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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
**MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH**
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1960

BOROUGH OF WHITLEY BAY

HEALTH COMMITTEE

1960

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There is a very high proportion of old people in the Borough and this might be an appropriate place to mention that many of the books in our Public Library are old and worn. Unfortunately the Central Library at present is situated entirely on the first floor and can only be reached by a fairly steep flight of stairs. The Borough Council are forced to make use of this as a library at the moment, but it is hoped that a ground floor library will be provided in the future as the present arrangement must present an unnecessary hazard to the old people of the town.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and
Councillors of Whitley Bay Borough Council.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year ending 31st December 1960.

The population continues to increase in number as more and more people come to reside in the Borough. Many of these work in other parts of the country but find Whitley Bay a convenient and pleasant centre in which to live. The population in mid-1960 rose to 34,270. The growth of the town can be seen by comparing this with 60 years ago when the population numbered only 7,700.

Turning to infectious diseases once again the numbers notified continued to decline, the total notifications being only 61. No cases of Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, Small Pox or Meningitis occurred. The number of cases of Tuberculosis declined and I am pleased to report that there were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.

Maternal mortality for the year was nil, that being the third year running when no death has occurred in association with childbirth.

The main cause of death was once again Coronary Thrombosis and the total number of deaths from diseases of heart and circulation accounted for almost 58% of the total deaths. At the same time it should be mentioned that $\frac{3}{4}$ of all deaths occurred in persons of 65 years and over.

There is undoubtedly a high proportion of old age pensioners in the Borough and this might be an appropriate place to mention that many of them enjoy borrowing books from our Public Library. Unfortunately the Central Library at present is situated entirely on the first floor and can only be reached by a fairly steep flight of stairs. The Borough Council are forced to make use of this unsatisfactory building at the moment, but it is hoped that a ground floor lending library will be provided in the future as the present arrangement must present an unnecessary hazard to the old people of the town.

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I have referred in the past in my Annual Reports to the connection which has been proved between heavy smoking and the incidence of cancer of the lung. It is therefore with some sorrow that one notices the lack of consideration shown to non-smokers in the Public Transport throughout this area. The main Bus Company does not reserve any part of the vehicle for non-smokers. One would like to see the introduction of a system of retaining the lower deck for non-smokers only, in double deck buses. Non-smokers and sufferers from chest troubles would then be able to face a journey in comfort. The company promise to give this matter consideration.

I would turn now to a new problem which is facing us increasingly today and in the near future, that is the problem of noise. The volume of noise from traffic and mechanical apparatus as well as from the radio is increasing year by year and many town dwellers visit the sea-side in an effort to get away from this irritation and obtain some peace and quiet in which to relax. Unfortunately there is a tendency on the part of visitors to the town to carry around transistor radios which broadcast while they walk along the promenades, beach and links. It seems that if their own good sense does not prevent them from disturbing their neighbours it may be necessary for legislation to be introduced to prevent this nuisance.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the staff for their loyal assistance during the year, and also to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support and encouragement.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER WILLIAM HAY.

SECTION "A"

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH

The Borough comprises an area of 3,612 acres, including the foreshore which is 510 acres. It continues in popularity as a holiday resort and has excellent rail and bus connections to and from all parts of the country. It has a wide variety of interests and entertainments and modern shopping centres. Promenades, gardens and open spaces extend along the whole of the sea front with the picturesque St. Mary's Island and Light-house at the North end of the Bay, and fine golden sands stretch for nearly two miles.

The Borough is divided electorally into eight Wards, which are represented by twenty-four Councillors and eight Aldermen. The rateable value now stands at £484,800, the product of a penny rate being £1,950. The population at mid-year 1960, was 34,270 an increase of 670. There are 12,006 houses in the area.

VITAL STATISTICS

Following are the vital statistics in accordance with Ministry requirements and in the order requested.

Live births

Number	530
Rate per 1,000 population	15.47
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.34

Stillbirths

Number	10
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	18.86
Total live and still births	540
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	13

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	24.53
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births	25.64
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate " "	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	20.76
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	18.87
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & still births)	37.04

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil

Births

The number of live births for the year was 530 giving a birth rate of 15.46 per 1,000 population. 263 of these were males and 267 females. The Registrar General's comparability factor is 1.07 which alters the birth rate for the area to 16.54 per 1,000. There were 11 males and 12 female illegitimate births, representing 4.34 per cent of the total births, and the number of still births was 10 representing 1.88 per cent of the total births. Two of these were males and eight females.

Deaths

500 deaths were recorded by the Registrar General, consisting of 252 males and 248 females. The crude death rate for the area was 14.59 per 1,000 of the population, but adjustment by the Registrar General's comparability figure of .88 reduces this figure to 12.84.

The causes of all deaths are shown in the table on the following page.

Longevity

Of the 500 deaths in the area 370 of them occurred at the age of 65 years or over. This represents 74.00 per cent. Details are given in five year groups in the following table.

Ages at Death	Males	Females	Total
65 to 69 years	29	33	62
70 to 74 years	34	38	72
75 to 79 years	46	38	84
80 to 84 years	32	51	83
85 to 89 years	15	33	48
90 to 94 years	5	14	19
95 years and over	1	1	2
	162	208	370

CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.
All Causes	252	248
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	8
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	14	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	7
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	17
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	2
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	28	44
18. Coronary disease, angina	67	47
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	5
20. Other heart diseases	22	52
21. Other circulatory diseases	12	9
22. Influenza	-	1
23. Pneumonia	12	4
24. Bronchitis	21	6
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	2	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	23
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	2
34. All other accidents	9	6
35. Suicide	8	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Total		500

SECTION "B"

HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1. Infectious Diseases

The Newcastle Regional Hospital Board administers the Clinics, Hospitals and Sanatoria dealing with treatment necessary for Tuberculosis cases under the National Health Service Act 1946. Other infectious diseases which require hospitalisation are treated at Moor Park Hospital, North Shields and Walkergate Hospital, Newcastle on Tyne.

2. Medical and Surgical Cases

These are mostly treated in Hospitals and Infirmaries under the jurisdiction of the Newcastle Group Hospital Board and the South East Northumberland Hospital Management Committee.

3. Child and Maternity Welfare

These Services and the Clinics connected with them are administered by the Northumberland County Council.

4. Home Nursing

This Service is also controlled by the County Council.

5. Ambulance Service

This is a Radio controlled service administered by the County Council. The Ambulance Depot is situated at Hill Heads and gives a 24 hours daily service.

6. First Aid

A fully equipped Station, manned by qualified personnel, is operated by the Borough and is of great service to visitors and residents during the busy season. The personnel consists of one full time Nurse, and volunteer members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. 1,263 cases were dealt with during the season. The Station is situated on the Central Lower Promenade.

7. Lost Children

This Station is provided by the Borough and is also situated on the Lower Promenade. The number of children looked after during the season was 275.

