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BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT





Annual Report

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969



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HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Worshipful the Mayor (Clr. J. J. Town-Clear) (ex officio Member of the Committee)

CHAIRMAN

Councillor J. Broadbent, M.B.E.

ALDERMEN: Mrs. B.E.Balchin, Mrs.R.Coe, B.W. Edgoose, B.Sc., J.P., G.A. North.

COUNCILLORS: P.E.Balloqui, Miss K.N.Edwards, M.B.E., T.D., J.P., M.H.Garrood, W.S.James, D.W.Kirby, J.E.Lodge, Mrs. V.L.Nevett, J.H.Parlane, Colonel R.P.Leake, E.R.D.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:
Divisional School Medical Officer:
N. McNEIL, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.A. to 31.10.69.
I.H.C. MORTON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.Obst., Acting
Medical Officer of Health - 1.11.69. to 31.12.69.

Chief Public Health Inspector:
Meat and Food Inspector:
Shops Act Inspector:
W. E. ROBERTS, M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:
W. H. M. EDWARDS, M.A.P.H.I.
B. BERRY, M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Clerk: A. C. AYLESBURY

Clerical Assistants: Miss P. M. JORDAN MRS. V. A. BATES

> RODENT OPERATOR: W. H. McGOWAN

> > Public Health Department, Town Hall, Aldershot, Hants.

Telephone Number: Aldershot 22441 ex 21

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1969 on the health of the Borough.

The only major outbreak of illness was the Hong Kong Influenza. It had been expected in 1968 but did not reach England until December 1969, and was still prevalent as the year closed. There were only 63 cases of measles. From the pattern of previous years, there should have been an epidemic with well over 200 cases so it seems that vaccination against measles has been of value. Unfortunately, the vaccination programme had to be curtailed during 1969 owing to shortage of material, and public interest waned. It is to be hoped that it will revive in 1970 before the next epidemic is due in 1971.

The population is 38,120 which is 300 more than last year. The natural increase by excess of births over deaths is 420. Of the causes of deaths, cancer and heart disease remain the most common, but there was an increase in deaths from chest illnesses generally and lung cancer continues to increase slowly.

Work has started on the new District Hospital at Frimley Park. As was said last year the system of early discharge to home care is going to put a burden on the relatives of patients unless the Local Authority Services are augmented to assist them. Hampshire County Council Health Department is working on this problem but it is unfortunate that just at this moment the Home Help Service is passing out of Health Department control under the SEEBOHM reorganisation of Social Services.

The number of Home Helpsemployed in the Borough this year was 27 - a small increase on 1968. Farnborough Technical College held a course of training in the duties as envisaged and hopes to continue it annually.

Plans have been drawn for the new Health Centre for Aldershot but building has not yet begun.

On National level venereal disease has become a matter of concern. Figures for the whole County now show it as the commonest infectious disease after measles. Gonorrhoea particularly has increased and there is little doubt that it is the result of the looser way of life which is condoned by our "permissive" society. Treatment clinics do their best but the biggest single remedy is a raising of moral standards and a public opinion which deplores extra-marital adventures.

Dr. McNeil resigned his appointment as Medical Officer of Health in October. I was appointed Acting Medical Officer to the four districts covered by him, in addition to my other duties and was still acting at the end of the year.

I must express my real appreciation of the consideration and help which I received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and the Town Clerk during this period and also to Mr. Roberts, Chief Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Aylesbury the Chief Clerk for so ably and devotedly maintaining the work of the Department.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
I. H. C. MORTON,
Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1969 VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population for mid-year 1969 (including non-ci	vilian	38,120
LIVE BIRTHS A	ldershot	Rate for England & Wales
Total (49 illegitimate) Rate per 1,000 population Rate adjusted by comparability factor (0.92) Illegitimate births as a percentage of total	758 19.9 18.3 6	16.3 8
STILL BIRTHS		
Total (nil illegitimate) Rate per 1,000 all births	4 5	13
TOTAL ALL BIRTHS	762	
DEATHS - all ages		
Total Rate per 1,000 population Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.36)	338 8.9 12.1	11.9
INFANT DEATHS AND MORTALITY RATES		
Total under 1 year (1 illegitimate) Rate per 1,000 live births	16 21	18
Total under four weeks (neonatal)(Nil illegitimate) Rate per 1,000 live births	8	12
Total under one week (early neonatal) (Nil illegitimate) Rate per 1,000 live births	7	10
Perinatal (still births plus early neonatal) Rate per 1,000 all births	11 14	23

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) - Nil

Number of domestic houses and flats at 31.3.70		8,399
Number of Commercial Premises		1,134
Number of Licensed Premises (excluding Off Licences)		
Other Premises		
Total Rateable Value (31st March 1970)		
Acreage: Civil - 1,431 S.Camp - 2,745 Total	- 4,17	76

