Little Snoring Public Supply December 1968	North Creake Public Supply December 1968	Fakenham Well December 1968
Appearance	Clear	Clear, with trace of dark deposit. Yellow deposit on standing	Clear, yellow deposit on standing	Clear
Nature of deposit	Nil	Iron compound	Iron compound	Nil
Colour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Reaction	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Taste	Satisfactory	Ferruginous	Satisfactory	Slightly chlorophoretic
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Nil	0.01	Nil	0.01
Albuminoid Nitrogen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nitrate Nitrogen	8.4	Nil	0.4	8.5
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chloride as Cl	28	24	28	72
Permanganate Value (4 hr)	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.14
Total Hardness	330	290	300	445
Temporary Hardness	250	260	260	270
Metals in solution	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fluoride as F	0.2	0.3	0.2	Nil
Opinion	Suitable for drinking and general pur- poses	Suitable for drinking and general pur- poses	Suitable for drinking and general pur- poses	Suitable for drinking and general pur- poses