8. Public Health Laboratories

These Laboratories are attached to the Newcastle General Hospital, and are of great service to this Department, and also the Medical Practitioners in the area.

Details of samples for examination sent during the year are as follows:-

Samples Submitted	Positive	Negative
Swabs	-	2
Faeces (organisms)	5	3
Sputum	10	8
Total	15	13

RAINFALL

During the year 28.74 inches fell in the area. Comparisons with previous years are shown in the table below.

	INCHES				
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	3.17	1.36	1.82	1.98	3.77
February	1.65	1.60	2.57	.40	1.86
March	.60	1.16	3.07	.42	1.21
April	.81	.65	1.38	.84	.35
May	.33	1.53	2.66	.26	2.31
June	2.10	1.95	2.05	1.94	.59
July	2.37	2.82	2.85	1.96	3.24
August	6.08	3.42	3.30	.47	3.42
September	2.38	3.22	2.01	.64	1.74
October	1.63	1.76	1.02	1.14	5.11
November	.86	.79	.83	2.08	2.75
December	1.92	1.25	3.13	3.49	2.39
	23.90	21.51	26.69	15.62	28.74

SECTION "C"

1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(a) (i) The water supply during the year proved of good quality and was plentiful. The water is supplied by Tynemouth Corporation.

(ii) 5 samples of water were taken for analysis and were satisfactory.

(iii) 3 samples for chemical analysis were taken.

(iv) (a) There is one house in the area without internal water supply. This house is situated at Rocky Island, and is to be closed, and the tenant rehoused in the near future.

(b) Sewerage and Drainage

Three farms have septic tanks in use. With these exceptions the area is fully served with water carriage system.

2. RIVER POLLUTION

River pollution in the area is the concern of the Northumberland and Tyneside Rivers Board and we are grateful to them for their efforts in cleansing our local streams which were contaminated before reaching us.

The Borough Council has carried out further culverting at Brier Dene to obviate pollution of this particular stream.

3. SANITATION

The area is completely served by water carriage system except for three privy pails in use at Rocky Island. These will be dealt with in our Clearance programme. There are no ashpits in the area, all premises being provided with covered ashbins.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING

See Public Health Inspector's Report.

5. SANITARY SERVICES

See Public Health Inspector's Report.

6. SHOP AND OFFICES

See Public Health Inspector's Report.

7. CAMPING SITES

See Public Health Inspector's Report.

8. SPOILBANKS

These are situated outside the area and are under the administration of the Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Effluvia through burning has been negligible throughout the year and no complaint has been necessary.

9. BATHING POOLS

Table Rocks Pool

The Table Rocks Pool is a natural amenity being filled by the sea at high tide. The bottom is cleansed periodically.

Paddling Pool

The Paddling Pool on the Southern Promenade is very popular with the children. It is kept clean and the water is constantly chlorinated.

10. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Full details are given in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

11. SCHOOLS

These are administered by the Northumberland County Council.

SECTION "D"

Housing

This is fully dealt with in the Report of the Public Health Inspector.

SECTION "B"

MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS

Details of Meat and Food Inspection will be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report. There has been a large increase in the total number of animals passing through the Public Abattoir at Hill Heads compared with the previous year. The following table gives the numbers of animals involved:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Exclud- -ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	5277	662	614	27427	7958	-
Number inspected	5277	662	614	27427	7958	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>						
Whole Carcases condemned	2	-	6	46	8	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1008	139	27	1182	424	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	19.10	21.00	4.39	4.31	5.33	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	5	1	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	311	49	-	-	91	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5.89	7.40	-	-	1.16	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	33	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treat- -ment by refrigeration.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalized and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION "F"

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

61 cases of notifiable diseases occurred during the year. 13 of these required hospital treatment. Details of cases notified, hospital cases, monthly incidence, age groups, incidences per 1,000 population, and deaths are all given in the following tables.

	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	8	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Whooping Cough	15	1
Measles	8	-
Tuberculosis	20	8
Dysentery	9	4
Totals	61	13

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1960

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	8
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	2	2	1	3	5	2	-	2	2	-	-	1	20
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	5	8
Whooping Cough	-	1	1	-	-	-	8	3	1	1	-	-	15
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	1	-	9
	4	5	2	3	5	2	16	7	4	2	5	6	61

ANALYSIS OF CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS

	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10- 19	20- 29	30- 39	40- 49	50- 64	65 and Over.
Scarlet Fever	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	1	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	5	5	-	-	2	-	-	-
Measles	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	6	5	3	3	2
Totals	3	15	16	4	6	7	3	4	3

INCIDENCE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

Whooping Cough	.44	Scarlet Fever	.23
Dysentery	.26	Tuberculosis	.58
Measles	.23	Pneumonia	.03

Smallpox

No cases during 1960.

Anthrax

No cases during 1960.

Paratyphoid

No cases during 1960.

Typhoid Fever

No cases during 1960.

Typhus Fever

No cases during 1960.

Malaria

No cases during 1960.

Meningococcal Infection

No cases during 1960.

Poliomyelitis

No cases during 1960.

Puerperal Pyrexia

No cases during 1960.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases during 1960.

Diphtheria

As in previous years there were no cases. Immunisation against this disease continues in the Schools and Clinics, the pertussis vaccines in use safeguarding children at the same time against Whooping Cough.

IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION

Number of children at 31st December 1960 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time between 1st January 1956 to 31st December 1960.

Age on 31.12.60 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1960	1 - 4 1956-1959	5 - 9 1951-1955	10 - 14 1946-1950	Under 15 Total
A. Number of child- ren whose last course (primary or booster) was completed in the period 1956-60.	279	1574	1205	1232	4290
B. Number of child- ren whose last course (Primary or booster) was completed in the period 1955 or earlier.	-	-	799	1010	1809
C. Estimated mid- year child population.	504	1834	4550		6888
Immunity Index 100 A/C	55.3%	85.8%	53.56%		62.27%

B.C.G. Vaccinations

These are carried out at Clinics in Tynemouth and Blyth.
Vaccinations carried out during 1960 numbered 43.

Poliomyelitis Vaccinations Year ended 31.12.1960

Total No. of people who have
received two injections 8,931

Total No. of people who
received their "booster" injection 8,465

WHOOPING COUGH

Prophylaxis with Pertussis Vaccines

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A COURSE OF INOCULATION WITH PERTUSSIS VACCINES

(Including alum-precipitated vaccines and vaccines combined with Diphtheria Prophylactic)

During the year ended 31st December, 1960

			AGE AT DATE OF FINAL INJECTION								
Triple Antigen			Combined with Diphtheria Prophylactic			Pertussis only			Totals		
Under 1 yr.	1-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	Under 1 yr.	1-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	Under 1 yr.	1-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	Under 1 yr.	1-4 yrs	5-14 yrs
401	146	27	15	31	-	-	-	3	416	177	30
Total			Total			Total			Total		
623			46			3			623		

VACCINATION - Year Ended 31st December, 1960

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION											
Number Vaccinated during period						Number Re-vaccinated during period					
Under 1 yr.	1 year	2-4 years	5-14 years	15 years or over	Total	Under 1 year	1 year	2-4 years	5-14 years	15 years or over	Total
179	48	7	10	54	298	-	-	-	-	36	36

Tuberculosis

While there were twenty new cases during the year no deaths were recorded. Mass Radiography is carried out by mobile units under the administration of the Northumberland County Council, and public response is very good.

