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BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT



Annual Report

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971



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COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH THE WORK OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1971

HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Worshipful the Mayor (Clr. E. J. Hicks)
(ex officio Member of the Committee)

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Councillor Mrs. V. L. Nevett

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THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF ALDERSHOT

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1971 compiled as directed by the Minister of Health and Social Security.

The health of the Borough in general has been good. Minor outbreaks of some dysentery and food poisoning - unconnected with each other - remind us that in these matters the price of health is eternal cleanliness. The numbers of infant deaths and still births are very low - well below the national average. Lung cancer has not repeated last year's low figure but there does seem to be a slackening in the rate of increase. Coronary disease is the lowest for several years but one cannot unfortunately say that the upward trend is lessening.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population at mid-year was 33,900. This, of course, is derived from the figure produced by the Census taken in April, which was 33,311, and is not comparable with the 1970 estimate of 39,500 which was the result of successive estimates since the previous Census in 1961. The same thing has happened before as the following figures will illustrate:-

Estimated population in 1960 - 38,180	Census 1961 - 32,501
Estimated population in 1950 - 41,850	Census 1951 - 36,184

The picture is complicated by Service Personnel being included, as their numbers can change rapidly for Service reasons.

Legislation during the year included the Order activating Section 45 of the Health Service and Public Health Act 1968, which gives County Councils extensive powers in the field of Old Peoples Welfare.

Vaccination against Smallpox has been omitted from the routine immunisation of infants. The eradication activities of the World Health Organisation have achieved a vast diminution in the occurrence of this disease; and the precautions against its accidental importation into this country have produced the situation in which the chance of illness from a severe vaccination reaction in an infant is greater than the chance of catching smallpox. Vaccination, of course, remains essential for travel abroad.

Re-organisation, both of Local Government and of the National Health Service, has produced special problems. The original proposal to put a large part of North East Hampshire into Surrey would have meant that all the territory served by the new Frimley Hospital, except for a small piece in Berkshire, would have been in one Health Area and administration and co-ordination would have been greatly simplified. The reversal of this proposal means that an administrative barrier will be placed between the hospital and part of the population. It will make difficulties for those who are trying to run a smooth and efficient service and so may well result in disadvantage to the patient. The local medical profession

is pressing the Department of Health to modify the usual Health Service organisation to meet this difficulty.

The New Hospital is now expected to open in Spring 1973. The new Health Centre in Aldershot is well advanced and should be open in late 1972.

In conclusion, I must thank the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Nevett, and Members of the Health and Housing Committee for their interest and help in my work; Mr. Roberts, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and my staff of the Health Department for their unfailing loyalty and support.

I am,

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

A N N U A L R E P O R T
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1971
V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Estimated population for mid-year 1971 (including non-civilian) 33,900

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Aldershot</u>	<u>Rate for England & Wales</u>
Total (44 illegitimate)	761	
Rate per 1,000 population	22.4	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (0.92).....	20.6	16.0
Illegitimate births as a percentage of total	6	8

STILL BIRTHS

Total (one illegitimate)	5	
Rate per 1,000 all births	7	12

TOTAL ALL BIRTHS 766

DEATHS - all ages

Total	298	
Rate per 1,000 population	8.8	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.37).....	12.1	11.6

INFANT DEATHS AND MORTALITY RATES

Total under 1 year (1 illegitimate)	8	
Rate per 1,000 live births	11	18
Total under four weeks (neonatal) (1 illegitimate)	6	
Rate per 1,000 live births	8	12
Total under one week (early neonatal) (1 illegitimate).	5	
Rate per 1,000 live births	7	10
Perinatal (still births plus early neonatal)	10	
Rate per 1,000 all births	13	22

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) Nil

Number of domestic houses and flats at 31.3.71.	8,529
Number of Commercial Premises	1,189
Number of Licensed Premises (excluding Off Licences)	44
Other Premises	207
Total Rateable Value (31st March 1972)	£1,802,200
Acreage: Civil - 1,431 S.Camp - 2,745 Total - 4,176	