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH ACCORDING TO DISEASE

	Cause of Death	Males	Females	TOTAL
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 37. 38. 39. 40.	Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases Other Tuberculosis, including late effects Malignant Neoplasm, buccal cavity etc. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach Malignant Neoplasm, intestine Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus Malignant Neoplasm, breast Malignant Neoplasm, uterus Malignant Neoplasm, prostate Leukaemia Other malignant neoplasms Benign and unspecified neoplasms Diabetes mellitus Anaemias Meningitis Other diseases of nervous system etc Chronic rheumatic heart disease Hypertensive disease Uschaemic heart disease Other forms of heart disease Other diseases of circulatory system Influenza Pneumonia Bronchitis and emphysema Asthma Other diseases of digestive system Nephritis and nephrosis Hyperplasia of prostate Other diseases, genito-urinary system Diseases of musculo-skeletal system Congenital anomalies Birth injury, difficult labour etc Symptoms and ill defined conditions Motor vehicle accidents All other accidents Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1-11338220-1-12164663385123211213732	- 1 1 3571 7111 - 34 1 36 0 311 4 6 7 - 3 - 31 16 3518 -	1 1 2 1 3 6 3 7 1 2 2 1 1 5 5 7 7 9 6 9 4 7 4 2 1 5 3 5 2 1 2 2 9 3 5 8 11 2
	TOTALS	174	164	338

Deaths from Lung Cancer

THE RESERVE	Males	Females	Total
1966	21	777 97 TOTAL	21
1967	16	4	20
1968	18	3	21
1969	18	5	23

It is disappointing to see the continual increase in this figure in spite of all warnings about the danger of smoking.

There were seven deaths directly attributed to influenza. The twentytwo attributed to bronchitis is above the usual level and influenza probably played a part in some of these.

INCIDENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Changes notified under the Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968, Part III and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulation 1968, remain and there was no alteration in the procedure or the infectious diseases to be notified to the Medical Officer of Health during 1969.

The following table gives details of the infectious diseases notified during the year with the comparable figures for the notifications over the previous three years.

		PIER	1966	1967	1968	1969
Measles	 		123	208	81	6
Whooping Cough	 		4	5	11	- 1
Scarlet Fever	 		5	2	-	
Malaria (Camp)	 		1	1	-	
Dysentery	 		6	7	21	
Meningococcal Infection	 		1	-	-	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	 		1	-	-	9
Food Poisoning	 		1	-	-	- 12
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	 		9	7	8	1
Infective Jaundice	 		-	1	1	-
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Measles

It is gratifying to see only 63 cases when an epidemic was due. One must obviously wait for future years before claiming that vaccination has controlled the disease. It was unfortunate that vaccination was restricted during the year by shortage of material and public interest waned somewhat. A renewed campaign to revive it will be needed before the next epidemic is due in early 1971.

Infective Jaundice

The 37 cases were widely scattered both in time and place. It was not possible to determine either an origin or a pattern of spread.

Venereal Disease

True figures are difficult to compile but there is no doubt that there is a continuing increase, particularly in the younger age groups.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

CIVIL:

Aldershot Hospital

Outpatients Department includes Surgical (including plastic and oral surgery), Medical, Gynaecological, Ante-natal, E.N.T., Paediatric, Ophthalmic, Dental, Special Treatment (V.D.), Psychiatric and Pathological facilities.

Northfield Hospital (admits military personnel):

Chest Clinic - covering adjoining areas of Hampshire and Surrey.

MILITARY: (admits civilian personnel)

Cambridge Hospital 350 beds
Louise Margaret Hospital 66 beds

TUBERCULOSIS

The table immediately below gives details of the numbers of cases of tuberculosis notified to the Department during the year and the figures for the preceding four years for comparative purposes.

	Pulm	onary	Non-Pr	ulmonary
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1965	7	3	1	50 30 ban 22
1966	8	ĺ	-	16007 30
1967	3	4	1	
1968	7	1	ALL TOTAL	10001
1969	7	5	10000 1000	For Lordon

The Mobile Mass Radiography Unit of the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board made weekly visits to the Town on Monday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. It is located in Station Approach, Aldershot, where it is easily accessible to the public.

The following table gives full details of the Unit in Aldershot during the year under review:-

	Number Examined TOTAL	Signifi Pulmona Tubercu Males	ry	Primary Lung Cancer Males	Females
Referred by General Practitioner	1,645	2	2	4	2
General Public (includes arrangements made for personnel to visit from factories etc.)	2,687	2	ASY SOUTH TO THE	1	1

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION PROCEDURES DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1969

The recommended schedules on Vaccination and Immunisation procedures set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation in 1968 remain unchanged.

The following tables give details of the numbers immunised and vaccinated during the year 1969.

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus Immunisation, Poliomyelitis Vaccination and Measles Vaccination

Completed Primary Courses

		YEAR OF BIRTH								
TYPE OF VACCINE	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962/65	Under 16	TOTAL			
Triple Antigen Diph/Tetanus Polio. (Oral) Measles	33 - 32	273 4 287 30	36 3 55 101	3 3 7 34	14 4 32 69	1 3 6 11	360 17 419 245			

Reinforcing Doses

		STAK M	YEAR OF BIRTH								
TYPE OF VACCINE	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962/65	Under 16	TOTAL				
Triple Antigen	2	29	189	25	209	93	547				
Diph/Tetanus	Section 1	3	11	7	153	19	193 634				
Polio. (Oral)	2	26	69	30	394	113	0)4				

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS

The following statistics set out the number of primary and re-vaccinations against smallpox carried out during the year.

- Wallang	MONTHS				У	112		
	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	l year	2-4	5-15	TOTAL
Primary Vaccinations	-	2	5	3	233	138	22	403
Re- vaccinations	-	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR		-	-	46	177	223

General Practitioners	251
A.C.M.O's	136
Army Doctors	239
TOTAL VACCINATIONS	626

The numbers of vaccinations performed fluctuates considerably from year to year, partly due to variations in the military population but partly also to lack of awareness among civilians of its importance.