The age groups of the twenty three cases above are as follows:-

YEARS	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10 - 19	-	1	-	-
20 - 29	3	3	-	-
30 - 39	2	3	-	-
40 - 49	-	2	-	1
50 - 64	3	-	-	-
65 and Over	1	1	-	-
Total	9	10	-	1

Cancer

There were 74 deaths recorded -- an incidence of 2.16 per 1,000 of the population.

The deaths in age groups are given in the following table with the various parts or organs affected.

Joiner and Carpenter	1
Tailor, Dressmaker & Milliner	1
Hairdresser	1
Cafes & Restaurant Kitchen	1
Motor Repairer	1
Fish Fryer	1
Furrier	1
Picture Framer	1
Ice Cream Manufacturer	1
Milk Pasteurising & Bottling Plant	1
Total	21

	Age in Years					Total
	1-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	
Lungs	-	-	2	1	2	5
Bladder	-	-	-	-	4	4
Colon.	-	-	1	2	6	9
Liver	-	-	-	-	1	1
Stomach	-	2	3	3	6	14
Cervix Uteri	-	1	-	-	-	1
Rectum	-	-	1	2	7	10
Breast	-	1	1	1	4	7
Bronchi	-	-	1	4	7	12
Prostate	-	-	-	1	3	4
Ovary	-	-	2	1	-	3
Mouth	-	-	-	-	1	1
Oesophagus	-	-	-	1	2	3

Disinfection of Premises

Houses are disinfected where necessary, and also Library Books. Schools are treated on the request of Headmasters where infectious disease has occurred amongst the Scholars.

Disinfestation

The number of disinfestation treatments applied were 115 and the various insects dealt with are detailed as follows:-

<u>Insect</u>	<u>No. of Treatments</u>
Cockroaches	91
Spider Beetles	8
Fleas	7
Wasps	4
Plaster Beetles	2
Bees	1
Earwigs	1
Moths	1

SECTION "G"

The Factories Act 1937 - 1948

The Sections of the above Acts, which are the concern of the Department, are carried out regularly and all relevant details are shown in the Tables on pages 51 and 52. A list is given also of all mechanical and non-mechanical Factories in the Borough.

Factories	Mechanical	Non-Mechanical
Sculptor	1	-
Soft Furnishings	1	-
Dry Cleaners	3	-
Carpet Fitter	-	2
Plumber	2	6
Electricians	6	1
Dental Mechanic	1	-
Blacksmith	2	-
Tinsmith	1	-
Glass cutter	1	1
Photographers	-	2
Paper, rags and tin baling	-	1
Tripe Boiler	1	-
Watch Repairer and Optician.	3	1
Sugar Boiler	1	-
Laundries	2	1
Slaughtering	1	-
Printer	4	-
Upholsterer	1	3
Cycle Repairer	1	1
Drug Packer	1	-
Bakehouses	14	-
Boot Repairer	11	-
Joiner and Builder	21	19
Tailor, Dressmaker & Milliner	7	5
Hairdresser	14	10
Cafes & Restaurant Kitchen	15	26
Motor Repairer	18	4
Fish Fryer	10	-
Furrier	-	2
Picture Framer	1	-
Ice Cream Manufacturer	7	-
Milk Pasteurising & Bottling Plant	1	-
Total	152	85

The Factories Act 1937 - 1948

The Sections of the above Acts, which are the concern of the Department, are carried out regularly and all relevant details are shown in the following table.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

Removal to suitable premises of persons in
need of care and attention.

It was not necessary to invoke the above
sections of the Act during the year.

Factories	Mechanical	For Mechanical
Bottling Plant	1	
Milk Pasteurizing &		
Ice Cream Manufacturing	7	
Picture Framing	1	
Furrier		2
Fish Fryer	10	
Motor Repairer	18	4
Cafe & Restaurant Kitchen	12	20
Hairdresser	14	10
Tailor, Dressmaker & Milliner	7	5
Joiner and Builder	21	19
Boot Repairer	11	
Bakery	14	
Drug Packager	1	
Cycle Repairer	1	
Unclutter	1	
Printer	4	
Slaughterhouse	1	
Launderies	1	
Garage	1	
Wash Repairer and Operator	1	
Tripe Boiler	1	
Paper, rags and tin dealing	1	
Photographers	2	
Glass Cutter	1	
Tinsmith	1	
Blacksmith	2	
Dental Mechanic	1	
Electricians	3	
Plumber		
Garage		
Dry Cleaners	3	
Soft Furnishings	1	
Sculptor		
Total	152	85

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Aldermen and
Members of the Health Committee of the
Borough of Whitley Bay.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my fifth Annual Report on the activities
of the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1960.

Costing statistics refer to the financial year 1st April 1960 to
31st March 1961.

Progress was made during the year in all sections of the Department
and having gained the services of a second additional Public Health Inspector
in August, all efforts were concentrated on improving food hygiene in the
many food premises in our town. The neglect of this important work since
1955 due to the absence of only one inspector indicates the urgency of
maintaining at least, the minimum complement of the inspectors.

In an expanding holiday resort, as Whitley Bay is, with a large
proportion of food and catering premises, a considerable increase in the
town population occurring in summer months, and where the Public Health
Inspectors are responsible for refuse collection and disposal along with
maintaining 100 per cent inspection of meat at a slaughterhouse where "home"
consumption of meat amounts to only 36 per cent of animals killed, the
present guide, (one Public Health Inspector to be employed by a local
authority for ten thousand population) is inadequate in such circumstances
if public health services are to be applied with the efficiency that
the residents and the public expect and deserve.

I wish to record again my appreciation of the work and co-operation
of the staff in the Department. I should also like to thank the Chairman
and Members of the Health Committee, and Dr. Hay for support during the
year.

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. W. Valentine

Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Clearance Areas and Individual Houses

Period 1st January, 1960 to 31st December 1960.