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH ACCORDING TO DISEASE

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
B. 4. Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	1	-	1
19. Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	-	2	2
19. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	4
19. Malignant neoplasm, intestine	6	5	11
19. Malignant neoplasm, larynx	3	-	3
19. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	17	1	18
19. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5	5
19. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	4	4
19. Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	-	3
19. Leukaemia	1	5	6
19. Other malignant neoplasms	9	8	17
21. Diabetes mellitus	1	-	1
26. Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	4	5
27. Hypertensive disease	1	6	7
28. Ischaemic heart disease	40	23	63
29. Other forms of heart disease	12	8	20
30. Cerebrovascular disease	20	17	37
32. Pneumonia	9	8	17
33. Bronchitis and emphysema	11	1	12
33. Asthma.....	-	1	1
34. Peptic ulcer	1	1	2
35. Appendicitis	1	-	1
36. Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1	1
37. Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1
38. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
42. Congenital anomalies	3	5	8
43. Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	2	-	2
44. Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1	1
45. Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	-	1
46. Mental disorders	1	-	1
46. Other diseases of nervous system	4	2	6
46. Other diseases of circulatory system	4	10	14
46. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
46. Other diseases of digestive system	-	1	1
46. Other diseases, genito-urinary system	2	-	2
47. Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	5
48. All other accidents	3	6	9
49. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1
50. All other external causes	-	2	2
TOTALS	166	132	298

Deaths from Lung Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
1968	18	3	21
1969	18	5	23
1970	6	2	8
1971	17	1	18

Unfortunately the improvement in deaths from lung cancer seen last year has not been sustained. Seventeen males and one female died, one under the age of 55 years.

Coronary heart disease shows a decrease, forty males and twenty-three females - eleven of these being under 55 years of age. Cerebrovascular disease shows a slight decrease, twenty males and seventeen females - one under 44 years of age. The Survey carried out by St. Thomas's Hospital Social Medicine and Health Services Research Unit of cerebrovascular disease in this area still continues, eighty-seven patients had been analysed after three months showing that sixty-seven were admitted to hospital, the rest looked after at home and twenty-nine of the eighty-seven had died.

INCIDENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulation 1968, the infectious diseases notified during 1971 are shown compared with the three previous years.

	1968	1969	1970	1971	
Measles	81	63	118	7	
Whooping Cough	11	-	6	1	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	2	
Malaria	-	-	-	5	
Dysentery	21	5	-	11	(28)
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	
Food Poisoning	-	-	2	4	(14)
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	8	12	9	12	
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	1	-	-	2	
Infective Jaundice	-	37	9	13	

The numbers in brackets are the numbers which came to our notice from all sources, i.e. notifications from general practitioners and results from pathological laboratories.

The effectiveness of the measles vaccination campaign is shown by the almost total absence of measles notifications this year. Whooping Cough is also almost non-existent in the area, scarlet fever likewise. There was, however, an epidemic of dysentery during the summer, fifteen families involving twenty-eight people had some dysentery, these were all independent outbreaks however which occurred during the summer months. There was also persistent diarrhoea amongst school children until the schools closed for the summer holidays. This was probably of viral origin.

There were sporadic cases of food poisoning, fourteen cases came to our notice including one general outbreak involving five people who had eaten frozen chicken and fried rice at a Chinese restaurant. Five cases of malaria were notified by the Army in troops returning from abroad. Sporadic cases of infective hepatitis occurred, sometimes affecting more than one member of the family. Ten people were kept under surveillance for five days on returning to this country from cholera infected areas, there were no cases of cholera here.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Two cases of syphilis were recorded. There were seventeen cases of gonorrhoea - two of them girls under 18 years of age - and seventy-six of other diseases - three boys and one girl under 18 years of age.

These figures do not mean a sudden increase in cases, but only that more information has been available. The numbers, however, are high enough to be disturbing, particularly the fact that six of them are under 18 years of age.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Posters on smoking and venereal diseases were displayed on large notice boards in the Town and Town Hall and were distributed to various stores, factories, general practitioners and the Army Authorities.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

CIVIL

Aldershot General Hospital

General	34 beds
Maternity	24 beds
Children	6 beds

Casualty Department closed 1.2.72.

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

Hospital Services - continued

Northfield Hospital (admits military personnel)

Acute Medical Ward 14 beds (6 male, 8 female)
Infectious Diseases 12 beds
Geriatric Ward 28 beds

Chest Clinic - covering adjoining areas of Hampshire and Surrey.