My predecessor, Dr. Craig Lindsay, repeatedly stressed the problem raised by world wide air travel and the increasing number of people going abroad on holiday. Primary vaccination in infancy does much to prevent the consequences which may ensue if an adult has to be vaccinated for some specific purpose.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Action was necessary on one occasion to ensure the admission to hospital of an elderly person in need of medical treatment.

MORTUARY

The following figures show the total number of subjects admitted to the Mortuary during the year.

Total number of subjects admitted to Mortuary	205
Cases admitted from the Borough of Aldershot	59
Cases admitted from outside the Borough	142
Number of Post Mortems held	201
Cases admitted no Post Mortems held	4

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

By Whom Held	Hampshire County Council	Hampshire County Council	Hampshire County Council	Hampshire County Council	Hampshire County Council (Aldershot Borough Council acting as agent.)	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)	Hampshire County Council	Regional Hospital Board	Part Hampshire County Council and part South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.	Hampshire County Council
Time	Every Wednesday-All day	Mondays 2 p.m.	Fridays - All day	Thursdays 2 p.m.	lst Wednesday in month 2 - 3.30 p.m.	Normally by appointment	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.	First 2 Thursdays in month and every Friday afternoon. By appointment only.	By appointment only.	By appointment only.
Where Held	Manor Park House	Percy Illingworth	Wesley Hall, Queen's Road.	Manor Park House	School Clinic	School Clinic	School Clinic	Aldershot Hospital	School Clinic	Manor Park House
Purpose	Child Welfare			Examination and Supervision of expectant mothers.	Protection of children against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, and measles and poliomyelitis vaccination.	Treatment of minor ailments and medical inspections.	Dental treatment of children.	Examination of ophthalmic cases and prescription of spectacles.	Investigation of hearing defects.	Eye testing of school children
Description	Child Welfare			Ante-Natal	Immunisation	School Health Clinic	Dental Clinic	Ophthalmic Clinic	Audiology Clinic	Eye Clinic

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS - continued

By Whom Held	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)	Hampshire County Council	Hampshire County Council	Hampshire County Council	Regional Hospital Board	Regional Hospital Board	Regional Hospital Board	Regional Hospital Board	Women's Voluntary Organisation	Hampshire County Council
Times	By appointment only	By appointment only	Every other Tuesday and all day Wednesday. By appointment only.	By appointment only.	Clinic: Mondays 9.15 a.m. & 2 p.m. Tuesday 9.15 a.m. & 2 p.m. Thursdays 9.15 a.m. New Patients:- Mondays 11 a.m. Emergencies:- Thursdays 11.30 a.m.	By appointment only	2nd Monday in month at 2.30 p.m.	Males:- Mondays 12 - 1 p.m. Wednesdays 4 - 6 p.m. Females:- Mondays 11 - 12 noon Wednesdays 2 - 4 p.m.	First and third Thursday in month and all day Friday	By appointment only
Where Held	School Clinic	Manor Park House	Manor Park House	School Clinic	Northfield Hospital	Northfield Hospital	Northfield Hospital	Aldershot General Hospital	Manor Park House	Manor Park House
Purpose	Hearing testing of school children	Diagnosis of defective hearing in infants	Child Guidance	Correction of speech defects	Examination of suspected cases of Tuberculosis.	B.C.G.	Treatment of cases of bronchitis	Treatment of venereal disease	Birth Control	Early detection of cancer of the neck of the womb.
Description	Audiometric Clinic	Hearing Test	Child Guidance Clinic	Speech Therapy Clinic	Chest Clinic		Bronchitic Clinic	Special Clinic	Family Planning Clinic	Cervical Cytology Clinic

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(1) Water Supply

The following information, which was kindly supplied by the Chief Engineer, Mid Southern Water Company, Frimley Green, is set out in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/70.

(a) The sources supplying the Borough are all underground in the chalk and lower greensand formations. All are subject to treatment, and regular examination has shown that the processes are continually effective in producing a water suitable for public supply purposes.

There have been no restrictions regarding quantity.

- (b) Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water and frequently also with sub-standard samples of raw water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled before being passed for supply purposes.
- (c) (i) The number of supplies at 31st December 1969 was 8,856.
 - (ii) The figure for standpipes would be nil.
- (d) The fluoride content is low, the range being 0.1 0.2 ppm.
- (e) Samples of raw and treated waters are examined weekly, and the results forwarded to you regularly. The figures for bacteriological examinations for 1969 are:-

	Number Tested	% Highly Satisfactory
Treated water at Head Works	104	100
Raw waters before treatment	<u>355</u> 459	
	-	

The waters are virtually constant in chemical composition, but chemical analyses are undertaken regularly.

(f) The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

(2) Hardness of Water 1969

Regular analyses have been carried out in order to chart the total hardness of water in the Borough. The following results have been obtained.

	Parts	per	million
	1968		1969
January	184		266
February	212		174
March	184		-
April	186		210
May	196		230
June	-		-
July	242		196
August	220		230
September	177		174
October	-		328
November	184		264
December	352		224

(3) Swimming Baths and Pools

The large open air pool and indoor swimming pool provided by the Corporation satisfy the needs of the public. They are provided with filtration and chlorination plant and samples were taken regularly. The indoor training pool has proved a boon to local school children and is used to its fullest capacity.