Part A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED		Displaced during year	
	Houses Demolished	Persons	Families
In clearance areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	4	11	2
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in clearance areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1957.	4	5	4
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness orders.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Part B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sections 16(4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.		
	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local Authority	57	Nil
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	2	2
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957.	2	1
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
Part D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)		
	No. of Houses (1)	No. of separate dwellings con- tained in column(1) (2)
Position at end of year		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	Nil	Nil
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	Nil	Nil
(c) Under Section 46	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53.	Nil	Nil
Part E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT		
	No. of Houses (1)	No. of occupants of houses in column(1) (2)
(16) Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory orders, purchased in the year.	Nil	Nil

Houses completed during the year

(a) By Local Authority	38
(b) By other Bodies or Persons	256

Rent Act 1957

First Schedule

Part I - Application for Certificate of Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for Certificates	2
(2) Number of decisions not to issue Certificates	-
(3) Number of decisions to issue Certificates	1
(4) (a) in respect of some but not all defects	-
(b) in respect of all defects	1
(4) Number of undertakings given by Landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule.	1
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	-
(6) Number of Certificates issued	1

Part II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificates	Nil
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	Nil
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenant's objection	Nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	Nil

Moveable Dwellings

There are two permanent sites in the Borough for caravans. The provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 fill a long felt need in the control and layout of caravan sites. A good standard of design and supply of essential services can now be required on licensed sites.

The site reserved for Members of the Caravan Club of Great Britain at Old Hartley remains as a site exempted from licensing control. Considerable improvements and additional sanitary facilities will however be necessary at Red House Farm Site and these were being planned with the site owner at the end of the year.

No individual applications for Licences to site moveable dwellings in the Borough were received.

GENERAL SANITATION

The number of complaints and enquiries received in the Office and recorded in the Complaints Book was 1,506.

Queries on all manner of health matters were dealt with and followed up by personal inspections when necessary.

Water Supply

The Medical Officer of Health's Report contains results of Bacteriological examination of water samples taken from various parts of the district.

The number of houses in occupation in the Borough and not provided with an internal water supply is now reduced to 1.

Drainage

The number of obstructed drainage systems cleared on request was 120.

Inspection and testing of drainage installations required the application of 24 water tests and 22 smoke tests.

Sanitary Conveniences

The number of dry closets in the Borough is now reduced to 3 following the closure of two houses on Rocky Island.

The necessary repairs and renewals were obtained to 2 water closet compartments and 11 defective water closet basins or cisterns.

Offensive Trades

One "Offensive Trade" only operates in the Borough. The trade carried on is tripe boiling and fat extraction. This work was carried out in an efficient manner and no nuisance was caused by the operations.

Places of Public Entertainment

The following premises were inspected and the carrying out of essential repairs enforced.

<u>Cinema</u>	<u>Theatre</u>	<u>Dance Halls</u>	<u>Others</u>
Regal	Priory	Empress Ballroom	Whitley Bay Athletic
Gaumont		Rex Ballroom	Football Club
Coliseum			Whitley Bay Ice Rink
Essoldo			
Picture House			

The Gaumont Cinema closed down at the end of the year.

Rodent Control

This control is administered under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Infestations are classified as "Major" or "minor" according to the estimated number of rodents present. No "major" infestation of rats or mice occurred.

The table on page 31 summarises the prevalence of rodents in the Borough and the action taken to bring about their elimination.

PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE AND

MEASURES OF CONTROL BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwellings (Inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (Inc- luding Business premises)	(4) Total of Cells (1), (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	27	12,006	1,303	13,336	12
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	11	112	36	159	-
(b) Survey under the Act	-	4	-	4	-
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purposes	-	-	-	-	-
3. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	34	519	175	728	-
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. 111) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats	10	73	11	94	-
(b) Mice	-	-	-	-	-
(Major (Minor	1	29	19	49	-
5. Number of infested properties (in Sec. 4) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT exceed those given at Sec. 4)	11	102	30	143	-
6. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	11	116	36	163	-
7. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural work (i.e. Proofing)	-	1	-	1	-
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.	-	-	-	-	-

Piggeries

There is one piggery which is old established in the Borough of Murton Village. It was not found necessary to take any formal action regarding conditions at the premises.

Pet Animals Act 1951

The number of premises licensed for the sale of pets is 8. Routine inspections were made to ensure compliance with conditions of licensing.

One new application for a licence was received during the year.

Atmospheric Pollution

The Council's policy of concentrating on General publicity of the advantages to be derived from residing in a Clean Air Town, was applied throughout the year as far as financial estimates would allow.

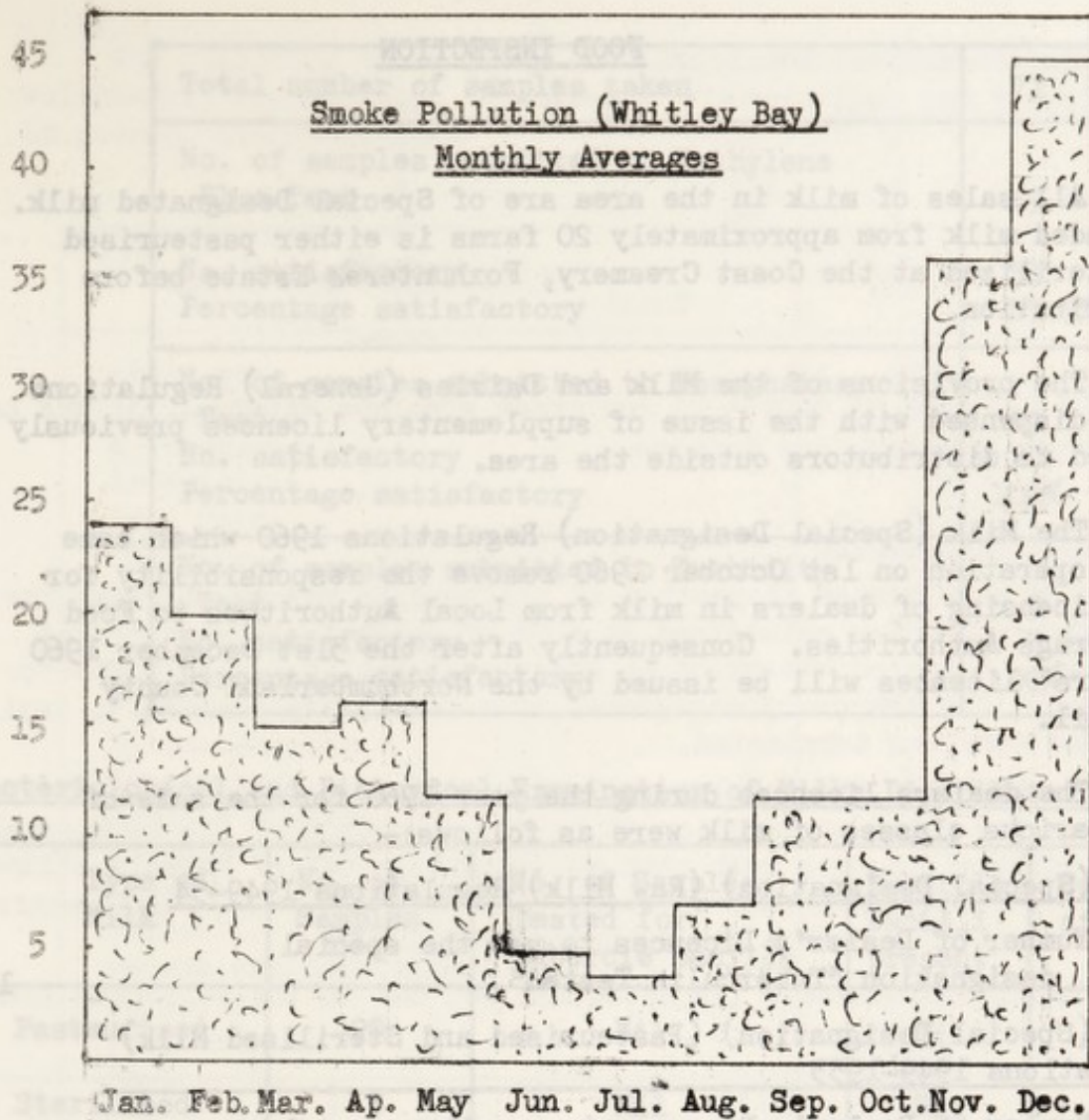
Talks and demonstrations were arranged for various Womens Organisations in that Town, and the impression I gained from these audiences, was the housewives are ready and keen to play their part when the Council decide to implement the provisions of the Clean Air Act 1956, prohibiting the emission of smoke and soot from domestic chimneys.