MILITARY (admits civilian personnel)

Cambridge Military Hospital 350 beds (crisis expansion
450)
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.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1967	3	4	1	-
1968	7	1	-	1
1969	7	5	-	-
1970	4	5	-	-
1971	11	1	1	1

There were eleven new male cases and one female case of pulmonary tuberculosis, and one male and one female non-pulmonary tuberculosis, of which eight cases were Army personnel. There were thus seventy-seven cases of tuberculosis in the area at 31st December 1971.

The Mobile Mass Radiography Unit of the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board continues to make weekly visits to the Town on Monday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. It is located in the Station Approach 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	Significant Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Primary Lung Cancer	
		Males	Females	Males	Females
Referred by General Practitioner	1,088	2	-	6	1
General Public (includes arrangements made for personnel to visit from factories etc.)	1,206	1	-	2	-

B.C.G.

Consents Received 93.49%
No. of Positives 19

No. Heaf Tested 254
No. given B.C.G. 215

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION PROCEDURES
DURING THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER 1971

The following tables give details of the numbers immunised and vaccinated during the year 1971.

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

Completed Primary Courses

TYPE OF VACCINE	YEAR OF BIRTH						TOTAL
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967/64	Under 16	
Triple Antigen	22	444	132	11	7	1	617
Diph/Tetanus	-	10	1	1	2	3	17
Diphtheria alone	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Polio. (oral)	20	448	133	9	23	4	637
Measles	1	253	206	91	91	-	642
German Measles	-	-	-	-	-	267	267

Reinforcing Doses

TYPE OF VACCINE	YEAR OF BIRTH						TOTAL
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967/64	Under 16	
Triple Antigen	-	20	49	30	176	118	393
Diph/Tetanus	-	6	9	2	264	39	320
Diphtheria alone	-	-	-	-	5	2	7
Polio. (oral)	-	20	36	59	385	150	650

Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis vaccine given at immunisation sessions in primary schools have helped to maintain the high level of booster doses given in the area. Rubella vaccine is given to all girls in secondary schools between 11 and 14 years of age.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

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

	M O N T H S				Y E A R S			TOTAL
	0-2	3-6	6-9	9-12	1 year	2-4	5-15	
Primary Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	161	283	15	459
Re-Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	25	152	177

Smallpox vaccination has now been discontinued as a routine immunisation of infants on advice from the Department of Health and Social Security, as the number of cases occurring over the last decade in the United Kingdom does not warrant the continued use of smallpox vaccination, unless travelling abroad.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Two cases required action by this Department under the National Assistance Act 1948.

MORTUARY

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

Total number of subjects admitted to the Mortuary	199
Cases admitted from the Borough of Aldershot.....	56
Cases admitted from outside the Borough	143
Number of Post Mortems held	198
Cases admitted no Post Mortems held	1

SOCIAL SERVICES

Home Help Service

Cases on Register as at 1.1.1971.	Mat.	Emer Sick	Post Hosp	Child Care	M.D.	T.B.	Chronic	ASI
127	-	-	3	1	-	-	11	112
New Cases assisted during 1971.	5	3	17	2	1	-	23	162

A total of 213 cases were assisted and 31 Home Helps were employed.

COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE

Three meetings of the Committee were held.

A member attended the Conference of Drug Liaison Committee organised by King Edwards Hospital Fund in September. He reported that the Conference was very interesting but produced no clear-cut conclusions, except that education on drugs should definitely start at school, supported by literature supplied by Health Departments.

A circular was sent to all schools reminding them of drugs as a subject for Parents Association meetings.

At the same time it was learnt that one of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service speakers, specially trained to speak to parents of young children, lived locally and the County Health Education section was put in touch with her.

Two letters were sent to the local Press at a time when drugs were in the news.