The Director of Technical Services kindly supplied the following reports on:-

Drainage and Sewerage

Sewage Disposal

Good progress has been made with the design programme for the coming Phases III and IV (Part) of the Sewage Works Reconstruction. Scheme and it is hoped to be in a position to invite tenders for the work early this summer. An Inquiry has recently been held by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the findings of the Inspector are now awaited.

Certain major site preparation works, including filling operations, have already been carried out at the Sewage Works in readiness for the main scheme.

Drainage and Sewerage (continued)

Sewerage

Cranmore Lane Flood Relief Scheme has now reached the stage where tenders are being invited.

Design of the Boxalls Lane Flood Relief Scheme has recently been completed and the proposals are currently being considered by the Highways Committee.

Regarding the Sandy Hill housing estate, the sewerage work was commenced last Autumn and this is expected to be completed very shortly.

2. Housing (all types) completed during 1969

THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA	Coun Houses	cil Flats	Private En Houses	nterprise Flats
January	-	18	7 -	-
February	-	18	5	-
March	-	9	18	-
April	-	9	8	-
May	-	9	3	-
June	N. YEVER	27	29	gret-selly
July	-	27	oldo tos es	1500-517
August	10-000	27	MULTIPLE TO	0542-0E
September	2	-	10	26
October	-	15-27-5	A Cantagori	30 2030036
November	3	-	-	-
December	3	-	1	-
TOTALS	8	144	7 81	26

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Analysis and Summary of Housing Applications (following pages)

ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

CIVILIAN CASES	Single	Engaged	Childless		14.01	- 1		H O	ILD	RE	Z				Ared	TO		
		Couples	Couples	1	2	3	4	5	9	7	00	6	10 1	11 12		Couples	Widows	TOTAL
In Rooms in Borough Working in Borough	22	9	99	99	040	18	N	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	3	40	265
In Rooms in Borough 2	2	80	51	37	27	7	2	1	1	1	,	1	1	,	-	i	,	136
In Rooms outside Borough 3	4	6	22	21	12	2	1	1	1	1	,	-	1	-	-	,	1	77
In Rooms outside Borough 4	-	4	- 1	3	1	1	- 1	1		1	-	1	1			-	1	00
Tenant in Borough 5	10	-	21	33	8	11	2	2	2	1	,	1	1		- 18	8	35	160
Tenant in Borough 6	4	-	8	9	11	00	2	1	1	1	,	1	1	,			-	39
Tenant outside Borough 7	-	-	2	5	2	1	1	1	1		ı	1	1		1	-	1	13
Tenant outside Borough 8	-		-	1	1	1	1	1			,	,	1	,		-	,	1
n Milita	-	-	9	9	15	4	47	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	1	,		39
Husband & wife living apart due to housing position 10	-	-	1	1	1	Н	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	,			1	4
Royal Navy . 11	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	1		1		-		-	-	-		9
Caravans 12	1	-	10	11	9	9	-		-	1	1	1	,	-	-		-	35
Driving Instructors DI	-	-	15	9	17	5	1	1	-	1		1	1	-	1	1		44
Police P	-	-	-	-	1	3		-		1	1,	1	,	-	,	,		4
TOTAL	64	12	202	198	148	99	23	9	5	2		1	1	1	- 22	2	22	825
SERVICE CASES	1		33	72	145	104	55	21	14	2	1	-		1			•	844

SUMMARY OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS

	YEAR	Single	Engaged	Childless			C	HIL	DRE	N	4	-		ST.			Aged	Widows	TOTAL
			Couples	conbres	1	2	3	4	5	9	2	8	6	10	11	12	Couples		
CIVILIAN	1944/65	2	-	3	2	-	3	1	-	,	1	1		,	,			3	13
	1963	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	1	,		,	1	1	1		2	6
	1964	4	-	2	2	5	3	-		1	1	1	-	1	1	1.0	1	2	80
	1965	-	-	3	3	2	2	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	,	1		2	15
	1966	2	-	2	10	11	5	1		-	-		-			1	-	16	52
	1961	13	2	33	115	39	16	8	3	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	7	13	187
	1968	16	3	51	55	59	17	6	1	1	1	-	-	1	1)	1	7	22	211
	1969	11	22	102	75	9	18	3	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	17	318
	TOTAL	64	27	202	198	148	99	23	9	5	2		-	1	1	1	22	77	825
DEFERRED	TOTAL	14	-	35	58	55	19	2	2	2	П	1		1	T/c	1	9	15	500
SERVICE	1944/62	-	-	2	8	10	6	4	-	-	-	-	210	1	1	1	-	1	33
CASES	1963	-	-	5	5	13	00	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	38
	1964	-	-	1	4	12	12	6	4	1	1	1	-	-	-		-	-	1111
	1965	-	-	9	12	28	21	5	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	75
	9961	-	1	4	6	24	18	7	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1		-	69
	1967	-	-	4	12	31	23	16	4	7	1	-	-	1	1	1		-	26
	1968	1	-	4	00	14	9	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	04
	1969	,	-	7	14	13	7	9	5	1	-	-	1	1	1	1		-	52
	TOTAL	1	-	33	72	145	104	55	27	14	2	1	1	-		1	-	-	844

The above details regarding the housing position in the Borough, being of considerable health significance, are supplied through the kind co-operation of the Housing Department.