A Clean Air Campaign was organised by the Northumberland and Durham Local Authorities' Clean Air Committee, of which the Council is a member, and a mobile exhibition visited the town for one week in May. A Clean Air 'Float' was also constructed by the Department and entered in the Mayor's Refugee Year Parade. Clean Air leaflets were distributed during this parade. Since this publicity many inquiries have been received from residents regarding fireplace conversions.

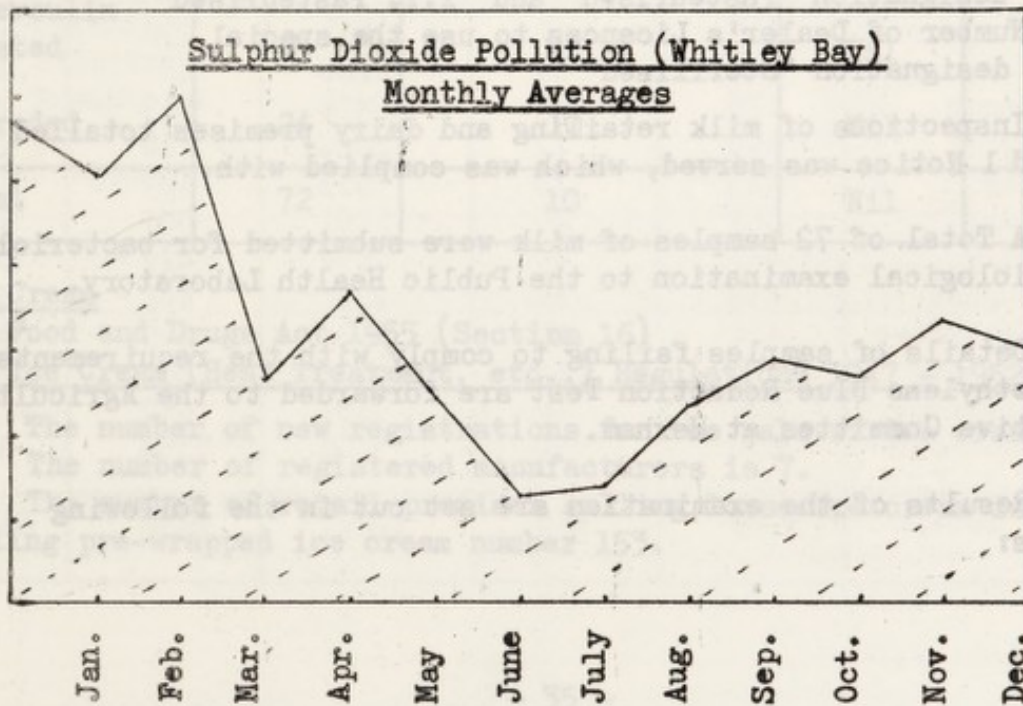
Measurement of air pollution was continued and the graphs on page 33 incideate the results obtained, which, if compared with the graphs for 1959 show that the degree of pollution remained similar except for November and December when the monthly averages reached the highest figures yet recorded. The highest daily smoke readings for these two years were :-

Year	Milligrams per 100 cub. metres	Date
1959	57	11th February
1960	128	27th January

Milligrams/100 Cubic Metres of Air



Parts/100 million parts of air



FOOD INSPECTION

Milk

All sales of milk in the area are of Special Designated milk. Ungraded milk from approximately 20 farms is either pasteurised or sterilized at the Coast Creamery, Foxhunteres Estate before distribution.

The provisions of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 dispensed with the issue of supplementary licences previously issued to distributors outside the area.

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1960 which came into operation on 1st October 1960 remove the responsibility for the licencing of dealers in milk from Local Authorities to Food and Drugs Authorities. Consequently after the 31st December 1960 dealers' licences will be issued by the Northumberland County Council.

The dealers licences during the year 1960 for the sale of the various classes of milk were as follows:-

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949-54

Number of Dealer's Licences to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested"	16
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Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949-1953

Number of Dealer's Licences to use the special designation "Pasteurised" and "T.T. Pasteurised"	37
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Number of Dealer's Licences to use the special designation "Sterilised"	61
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Inspections of milk retailing and dairy premises totalled 45 and 1 Notice was served, which was complied with.

A Total of 72 samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological and biological examination to the Public Health Laboratory.

Details of samples failing to comply with the requirements of the Methylene Blue Reduction Test are forwarded to the Agricultural Executive Committee at Hexham.

Results of the examination are set out in the following Tables:

Total number of samples taken	72
No. of samples submitted to Methylene Blue Test	69
No. satisfactory	59
Percentage satisfactory	85.5%
No. of samples submitted to Phosphatase Test	20
No. satisfactory	20
Percentage satisfactory	100%
No. of samples submitted to Turbidity Test	3
No. satisfactory	3
Percentage satisfactory	100%

Bacteriological and Biological Examination of Milks Distributed in the Area

Type of Milk	No. of Samples	No. of Samples Tested for Tubercle bacilli	Tubercle bacilli present	Percentage affected.
Pasteurised	20	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sterilised	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculin Tested	25	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ungraded	24	10	Nil	Nil
Total	72	10	Nil	Nil

Ice Cream

The Food and Drugs Act 1955 (Section 16)

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations 1947 - 1952

The number of new registrations for the sale of ice cream was 12.

The number of registered manufacturers is 7.

The number of retail premises selling loose ice cream is 13. Premises selling pre-wrapped ice cream number 153.

Methylene Blue Test Results:-

Provisional Grading No. 1	19
" " II	12
" " III	6
" " IV	4
Total	<u>41</u>

The number of visits to ice cream premises was 88. It was not necessary to serve any Notices.