The pamphlet "Drugs and Your Children", prepared by the Society of Medical Officers of Health, was shown and supplies distributed to two schools.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS
(overleaf)

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

Description	Purpose	Where Held	Times	By Whom Held
Child Health Clinics	Child Welfare	Manor Park House Middle Hill Wesley Hall, Queens Road.	Every Wednesday afternoon Mondays 2 p.m. Fridays - all day	Hampshire County Council Hampshire County Council Hampshire County Council
Ante-Natal	Examination and Supervision of expectant mothers.	Manor Park House	Thursdays 2 p.m.	Hampshire County Council
Immunisation Clinic	Protection of children against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, measles and poliomyelitis.	School Clinic	1st Wednesday in month 2 - 3.30 p.m.	Hampshire County Council (Aldershot Borough Council acting as agent)
School Health Clinic	Treatment of minor ailments and medical inspections.	School Clinic	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays Normally by appointment	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Dental Clinic	Dental treatment of children	School Clinic	Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	Hampshire County Council
Ophthalmic Clinic	Examinations of ophthalmic cases and prescription of spectacles.	Aldershot Hospital	All day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. By appointment only.	Regional Hospital Board
Audiology Clinic	Investigation of hearing defects.	School Clinic	By appointment only. 2nd and 4th Friday in month.	Part Hampshire County Council and part South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.
Audiometric Clinic	Hearing testing of school children.	School Clinic	By appointment only	Hampshire County Council (Local Education Authority)
Hearing Test	Diagnosis of defective hearing in infants.	Manor Park House	Mondays By appointment only	Hampshire County Council
Eye Clinic	Eye testing of school children	Manor Park House	Tuesdays By appointment only	Hampshire County Council

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS - continued

Description	Purpose	Where Held	Times	By Whom Held
Child Guidance Clinic	Child Guidance	Manor Park House	By appointment only	Hampshire County Council
Speech Therapy Clinic	Correction of speech defects.	School Clinic	Mondays and Tuesdays. By appointment only	Hampshire County Council
Chest Clinic	Examination of suspected cases of tuberculosis.	Northfield Hospital	Clinic: Mondays 9.15 a.m. Tuesdays 9.15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursdays 9.15 a.m. New Patients: Mondays 11 a.m. Emergencies: Thursdays 11.30 a.m.	Regional Hospital Board
Chest Clinic	B.C.G.	Northfield Hospital	By appointment only	Regional Hospital Board
Bronchitic Clinic	Treatment of cases of bronchitis.	Northfield Hospital	2nd Monday in month at 2.30 p.m.	Regional Hospital Board
Special Clinic	Treatment of venereal diseases.	Aldershot Hospital	Males:- Mondays 12 - 1 p.m. Wednesdays 4 - 6 p.m. Females:- Mondays 11 - 12 noon Wednesdays 2 - 4 p.m.	Regional Hospital Board
Family Planning Clinic	Birth control, subfertility and marital difficulties.	Manor Park House	All day Friday. By appointment only.	Women's Voluntary Organisation
Cervical Cytology Clinic	Early detection of cancer of the neck of the womb.	Manor Park House	Thursday mornings By appointment only	Hampshire County Council
Chiropody Service	Care of the feet for the elderly.	British Red Cross Offices, High Street	By appointment only A small charge is made.	British Red Cross Society

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 1/72.

(a) (i) 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.

(ii) There have been no restrictions regarding quantity.

(b) Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled prior to use for supply purposes.

(c) (i) The number of supplies at 31.12.71. was 9,057.

(ii) The figure for standpipes would be nil.

(d) The fluoride content is low, the range being 0.1 - 0.2 ppm.

(e) The waters are not liable to have plumbo solvent action. It is understood that the then Mid Southern Utility Company discouraged the use of lead plumbing from about 1912, and analyses for lead are carried out at infrequent intervals only.

No analyses for lead in water within the Borough were carried out in 1971.

(2) Swimming Baths and Pools

Weekly samples are taken from the Indoor Pool throughout the year and from the Outdoor Pool during the summer. The chlorination and filtration plants are working satisfactorily.

(3) Hardness of Water

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

	<u>Parts per million</u>	
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
January	216	-
February	-	-
March	176	252
April	172	92
May	-	254
June	218	-
July	226	162
August	232	-
September	234	bottle broke
October	184	160
November	194	270
December	178	290

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

Sewage Disposal Works

Reconstruction Scheme - Phases III and IV (part)

Contract work on the above scheme was commenced in September 1971 and is planned to be completed by the late Spring 1973. Good progress has been maintained on the construction of four 90 ft.dia. and six 110 ft.dia. Biological Filters, the Sludge Collecting Tanks, Office, Laboratory and Messroom Accommodation, the Automation Proposals and other ancillary works.