SECTION PREPARED BY

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

INTRODUCTION

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for 1969, on the varied duties performed by your Health Inspectors.

We were unfortunate to lose the services of Dr. McNeil who had only been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the four districts in North East Hampshire some twelve months previously, but we wish him well in his new appointment in Scotland.

Three clearance areas viz:- Edward Street, Church Street and North Lane were represented, the first being subject to an enquiry which was confirmed by the Ministry.

A survey was made of the area Alexandra Road, Queens Road and Perowne Street, which it is hoped will soon be declared a General Improvement Area when detailed plans have been agreed by all concerned. Simultaneously a Social Survey was made of this area, which revealed a very high proportion of old folk living in the area. The Council have agreed to appoint a new Inspector who will help the department in this area and in other areas throughout the district.

100% Meat Inspection was maintained at the Military Abattoir, and visits to the Poultry Packing Station were intensified and a great deal of work performed in sampling water, chickens and offal.

I wish to express my appreciation of the continued support and assistance of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

W. E. ROBERTS.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING

GENERAL

Local Authorities have powers in the Housing Acts 1957 and the Public Health Acts to secure the carrying out of repairs and to have unfit houses made fit for habitation. Informal action was generally sufficient to get the necessary work executed and only in a few cases is formal action necessary. Difficulty is experienced by owners and agents in obtaining labour to carry out repairs.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The new Housing Act 1969 gives added incentives to owners of rented properties to bring up to a reasonable standard these houses which although lacking in amenities are worth improving with the aid of a Grant. Local Authorities are encouraged to formulate and implement area improvement schemes with particular emphasis on improvement of environment. Considerable time is spent in discussion with owners and prospective purchasers, builders and architects about the possibility of obtaining Grants for the improvement of properties. Every effort is made by your Inspectors to encourage owners to make full use of the Improvement Grant scheme.

The survey carried out in the West End of some 217 houses revealed

4 Unfit -24. (Including Church Street Clearance Area).

2 Only 15 Year Life expectancy -30 (Suitable for Standard Grant).

1 At least 30 Year Life expectancy -145 (Suitable for Improvement Grant).

3 Not worth spending more on -18.

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for Certificate of Disrepair were received.

SLUM CLEARANCE

It was pleasing to see the rehousing of the remaining occupants in the Alexandra Road and North Lane Clearance Areas and the subsequent demolition of the houses concerned. Part of the North Lane site has already been allocated for the erection of a Doctors Surgery.

Three further areas were declared as Clearance Areas. The Edward Street area was subjected to a Ministry enquiry which was confirmed without modification.

I cannot stress too strongly the need for quick rehousing from Clearance Areas. It is almost impossible to prevent excessive vandalism and unsatisfactory conditions arising as soon as houses become vacant.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Constant vigilance is necessary to prevent large houses in the district becoming let in multiple occupation.

When large houses are changing hands a "one direction" indication on the Local Search, has prevented multiple letting. Owners have in many instances converted the houses into self-contained flats. With the aid of Grants under the new Housing Acts some owners have already been persuaded to turn large old type houses into flats with all the necessary facilities.

LOCAL AND LAND CHARGES, ETC.

Information was supplied in respect of 590 properties upon request for official search of the Land charges Register, a decrease of 60 on the previous year.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

2 Applications were received for approval of new Furnaces/Chimney heights under the 1968 Clean Air Act. These were checked and approval given.

NOISE NUISANCE

One of the biggest problems in Urban environment is that of noise, which must be prevented or at least reduced to an acceptable level. It has been necessary to deal with certain firms operating road breakers and mobile compressors without mufflers and silencers.

DRAINAGE

Prior to demolition unfit houses and other properties in development areas, the old drainage systems are properly sealed off from the Public Sewer. All drainage connections on the Belle Vue Road and Highland Road prefab sites were properly disconnected.

In one instance foul drainage was found to be connected to a surface water culvert. Investigation of some 100 houses was necessary before finding that certain fittings at the Local Hospital had been wrongly connected.

The Council have prepared and approved a scheme for the flooding now taking place in some parts of the town.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1965.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1965.

There are no premises within the Borough Licenced under these Acts.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

Two premises are licenced as Pet Shops in the Borough, dealing mainly with cage birds, fish and tortoises. The premises were kept under supervision and maintained in a satisfactory condition.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

The number of premises registered by the Local Authority is three.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Three exemption orders have been granted to traders to open six days a week. New legislation is most urgently needed on Sunday trading, and it was necessary to warn civilian shopkeepers on this subject.

SHOPS (EARLY CLOSING DAY) ACT, 1965

The general public have now generally accepted the fact that shopkeepers can now choose their early closing day. The main shopping centre continues to close mid-week and many traders and employees now enjoy a five-day week.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravans attached to pleasure fairs and circuses which come into the Borough receive our attention. With all the facilities provided, one Licence was granted to station a caravan on a site attached to an engineering firm. The built up nature of the district does not permit sites being allocated for caravans.

COMMON LODGING HOUSE

There is no registered Common Lodging House in the Borough.

RODENT AND PEST CONTROL

Regular attention is given to the Council's tip, sewage works, building sites and other premises where rats are likely to breed and become established.