Meat and Other Foods

The post mortem inspection of all animals passing through the Slaughterhouse was maintained at 100% of all animals slaughtered. Following the appointment of an additional Public Health Inspector in August the temporary engagement of a veterinary surgeon to assist in this work was terminated.

Considering the total number of animals inspected as to their fitness for human consumption it is an indication of the considerable time entailed in this work when approximately 64% of animals killed were consumed outside the Borough, for which £372.12.3. was received by the Corporation from the appropriate Ministry.

Details of animals inspected are set out in the following table:-

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
January	522	43	2397	790	3752
February	413	62	1280	587	2342
March	423	49	976	619	2067
April	542	72	1080	764	2458
May	423	13	959	429	1824
June	367	26	1161	307	1861
July	467	44	2554	429	3494
August	439	51	2751	461	3702
September	474	80	2974	665	4193
October	654	76	4204	887	5821
November	585	48	3683	662	4978
December	630	50	3408	1358	5446
Totals	5939	614	27427	7958	41938

The following table gives details of meat condemned and voluntarily surrendered. Reason for condemnation, and weights in pounds, are indicated.

REASON FOR CONDEMNATION	TOTAL
Abscesses	4399
Actinobacillosis	616
Actinomycosis	114
Arthritis	75
Bone Taint	312
Carcinoma	452
Cavernous Angiomata	350
Cysticercus bovis	1692
Cysts	62
Flukes and Cirrhosis	20773
Hydronephrosis	2
Immaturity	19
Johne's Disease	940
Melanosis	50
Necrosis	93
Nephritis	35
Oedema and Emaciation	1614
Parasitic	1300
Pericarditis	1107
Peritonitis	432
Pleurisy	1464
Pneumonia	1700
Pyæmia	97
Septicaemia	2174
Traumatism	1086
Tuberculosis	8176
Toxaemia	9
Total	49143

Disposal of Diseased and Unsound Meat

All meat and offal surrendered is weighed, recorded and detained awaiting collection in a locked detention room. This material is then dyed green before collection for processing by Tyneside Butcher's By-Products Limited, into animal food and fertilisers at their Gateshead Factory.

Cysticercus Bovis.

Details of cases found are set out in the Medical Officer of Health's Report, page 14.

Slaughter of Animals

As a result of the Whitley Bay and District Meat Supply Company's prohibition of private individuals slaughtering animals at the slaughterhouse, only the staff employed by the Company now require slaughterers licences. The number of such licences issued was 12 (10 renewals and 2 new licences).

Other Foods

The following list indicates the quantities of foods other than meat found on examination to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered for destruction under supervision.

Meat	231 tins	Coffee	1 tin
Fruit	208 tins	Syrup	2 tins
Peas	56 tins	Raisins	1 packet
Fish	12 tins	Cheese	1 packet
Milk	64 tins	Sausage	8½ lbs.
Soup	9 tins	Cooked ham	28 lbs.
Tomatoes	120 tins	Corned beef	29 lbs.
Beans	32 tins	Sliced bacon	59 lbs.
Spaghetti	8 tins	Veal	1½ lbs.
Macaroni	6 tins	Cake	196 packets
Mixed Veg.	8 tins	Fish Cakes	14
Carrots	7 tins	Fish	3½ stones
Rice	17 tins	Confectionery	111½ lbs.
Marmalade	7 jars	Pudding	4 tins

Sale of Horseflesh

There are no premises in the Borough from which horseflesh is sold, for human consumption.

Knackers' Yards

There are no Knackers' Yards situated in the district.

Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders

Swine Fever	No cases occurred
Foot and Mouth Disease	No cases occurred

Licensed Premises (Public Houses and Clubs)

The number of Licensed Premises in the Borough is 33.

Bakehouses

The number of bakehouses in the area is 15 all being equipped with mechanical power.

Sale of Food unfit for Human Consumption or Containing Foreign Matter

<u>Food</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Action</u>
Steak Pie	Burnt Match	Warning letter to Manufacturers.
Tin Pineapple Cubes	Immature Lizard	Warning letter sent to canners.
Sliced Bread Loaf	Small glass particles	Proceedings instituted against manufacturer, contravention of Section 2 Food and Drugs Act 1955 £10 fine imposed.
Loaf of brown bread	Smoked cigarette	Warning letter sent to Manufacturer.
Breakfast Cereal	Moth larva	Proceedings instituted for contravention of Section 2 Food and Drugs Act 1955. £10 fine imposed.
Tin of raspberries	Fly	Warning letter sent to canners.
Small white loaf	Piece of dark coloured matter.	Warning letter sent to Manufacturer.

Fish Frying Establishments

The number of this type of food business in the Borough is 8.

Food Hygiene

Inspections of food premises received special attention in the last four months of the year, following the appointment of our third Inspector. During this period 12 informal notices were served on occupiers of food premises bringing their attention to 62 contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960. A great deal of work remains to be done in this direction, and is being proceeded with.

It was necessary in one case to institute a prosecution under the provisions of the Regulations when the occupier of a food shop was fined £10 for allowing an infestation of moth larvae to exist on shelves in the retail shop to the degree that 110 lbs. of confectionery were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Health Committee is responsible for the collection and disposal of house and trade refuse, combining the collection and sale of salvage.

Maintenance and control of the following vehicles is carried out within the Department.

Department Vehicles.

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date Purchase</u>
Thorneycroft	Side Loader	14 cub. yards	1948
S.D. Freighter	Side Loader	12 cub. yards	1950
S.D. Fore and Aft	Rear Loader	18. cub. yards	1951
S.D. Fore and Aft	Rear Loader	18. cub. yards	1952
S.D. Fore and Aft	Rear Loader	18. cub. yards	1957
S.D. Fore and Aft	Bulk Loader	18-24 cub.yards	1960
Karrier	Dual Purpose	10 cub. yards	1958
Ford (10h.p)	Truck	-	1953
Ford (10 h.p)	Van	-	1955
Tractor (David Brown)	30.T.D.	-	1959

A once weekly collection of domestic refuse applies in the area and this service is increased for hotels, shops and other trade premises, even to a daily collection in certain cases.

Bulk refuse containers came into use in the Town for the first time this year. These containers which are equivalent in capacity to twelve normal dustbins have proved to be a definite improvement on the standard bin where refuse is stored in quantity. The purchase of a vehicle capable of emptying bulk containers, originally prompted by the construction of the Whitley Lodge Flats is therefore proving to be an asset to several traders in the Town and I expect the use of bulk containers to increase despite their comparatively high initial cost.

A risk is present of course in operating only one vehicle capable of emptying these $1\frac{1}{4}$ cub. yard bins and the purchase of an additional Bulk Loading collection vehicle is planned during 1961, to provide a replacement for the Thorneycroft machine which has become a liability and an uneconomic proposition to maintain in repair.