Sewerage

Work on the Cranmore Lane Relief Soil Sewer was completed in August 1971.

Housing (all types) completed during 1971

	Council		Private Enterprise	
	Houses	Flats	Houses	Flats
January	5	-	3	-
February	-	-	-	-
March	14	-	10	-
April	33	-	2	-
May	18	-	-	-
June	22	-	6	-
July	35	-	8	1
August	13	-	-	-
September	34	-	6	-
October	20	-	4	-
November	39	-	2	-
December	51	-	1	-
TOTALS	284	-	42	1

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Analysis and Summary of Housing Applications
(overleaf)

ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

CIVILIAN CASES	Single	Engaged Couples	Childless Couples	C H I L D R E N										Aged Couples	Widows	TOTAL	
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
				In Rooms in Borough	41	8	68	67	28	9	2	-	1				-
Working in Borough	7	5	49	36	7	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	108
In Rooms outside Borough	6	1	15	18	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Working outside Borough	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Tenant in Borough	7	-	25	8	9	6	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	23	93
Working in Borough	1	-	9	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	17
Tenant outside Borough	1	-	4	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
Working outside Borough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Living in Military Quarters	-	-	10	4	5	4	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	27
Husband and wife living apart due to housing position	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Royal Navy	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Caravans	-	-	6	10	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Driving Instructors	-	-	7	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Police	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	63	15	195	151	71	29	11	2	2	3	3	18	10	-	18	83	643
SERVICE CASES	-	-	18	66	113	78	36	18	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	339

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 pleasure in submitting my Annual Report, the twenty-sixth since my appointment, in connection with the duties performed by your Inspectors.

Housing has again played a major part in the Department's activities and a considerable volume of work in connection with Improvement Grants and the issue of Qualification Certificates has gone on apace. Slum Clearance proceeded and four areas were submitted during this year. A marked improvement in the rate of progress in re-housing the occupants has been noted due to the availability of units of accommodation at the Sandy Hill Estate.

Plans for the Alexandra General Improvement Area are well under way following a very successful Public meeting with residents of the Area. It is hoped that the contribution made by the Liaison Committee, a direct outcome of this meeting, will enable work to proceed with all speed to bring about the successful environmental improvement of the Area, along the lines envisaged and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

100% meat inspection was maintained at the Military Abattoir and frequent visits made to the Poultry Packing Factory. It seems likely with the advent of Britain joining the Common Market that changes in the procedure governing meat inspection will come about, in order to comply with the provisions of the regulations laid down by the European Committee.

Local Government re-organisation looms large and the "wind of change" blows hard. Plans for future environmental health needs are unfortunately held up pending details of boundaries, amalgamation etc. and far reaching changes are likely for all.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committee for their support, the Medical Officer of Health, my Inspectors and members of the Staff of the Health Department who have willingly given their assistance throughout the year.

W. E. ROBERTS
Chief Public Health Inspector

H O U S I N G

GENERAL

The Housing Acts and the Public Health Acts empower Local Authorities to secure the carrying out of repairs necessary to bring unfit houses up to the required standard of fitness for healthy habitation. Informal action was usually sufficient to get the required work carried out and only in the minimal of cases has it been necessary to resort to formal action. Owners and Agents find some difficulty in obtaining labour to carry out repair work.

HOUSING ACT 1969

(1) IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES

National policy is now to provide for the improvement of houses which, although built many years ago, are structurally sound but lack the amenities now considered essential for healthy living. It is desirable that the standard of fitness should attain that of the recognised 12 point standard :-

- (1) In good repair and free from damp; and have
- (2) each room properly lighted and ventilated;
- (3) an adequate water supply;
- (4) an adequate hot water supply;
- (5) a W.C. inside or readily accessible;
- (6) a fixed bath in a bathroom;
- (7) a sink and waste;
- (8) proper drainage;
- (9) each room with either gas or electric points;
- (10) adequate heating;
- (11) satisfactory facilities to store, prepare and cook food;
- (12) a proper fuel store if required.