A free service is given to private dwellings, and business premises are charged on actual cost.

The sewers were test baited as required by the Ministry. We continued using this poison in polythene bags as it prevents its being washed away by rain and inhibits mould growth giving longer effectiveness. Warfarin still proved to be most effective and there were no signs of any "Warfarin Resistant" rats being found in this area. The use of Alphachlorolose proved most effective for mice eradication.

PEST CONTROL

One Rodent Operative is employed by the Council and he continues to deal with all complaints promptly and efficiently. The work and materials used are summarized below:-

Number of Properties inspected	841
Number of Properties found to be infested	191
Number of dwelling houses treated	191
Number of business and agriculture premises treated Total number of visits, inspections, prebaiting	29
and baiting	2212

TOTAL QUANTITY OF MATERIAL USED

2½ cwt. Pinhead Oatmeal 3 cwt. Cut Wheat 150 lbs stale bread 2,000 Polythene bags 3 lbs Aplhachloralose

24 lbs castor sugar 24 lbs lard 5 gallons raw linseed oil 28 lbs sunflower seeds 7 lbs plain canary seed

TOTAL QUANTITY OF POISONS USED

56 lbs Warfarin 5 21 lbs Cymag

The Chairman of the Health Committee and the Chief Public Health Inspector represent the Council on the North Hants Pest Control Committee, which comprises of eight Local Authorities in North East Hampshire. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Aldershot Military District also send representatives. The technical lectures on Rodents and other pests provide most valuable information for Inspectors and elected representatives. The meetings of the Committee are held three times a year in different districts.

During the year 64 Wasps nests were destroyed, and other complaints of ants, fleas and flies were dealt with effectively by the Department.

The British Museum and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food provide a free identification service of various insects and the necessary advice is then given to householders.

The growing pigeon population with the resultant nuisance and damage to properties is receiving attention. The use of Narcotics was contemplated but due to the possible outcry by the populace, this method was not adopted. We are now resorting to trapping, the traps being specially made in the Department. Ample prebaiting with Wheat is taking place and the results seem extremely promising.

DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES

The necessary disinfestation is carried out of premises where an infestation of vermin is reported. Prior inspection is made of all prospective Councils' tenants furniture and effects, and treatment arranged if necessary.

ASSISTED BURIALS, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 50.

The Local Authority is responsible for the burial or cremation of any person who has died in the district (other than in Hospital) without known relatives or financial means or where no suitable funeral arrangements can be made by any other person.

In two cases action was necessary under this Section during 1969.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The office and shop worker has become protected under this Act and its main provisions came into operation on 1st August 1964. Many owners of small businesses still seem unaware of the necessity for registration and therefore constant vigilance is necessary by your Inspectors Criticism has been expressed of the family business being exempt under this Act.

Co-operation with owners and occupiers of premises has continued satisfactorily. The plans of new development and alterations of existing premises is carried out, any necessary recommendations are made to the Planning Department.

There has been considerable variation in the standard of compliance with the requirements of the Act by different types of firms. There is also some reluctance on part of employees to complain to the Local Authority of possible contraventions.

It was not necessary to initiate legal proceedings during the year under review.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No of premises registered during the year	No. of reg- istered premises at end of year	No. of reg- istered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices Retail shops	8 3	96 293	21 40
Wholesale shops Warehouses Catering Establish- ments open to the	3	24	19
public	1	24	TOP SOUR LABOURE
Fuel storage depots	desired property	3	1
TOTALS	15	440	81

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT - 121

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	No. of Contraventi found	ons	Section	No of Contravention found	ns
4 22 00	Cleanliness	2	15	Eating facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	16	Floors, passages	
6	Temperature	2		and stairs	2
	Ventilation	-	17	Fencing exposed	
7 8	Lighting	1 4001	THE REAL PROPERTY.	parts of	
9	Sanitary		PARTITION OF PROPERTY.	machinery	-
111111111111111111111111111111111111111	Conveniences	2	18	Protection of	
10	Washing		AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON	young persons	
10	facilities	-	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	working dangerous	
11	Supply of		The state of the s	machinery	3
11	drinking water	-	19	Training of young	
12	Clothing			persons working	
12	Accommodation	-		dangerous	
17	Sitting			machinery	-
13	facilities	-	23	Prohibitation of	
14	seats (sedentary			heavy work	-
14	workers)	_		other matters	-
	workers/		24	First aid general	
			Allene, this ex	provisions	-
			Total	ally sold in the	11

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed.
Offices Retail shops Wholesale Departments, Warehouses Catering establishments open to	1047 2093 386
the public Fuel storage depots	176 13
TOTAL	3715
TOTAL MALES	1657
TOTAL FEMALES	2058

ACCIDENTS

Of the 8 accidents investigated, none were fatal, and did not involve statutory action. In the main these were due to personal carelessness. I feel there is a need for systematic training for all young persons engaged in the handling of various types of machinery.

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Wholesale shops Warehouses Offices Retail shops	2 - 7
TOTAL	9

FACTORIES

At the moment there is considerable duplication of visits by Local Authority Inspectors and Factory Inspectors to the same premises to perform their duties under this Act. There seems now a possibility of a comprehensive revision of Safety, Health and Welfare legislation, involving the Factories Act, 1961 and Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 being replaced in one single Bill.