The question of vehicle replacement received special consideration in December when the advantages of establishing a Vehicle Renewal Fund were considered. General agreement was reached that a vehicle would probably require replacement after a 12-year life and reference to the details of Departmental Vehicles indicate that three vehicles attain this life very soon. Their replacement in three consecutive years could well be a burden on finances and this position indicates the advantages of a sufficient Renewal Fund built up during years when no vehicles are required.

The important work of refuse collection depends on vehicle efficiency and the operation of vehicles for over 12 years not only becomes uneconomic but such vehicles are unreliable units in a service in which residents expect to be able to place complete reliance.

Statistics regarding the weight of refuse collected and disposed of are set out in the following table for 1960.

Description	Per Annum	Per Week	Per day (365 days to One Year)
House and Trade Refuse disposed of at Brier Dene	Tons 12,136	Tons 233.38	Tons 33.25
Refuse per head of population	cwts 7.08	lbs 15.25	lbs. 2.18
Refuse per 1,000 population	tons 354.13	tons 6.81	cwts 19.40
Refuse per house	20.22 cwts	43.55 lbs.	6.20 lbs
Refuse per 1,000 houses	tons 1010.82	tons 19.44	cwts 55.39

Provisions of Dustbins Municipal Provision Scheme

The total number of bins supplied during the year was:-

2 cubic feet capacity	660
$2\frac{1}{2}$ cubic feet capacity	101

The number of bins provided to Council Houses was 20 and the number purchased by traders etc., was 101.

WEIGHTS OF HOUSE REFUSE, TRADE REFUSE AND STREET SWEEPINGS.

Month 1960-61	No. of loads.	No. of bins	House Refuse		Shop, Cafe and Hotel Refuse		Seaton Sluice and Murtun Refuse		
			T.	C. Q	T.	C. Q	Loads	Bins	Weight
April	289	56050	828.	9.	154.	1.	14	3133	52. 4.
May	315	59267	821.	19.	106.	2.	16	3570	61. 5.
June	316	58306	717.	17.	120.	12.	16	3368	46. 7.
July	304	54722	693.	14.	128.	6.	15	3090	41. 9.
August	307	57603	749.	18.	140.	18.	20	3558	52. 14.
September	287	54619	753.	18.	121.	15.	15	2951	47. 1.
October	297	54957	804.	5.	105.	10.	16	2445	48. 6.
November	306	53297	942.	13.	86.	7.	24	3837	72. 18.
December	314	60808	959.	2.	144.	7.	20	3736	66. 5.
January	309	59537	973.	11.	103.	14.	26	5196	94. 4.
February	259	49236	764.	2.	184.	8.	20	3494	66. 19.
March	292	55637	792.	6.	241.	4.	16	3114	48. 9.
Total	3595	674039	9801.	14.	1637.	4.	218	41492	698. 1.
Shops) Cafes) Hotels)	747	118129	1637.	4.					
Seaton) Sluice &) Murtun)	218	41492	698.	1.					
Total	4560	833660	12136.	9.					

Refuse Disposal

All refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping procedure at the Brier Dene Refuse Tip.

Important negotiations took place during the year regarding sites for disposal of the Town's refuse. These negotiations proved successful and we are now in the position of having confirmed arrangements for the next six years with potential sites for a further similar period.

It is expected to commence operations at the new site at Seaton Hall Farm in 1961, and the system of actual disposal will incorporate a scheme for agricultural land reclamation.

Salvage Recovery

The following table indicates the income derived from the sale of recovered materials. Total income shows an increase of £520 compared with 1959, resulting from increased sales of paper and rags.

Commodity	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	- Lbs.	£	s	d
Paper	466	-	-	-	3762.	1.	0.
Scrap etc.	10	5	1	26	29.	12.	9.
Rags	7	10	3	-	72.	15.	0.
Wool	-	6	-	-	26.	16.	0.
Manure	2	16	-	-	14.	0.	0.
Totals	486	18	-	26	3905.	5.	9.

Protective Clothing

Provision of overalls, moleskin jackets, and oilskin suits is arranged for the staff involved in refuse collection and disposal. This scheme is much appreciated by these workers.

Sickness Benefit Scheme (Refuse Collection and Disposal Employees)

The total number of days lost due to sickness was 344. The cost involved was £344.7.9. in 1960.

The total of 344 lost days was an improvement on the previous year when 439 days were lost.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Administration and staffing of the Town's public conveniences is a major task during the influx of summer visitors when the premises are in maximum use. The free "wash your hands" facilities, recently installed at Watts Road and Whitley Road conveniences, are disregarded by the majority of the public, and observations carried out indicate that only one person in every 30 persons takes advantage of the units to wash their hands after using a water closet. The individuals who appreciate the provision of this hygiene amenity however, regard it as an absolute essential, and criticism is occasionally received from such persons that similar facilities are not available at all conveniences.

Improvements to Whitley Road conveniences were completed and were well worth while, as this convenience was previously well behind modern standards.

The public conveniences at Whitley Bay Football Club ground, were the subject of a special report during the year. These conveniences have deteriorated to a deplorable condition and their reconstruction is a project which should be proceeded with, without delay.

The following table indicates the use of public conveniences in 1960.

Conveniences	Persons passing through turnstiles		No. of Washes		Total Income including Sundries	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Watts Road	252,144	183,554	17,314	13,477	1,374. 5.0	1,019.18.6
Panama	71,989	49,701	1,422	972	331.18.5	229. 2.1
Central	85,469	56,819	4,090	2,274	436. 5.9	281.11.11
Duke's Walk	52,800	42,524	1,472	1,536	249. 7.4	207.13.0
Whitley Road	33,624	28,947	79	40	143. 7.6	122. 9.3
Others	50,106	46,119	-	-	208.15.6	192. 3.3
	546,132	407,664	23,377	18,299	2,743.19.6	2,052.18.0

APPENDIX i

ANALYSIS OF VISITS

Accummulations.....	11
Animals, Poultry etc	25
Ashbins.....	12
Bakehouses	104
Butchers' Shops and stores	120
Cleansing and Refuse Collection etc.	880
Closets, water, Privies, Chemical	1
Complaints received	380
Complaints Confirmed	310
Dairies, Milkshops and Milkstores	45
Dangerous structures	2
Drains - inspected	143
Smoke tests	22
Water tests	24
Entertainment houses	6
Factories (with Mechanical Power)	190
Factories (without Mechanical Power)	35
Factories (Outworkers)	3
Farms and Cowsheds	3
Fishmongers' shops	5
Fish Frying Premises	10
Houses (Ordinary)	401
Houses (Overcrowded)	1
Houses (Consolidated Regulations)	52
Houses (Clearance, etc. Areas)	59
Housing Act (Other Building)	3
Houses let in Lodgings	20
Infections Diseases	74
Food preparing premises - Ice Cream	35
Cooked Meats	4

Total carried forward	2980
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APPENDIX i