(2) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discussion with owners, prospective purchasers, builders and architects regarding the possibility of their obtaining grants for the improvement of properties has been very time consuming and every effort is made to encourage them to make full use of the Improvement Grant Scheme. Every house with its own bathroom, domestic hot water supply and inside toilet should be the minimum ultimate aim and to this end publicity material in the form of

handouts, prepared by the Department of the Environment and the Central Office of Information, have been used extensively.

Of the numerous inspections carried out during 1971, a total of 161 owners signified their firm intention of availing themselves of some form of grant to improve their properties. Work with regard to 55 properties were completed with the aid of grants during the year.

(3) QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

The Act encourages Landlords to effect improvements and repairs to older houses and if by so doing a dwelling is improved to reach the new standard (or if it already complies) the tenancy can be changed from a controlled to a regulated one. To achieve the required standard the dwelling must satisfy all of the following qualifying conditions :-

- (a) It must have all the standard amenities for the exclusive use of its occupants.
- (b) It must be in good repair, having regard to its age, character and locality. (This does not take into account internal decorative repairs).
- (c) It must be fit for human habitation.

The issue of a Qualification Certificate certifies that a dwelling satisfies these conditions.

During the year 98 applications for Qualification Certificates were received. 17 full certificates and 69 provisional certificates were issued; 9 were refused. There are still 89 applications in hand under consideration, or awaiting completion of necessary work.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA

The Council declared its first General Improvement Area during the year and is to be known as the Alexandra General Improvement Area. The intention is to improve the Area and extend its life by spending a considerable amount of money on bringing the houses up-to-date and on improving their surroundings, in fact, to make the area a more pleasant one in which to live.

A public meeting was held on the 10th November, 1971, to outline the proposals to the residents of the Area, and from this a Liaison Committee was formed to co-ordinate ideas and suggestions put forward for the future improvement of the Area. Monthly meetings are arranged and it is hoped to have firm plans for the Area to enable work to commence during the year 1972.

It is proposed to spend £24,000 on environmental improvement phased over the next three years, i.e. 1972 - £6,000, 1973 - £10,000, 1974 - £8,000.

If the Area is seen to be improved, owners will have sufficient incentive to improve individual houses to a satisfactory standard.

The general improvement of whole areas involves every department of the Local Authority and calls for team work approach since it is essential to channel all necessary skills, i.e. legal, administrative and technical to bring about the successful conclusion to this important project.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Rate of progress in this field is governed by the availability of suitable properties for the re-housing of the occupants.

Four Areas viz. Windmill Road, Stone Street, Grosvenor Road and Western Road were submitted as Clearance Areas and to date all, except 15/21 Western Road, have been confirmed by the Minister.

It is thought that while so many unfit houses exist the minimum fitness standard should remain close to that laid down in the 1957 Housing Act. A higher fitness standard, however, more in keeping with present day healthy living, should be the aim and to achieve this the twelve point standard should be applied.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Houses "occupied by persons who do not form a single household" vary considerably, and there have been no problems in this field during the year.

Provision in the Housing Acts allow for grants to owners of the larger and older type houses giving them financial assistance towards the proper conversion into flats with all the necessary amenities.

A "one direction" indication on the local search has been made when a house considered suitable and likely to be used for this type of occupation changes hands. An undertaking from intending purchaser is requested thus assuring it will not be let in multiple occupation.

REFLECTIONS ON HOUSING

With the amalgamation of the Local Authorities fast approaching this seems an appropriate time to take a quick look back at the housing scene in Aldershot.

In 1954 the Government first gave the go-ahead to re-commence clearing unfit houses. Prior to this, the urgency of maintaining housing accommodation had prohibited demolition of houses, other than those literally dangerous or falling down. I still have vivid memories of overcrowding and hardships prevailing in the post war years.

I believe that Aldershot can be proud of its record of clearance of unfit houses and the rehousing of families into decent accommodation as the following figures show :

Number of Clearance Areas declared	31 containing 281 houses
Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders	24 containing 273 houses
Number of Clearance Orders	7 containing 48 houses
Number of individual unfit houses demolished	139
Number of Closing Orders made	47
Number of Closing Orders lifted because houses (or parts) have been made fit	4
TOTAL of houses condemned	511

There are still, at the time of writing, 1186 families awaiting rehousing, and because the majority of really unsatisfactory houses have been demolished the emphasis has changed to trying to improve the existing stock. There are, of course, still a few houses left which cannot be satisfactorily improved because of bad arrangement but on the whole most of the houses are now worth at least a standard grant (i.e. they have a life of 15 years) and many are being fully improved with a prospective life of 30 years.