INSPECTIONS

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (Non mechanical)	5	1		- C - C - C - C - C - C - C - C - C - C
Factories (Mechanical) other premises	153	34	1	1940-1746
TOTAL	158	35	1	Strong one

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	1	2	SERVE THEFE
Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective	anomanie.	_	-	_	

OUTWORKERS

Notification was received in respect of outworkers and the home visits found the conditions satisfactory.

The following is a list of trades carried out at the registered factories:

Battery manufacturers
Book repairers
Cardboard cartons
Cycle repairers
Dairy
Electrical engineering
Opticians
Printing
Photographers
Sausage makers
Sign makers
Tailors
Tent makers
Weighing machine repairers
Bakers

Briar pipe makers
Coffin makers
Concrete products
Dressmakers
Electric blanket makers
Light engineering
Waste food by-products
Firewood merchants
Glass cutter
Joinery and timer products
Laundries
Motor repairs
Manufacturing chemist
French polisher

Hatter Knitwear Launderette Medal makers Musical instrument makers Plumbers Polo stick manufacturers Marine store Radio & T.V. repairers Sculptor (monumental) Saddlers Typewriter repairs Upholsterers Sewing machine repairers

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

INSPECTION OF MEAT

The safeguarding the wholesomeness of the public's food needs constant vigilance and is one of the important aspects of a Health Inspectors' duties. This involves the inspection of food at all stages from the point of production until it reaches the consumer.

The Military abattoir provides for the training of military personnel and Ministry graders with practical and theoretical training.

Your Inspectors maintained their 100% inspection. Great skill is needed by the Inspector in judging the suitability of a carcase and organs for human consumption. Abnormalities or disease have to be assessed in order to decide whether parts or all of the carcase or organs are to be rejected. The charges as laid down in the regulations were made by this Authority for this service, and each carcase after inspection is stamped by the examining Officer that it is fit for human consumption.

Improved animal husbandry has reduced the incidence of animal disease and new slaughterhouse techniques have reduced other risks to the consumer.

The majority of butchers obtain supplies from wholesalers in other districts and a watchful eye is kept on these transport vehicles. Frequent visits are made to the two local depots receiving meat imported from Ireland.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed Number Inspected	1176 1176	96 95	-	1848 1848	1028 1028
All Diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned Parts Percentage	880 74.8%	- 74 77.9%	0001,888	267 14.4%	- 337 32.8%
Cysticercosis only Carcases Carcases treated by refrigeration	4 5	de la Talanta	Left - 19	100 mm	100 - 100 - 100 -
T.B. only Whole Carcases Parts Percentage		- 1 - 1 - 1			- 8 0.77%

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

Four carcases found at the abattoir to be affected with Cysticercus Bovis and one carcase from adjoining district affected were subjected to the prescribed refrigeration treatment before being released for human consumption.

THE WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL AT ABATTOIR AMOUNTED TO:

6 tons 15 cwts. 1 qtr. 23 lbs.

FOOD CONDEMNED (IN OTHER FOOD PREMISES)

Meat and Meat Products

1188 lbs bacon 207 lbs pork 19 lbs ham 13 lbs pork roll

106 lbs beef 31 lbs sauerkraut

77 lbs chicken

16 lbs corned beef

37 lbs kidney

70 tins meat (487 lbs)

Fish

34 lbs coley

28 lbs rock salmon

70 lbs plaice

Groceries, fruit, etc.

252 lbs vegetables 149 melons (298 lbs) 110 lbs grapes 924 lbs cabbage 1324 lbs carrots 262 lbs potatoes 4 lbs cheese

Canned goods

2034 tins miscellaneous foodstuffs (4015 lbs)

Frozen Foods

3054 pkts Frozen foodstuffs

Confectionery

1774 pkts sweets (341 lbs)

THE WEIGHT OF OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED AMOUNTED TO: 4 tons 16 cwts. 2 qtrs. 2 lbs.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL FOOD, INCLUDING DISEASED MEAT, ETC., CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR:

11 tons 12 cwts. 0 qtrs. 25 lbs.

POULTRY INSPECTION

The size of the Poultry industry and the important part it plays in meeting public needs is indicated by the fact that in this district alone we have a poultry processing establishment with an annual throughput of over 7 million birds. The company has complete control over breeding stock, hatcheries, broiler houses and feeding stock.

It maintains its own spotter system operated by its own staff for the grading and rejection of birds. Your Inspectors have increased their supervision and when 'hens' are being killed, usually during the evening, they carry out a full examination.

Realizing the importance of this branch of work, a series of sampling of spin chiller water and birds was implemented which resulted in some new innovations with full co-operation of the management.

During the frequent visits to this establishment careful watch is taken to ensure that the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 are observed.

There is a daily removal of feathers and inedible offal which presents no problems.

Total number of birds processed during the year:

7,659,683

Total number of birds rejected as unfit:

28,917 including D.O.A.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOOD

A Condemnation Certificate is issued for all meat and other foods found to be unfit for human consumption. These are destroyed or used for non-edible purposes.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Public Health Inspectors are not only responsible for meat inspection in slaughter houses, but also ensure that proper standards of hygiene are maintained and that animals are handled humanly. 2 slaughtermen were licenced by the Corporation during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are six small bakeries, none of modern construction in the Borough.

A large quantity of Bread and Confectionery retailed locally is manufactured at large firms some thirty miles distance.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no premises in the Borough coming within the provisions of these Regulations.