ANALYSIS OF VISITS

	Carried Forward	2980
Matters Refd. to other Departments	96	
Meat and Food Inspections	503	
Condemnations	477	
Meeting with Owner or Tradesmen and Others	37	
Miscellaneous Visits	633	
Moveable dwellings and sites	5	
Nuisances found (Sec. 91)	81	
Offensive Trade Premises (excluding Fish Fryers)	20	
Office duties	1635	
Other food premises	84	
Piggeries	28	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act:		
Rats	527	
Mice	284	
Provision Merchants	167	
Restaurants and Cafes	164	
Samples - Ice Cream	53	
Milk	116	
Water	3	
Shops Act, Section 38	66	
Slaughterhouses	670	
Schools	20	
Smoke Observations	40	
Special Visits	5	
Sewers etc.	11	
Street gullies	2	
Public conveniences	91	
Verminous premises	205	

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APPENDIX 11

A summary of defects and nuisances dealt with and work required to be done under the Public Health and Housing Act, Regulations, Orders and Byelaws, is given below:-

Nature of nuisance dealt with and work required to be done	Verbal or Written Notice	Second Notice	Formal Notice	Complied With
Absence of Eavesgutter	2	-	-	2
Absence of Ashbin	1	-	-	1
Absence of Bath Waste	1	-	-	1
Absence of Door	1	-	-	1
Accumulations	5	1	-	5
Burst Pipe	5	1	-	5
Choked drains	133	-	-	133
Choked Eavesgutters	1	-	-	1
Damage by Pests Act	1	-	-	1
Dirty W.C.	1	-	-	1
Defective Bath	1	-	-	-
Defective wallbin	1	-	-	1
Defective downpipe	8	3	3	8
Defective eavesgutters	11	1	1	10
Defective drain	3	-	-	3
Defective manhole	2	-	-	2
Defective manhole cover	1	-	-	1
Defective intercepting trap	1	-	-	1
Defective soil pipe	1	-	-	1
Defective door	7	3	3	7
Defective door casing	1	-	1	1
Defective thresh	3	7	1	2
Defective gate posts	1	-	-	1
Defective floor	6	-	-	6
Defective woodwork	2	-	-	1
Defective windows and frames	4	-	1	4
Defective sash cords	3	1	-	3
Defective flue	1	-	-	1
Defective fireplace	2	-	-	1
Defective roof	7	-	-	6
Defective sink waste	2	-	-	2
Defective sink surround	1	-	-	1
Defective bench	4	-	-	4
Defective ceiling	14	-	2	7
Defective wallplaster	9	-	2	6
c/f	247	17	14	231

Nature of nuisance dealt with and work required to be done	Verbal or Written Notice	Second Notice	Formal Notice	Complied With
B/f	247	17	14	231
Defective pointing	12	1	3	12
Defective brickwork	12	-	2	12
Defective wall	7	1	1	7
Defective W.C. Basin	2	-	-	2
Defective W.C. Seat	3	-	-	3
Defective cistern	7	-	-	7
Defective gully	1	-	-	1
Defective gully surround	1	-	-	1
Defective paving	4	-	-	4
Defective waste pipe	1	-	-	1
Defective hinges and catches	3	-	-	2
Defective bay window	1	-	1	1
Defective cill	1	-	-	1
Defective chimney stack	2	-	-	2
Defective chimney pots	1	-	-	1
Defective kitchen range	2	-	-	2
Factories Act	42	-	3	39
Food Hygiene Regulations	413	4	1	292
Housing Act 1957	1	-	-	-
Insufficient accommodation	4	-	-	2
Insufficient water supply	2	-	-	2
Leaking roof	21	3	8	18
Milk and Dairies regulations	1	-	-	1
Moveable dwellings	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	3	-	-	2
Overcrowding	1	-	-	-
Smoke nuisance	2	-	-	12
Defective Tap	1	-	-	1
Defective Sink	2	-	-	2
Defective Vent Brick	2	-	-	2
Pet Animals Act	7	-	-	7
Totals	809	26	33	660

APPENDIX iii

CLEANSING SERVICES

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE

Table showing costs for the year ending 31st March, 1961

Item	1	Collect -ion 2	Disposal 3	Totals 4	Percentage of total gross expend- -iture 5 %
1. REVENUE ACCOUNT (Note (A))					
GROSS EXPENDITURE:					
(i) Labour (note (b))		11442	1890	13332	43
(ii) Transport (note (c))		8927	1172	10099	33
(iii) Plant, equipment, land & buildings (note (d))		2503	4973	7476	24
(iv) Other items (note (e))		-	135	135	
(v) Total gross expenditure		21872	8170	31042	100
2. GROSS INCOME (Note (f))		682	3953	4635	-
3. NET COST		22190	4217	26407	-
4. Capital expenditure met from revenue (included above (note (g))		-	-	-	-
5. <u>UNIT COSTS</u> (Note (h))		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
Gross cost per ton, labour only		18 10	3 1	21 11	
Gross cost per ton, transport only		14 8	1 11	16 7	
7. Net cost (all expenditure) Per ton.		36 7	6 11	43 6	
		£	£	£	
8. Net cost per 1,000 population		647	123	770	
9. Net cost per 1,000 premises		1848	351	2199	

APPENDIX iii (Cont.)

Operational Statistics

10. Area (statute acres) - land and inland water	3612 acres
11. Population at 30th June, 1959 (Registrar - General's Estimate)	34270 persons
12. Total refuse collected (tons). Indicate whether A, E or T (note (j))	12136 tons
13. Weight (cwts) per 1,000 population per day (365 days to year)	19.40 cwts.
14. Number of premises from which refuse is collected	12006 premises
15. Premises from which collections are made at least once weekly	100% of total
16. Average haul, single journey, to final disposal point (including nil miles by secondary transport)	1 1/4 miles
17. Kerbside collection expressed as estimated percentage of total collection	Nil %
18. Total refuse disposed of (of which nil tons were disposed of for other local authorities)	12136 tons
19. Methods of disposal (Salvage excluded):	
(a) Crude tipping	- %
(b) Controlled tipping	100 %
(c) Direct incineration	- %
(d) Separation and incineration	- %
(e) Other methods (state nature)	- %
	<u>100 %</u>

20. Salvage, Analysis of income and tonnage:

	Income (Included in Item 2)	Tonnage Collected (Included in Item 12)
	£	Tons
(a) Raw Kitchen Waste (note (a))	-	-
(b) Scrap Metal	30	10
(c) Waste paper	3762	466
(d) Other Salvage	113	10
	<u>3905</u>	<u>486</u>

21. Trade Refuse:

- (a) Income £580
(b) Tonnage 1637 tons

22. Remarks.

APPENDIX iv

Inspection under Part 1 of the Factories Act 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for 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, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	82	35	1	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	152	187	40	Nil
iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises	3	3	Nil	Nil
Total	237	225	41	Nil

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
(b) Defective or unsuitable	39	39	Nil	4	Nil
(c) Not for separate sexes.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	41	41	Nil	5	Nil

Only one Outworker is employed in the District.