Although we can never be even moderately satisfied whilst we have children being brought up in houses with no bathrooms or any constant hot water supply and with external lavatories, nevertheless I believe that on the whole and considering the rather poor base-line from which Aldershot started, the Town can be proud of its housing record since the war.

Let us hope the good work will be carried on by the new Authority.

LOCAL LAND CHARGES, ETC.

Requests for official search of the Land Charges Register in respect of 876 properties were received and the necessary information supplied. This figure showed an increase of 39 requests over those of the previous year.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - CLEAN AIR ACT 1968

Domestic smoke with its high tar content, is a particularly unpleasant form of air pollution especially during the winter months when atmospheric conditions tend to keep it at ground level. There have been no complaints due to this form of pollution during the year.

Three complaints were received regarding nuisance caused by garden bonfires.

NOISE NUISANCE

Aircraft Noise continues as a problem, especially at night. It is emphasised that every endeavour should be made by Local Authorities affected to encourage the re-routing of Aircraft leaving Airports, along "flight paths" not directly above densely populated areas. For example there are today over 200,000 jet movements (i.e. landings and take offs) from London Airport alone.

DRAINAGE

Prior to the commencement of demolition of unfit houses and other properties in development areas arrangements are put in hand for all drainage systems to be properly sealed off from the Public Sewer.

There have been 325 notified complaints investigated with regard to the tracing and freeing of obstructed drains and in many cases a considerable amount of work has been involved. The number of visits, concerned with drainage systems where works are in progress, numbered 56.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1964 and 1970

There are no premises within the Borough Licensed under this Act.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1965

No premises within the Borough are Licensed under this Act.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

There are three premises within the Borough Licensed under the Act, the owners dealing mainly in the sale of small pet animals, cage birds, fish and tortoises.

Inspections of these premises were made at infrequent intervals to ensure that they were maintained in a satisfactory condition and that suitable consideration was given to animals, birds, etc., whilst in the traders care.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

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

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960, SECTION 3

One Licence, where all the facilities are available, was granted to station a caravan on a site attached to an Engineering Firm. Caravans and temporary sites occupied in connection with pleasure fairs and circuses visiting the Borough are subjected to inspection upon occasion. There are no permanent Caravan Sites situated within the Borough.

COMMON LODGING HOUSE

There is no Common Lodging House situated in the Borough.

RODENT AND PEST CONTROL

One Rodent Operator is employed by the Council and he continues to deal with all complaints promptly and efficiently.

Detailed regular inspection and treatment is given to all premises where rats and mice are likely to become established and breed, with special emphasis on the Council Tip, Sewage Works, building sites, etc.

A free service is provided in respect of private dwellings and business premises are charged on actual cost.

Test baiting of sewers as required by the Ministry was maintained. Continued use of poison packed in polythene bags as a precaution against spoilage by damp and to prevent mould growth, thereby prolonging the effective action of the bait, was carried out.

Warfarin still proved to be effective in control and there were no signs of any "Warfarin Resistant" rats in the Area. The effective control of the incidence of mice was achieved by the use of Alpha Chlorolose.

Wasps proved particularly troublesome during the month of July, August and September and 230 visits were made in connection with the destruction of this pest.

Visits in connection with Insect Pest Control, an essential Public Health Service, have been made for the treatment and clearance of infestations of flies, fleas, bugs and cockroaches.

The pigeon population never seems to diminish and the affection shown by the General Public towards the birds contributes in no small way to their preservation. Occasional trapping is the most effective method of reducing numbers and this is carried out when circumstances permit with humane traps specially constructed in the Department.

The North Hants Pest Control Committee is comprised of representatives drawn from eight Local Authorities in North East Hampshire, from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and from the Aldershot Military District. The Chairman of the Health Committee and the Chief Public Health Inspector represent the Council on this Committee. The Committee meet three times annually in different districts and valuable information is provided for Inspectors and elected Representatives to use, if necessary, in their constituent Authorities.

The British Museum and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food provide a free identification service of the various insects submitted, enabling necessary advice to be given to house-holders, traders, etc., on the specimens presented.