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES AND SUBSTANCE IN FOOD

In all complaints of a foreign body in food a thorough investigation is carried out which ranges from the housewifes' larder, the retailers' premises, to the manufacturer, and sometimes to the place where the raw materials come from. Once the foreign object has been identified with the help of our Public Analyst, every effort is make to trace how it got into the food and to prevent its recurrence in the future. These investigations can be time consuming, and consideration of all the facts presented will decide whether legal proceedings or issue of warning letter is necessary against the firm involved.

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ICE CREAM

14 samples were taken, all proved bacteriologically satisfactory.
124 premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream within the Borough.

MILK SUPPLY

The retail trade in this Borough is mainly concentrated in the hands of three firms. One has an H.T.S.T. plant in the Borough, the other two having local cold store depots, the milk being received daily from outside processing plants.

Small quantities of Sterilised milk are sold locally, and although Ultra Heat Treated milk has not been generally accepted I can foresee a good market for this commodity in the future.

Two Dealers (Pre-packed Milk) Licences and one Dealers (Pasteurisers) Licence have been issued during the year. All milk including that delivered to schools is regularly sampled, and I am pleased to report that once again 99 samples taken during the year were satisfactory.

The misuse of bottles by the Public still persists so the dairy industry should look more closely into the question of using non-returnable containers, which is the only way to overcome the problem of dirty milk bottles.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT AND ORDERS

These have now been repealed by The Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

FOOD HYGIENE

The maintenance of satisfactory standards of care and cleanliness in the manufacture, preparation and distribution of Food requires constant vigilance. Public Health Inspectors' use their powers of persuasion to promote food hygiene and constantly explain to managements and makers what is necessary to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the products they handle. Our aim is to secure willing co-operation of all those concerned in the food trade. Traders usually show good response to requests made to them, and legal proceedings are only necessary when persuasion fails.

The use of Cryovac (plastic wrapping) in the meat trade has greatly improved presentation to the customer.

The shopkeeper is continuously being warned of the importance of strict stock rotation and of instituting his own method of coding.

A number of shops have been taken over by various nationalities, which has resulted in a greater variety of unusual items of food now being stocked.

The following table classifies food premises subject to Food Hygiene Regulations 1960.

Type of Premises	Number	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (W.H. basin and H and C).	No. to which Regulation 19 applies (sinks)	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Butchers Bakehouses Bakers confectioners Food Markets Confectioners Cafes & Restaurants Grocers	19	19	19	19
	6	6	6	6
	10	10	10	10
	5	5	5	5
	34	34	34	34
	32	32	32	32
	68	68	68	68
Greengrocers and Fruiterers Fishmongers Fish Fryers Public Houses, Hotels and other licensed premises	18 4 8	18 4 8	18 4 8	18 4 8
Factory and school Canteens Milk Pasteurising Ice Cream Manufacturers	17	17	17	17
	1	1	1	1
	6	6	6	6

The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations have been enforced throughout the year.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

110 samples were obtained under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 for the year ended 31st March 1970 and examined by our Public Analyst. These are as follows:-

Drugs	29
Milk	4
Sausages (Beef & Pork)	10
Meat Products	9
Ice Cream	1
Miscellaneous Foods	57

The Public Analyst commented on the following samples:

- 1. Meringue Nests.
- 2. Vegetable Soup.
- 3. Noodles in Consomme.
- 4. Gunga Peas.
- 5. Ground hot peppers in Brine.
- 6. Egg Pasta.
- 7. Asprin.
- 8. Rice.
- 9. Crystallised Ginger.

No legal action was necessary though informal action was taken to deal with minor contraventions by these products.

l formal sample was taken with a view to recommending legal action but this was found not to be necessary.

INSPECTION OF THE AREA

(A) NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS

Houses inspected under the Public Health Acts and Housing Acts	806
Drainage and Drain testing	243
Water supply and sampling	13
Infectious diseases	75
Vacant lands and dumps	72
Watercourses and ditches	67
Shops inspected under Act, 1950.	17
Pet shops	21
Council houses prior to vacation and prospective tenants for	
Council houses	560
Houses in multiple occupation	6
Chicken factory	155
Schools	-
Theatres and Cinemas	7
Smoke nuisance	9
Noise abatement	32
Mortgage investigations (overcrowding)	52
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises, Act 1963.	68
Slaughterhouse	140
Butchers	64
Fishmongers and poulterers	32
Greengrocers and fruiter	57
Grocers	98
Fried fish shops	11
Dairies	nil
Ice cream premises	18
Restaurants	120
Food stalls	46
Bakehouses	11
	24
Other food premises	21
Vehicles and stalls	102
Food and drugs sampling	84
Milk sampling	

343 complaints were received and investigated during the year.

(B) NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED

202

HOUSES IMPROVED

Roofs repaired
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed
Wall and Ceiling plaster repaired or renewed
Floors repaired or renewed
Windows repaired and made to open
Doors repaired or renewed
Stairs repaired .
Damp walls remedied
Brickwork and rendering repaired or renewed
W.C.'s repaired or renewed
Water heaters provided or repaired
Chimneys repaired .
Accumulations of rubbish removed
Airbricks repaired or renewed
Ventilation provided
Sinks renewed
Providing suitable cooking facilities .