The work carried out and the materials used are summarised below :-

Number of properties inspected	2119
Number of properties found to be infested	296
Number of dwelling houses treated	239
Number of business and agriculture premises treated	57
Total number of visits, inspections, prebaiting and baiting	2881

TOTAL QUANTITY OF POISONS USED DURING 1971

56lbs. Warfarin 5.
15lbs. Cymag.

TOTAL QUANTITY OF MATERIALS USED DURING 1971

1½ cwts. Pinhead Oatmeal	8 x 7 lbs. Dieldrin D500 1% Dust
1½ cwts. Cut Wheat	1 doz. 6 oz. Aerosols Dethlac
1 cwt. Whole Groats	1 Carton (20 tubes) Rentokil Ant Killer
5 galls. Raw Linseed Oil	2 x 4 galls. Zaldecide
28 lbs. Sunflower Seed	1 doz. Zal Fly Killer
300 Polythene Bags size 16" x 12"	1 gall. Centrex hand cleaner
2,000 Polythene Bags size 8" x 6"	30 lbs. Castor Sugar
1½ cwts. Gammexane Powder C.100	12 lbs. Lard
2 lbs. Alpha Chloralose	19 lbs. Plain Flour
2 doz. Insecticide Fumer	40 lbs. Bread (Stale)

DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES

Disinfestation is carried out in all cases where an infestation of vermin is reported. Prospective Council tenants' furniture and effects are inspected prior to their taking up residence and where treatment is indicated it is carried out forthwith.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 50

Where any person dies or is found dead in the District (other than in Hospital) without any relatives or financial means and where no funeral arrangements can be made by any other person, the Local Authority is responsible for the disposal of the body.

SHOPS ACT 1950

Four exemption orders are in force allowing traders to open six days a week. It has been necessary to warn Shopkeepers on the subject of certain aspects of Sunday trading and the drawing up of new legislation is considered long overdue, for the Law as it stands, is no longer in accord with the tenor of the times.

SHOPS (EARLY CLOSING DAY) ACT 1965

The majority of Shop Assistants now enjoy a five day week and this has had the effect of staggering hours worked. Most large concerns have in consequence had to depart from the traditional Wednesday half day and in order to meet their staffing needs have had to allot half days off spread throughout the working week.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The provisions of the Act protect the Office and Shop worker and all owners are required to register details of their Business, Office, Staff, etc. Constant vigilance on the part of your Inspectors' is necessary to ensure that this part of the Act is complied with and that every assistance is given with a view to satisfactory co-operation with owners and occupiers, where new development and alterations to existing premises are to be carried out. Recommendations to the Planning Department are made in appropriate cases.

Contraventions of the Act occasionally occur and it is noticeable that employees are reluctant to complain to the Local Authority in such cases. Complaints, when notified have been speedily remedied and it has not been necessary to initiate legal proceedings during the year.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

CLASS OF PREMISES	NO OF PREMISES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR	NO OF REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR	NO OF REGISTERED PREMISES RECEIVING A GENERAL INSPECTION DURING THE YEAR
OFFICES.	9	93	31
RETAIL SHOPS.	6	251	59
WHOLESALE SHOPS AND WAREHOUSES.	1	23	5
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. CANTEENS.	1	23	6
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS.	-	3	-
TOTALS	17	393	101

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT = 467

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

SECTION	NUMBER OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND	
4	Cleanliness	3
7	Ventilation	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	1
	Other Matters	1
	TOTAL	6

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

CLASS OF WORKPLACE	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
Offices	1661
Retail Shops	1979
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	868
Catering establishments open to the public. Canteens.	180
Fuel storage depots	13
TOTAL	4701
TOTAL MALES	2077
TOTAL FEMALES	2624

ACCIDENTS

Of the 9 reported accidents investigated none were fatal neither did they involve Statutory Action.

Reported accidents are usually due to personal carelessness and many could be avoided by reasonable care, adequate training and supervision by Management. The stimulation in the employee of an attitude of accident awareness by virtue of instruction and propoganda, regularly repeated, would serve to bring about a reduction in casualties.

Your Health Inspectors maintained a 100% inspection of all carcasses slaughtered for human consumption during 1971. The examining Inspector is responsible for the rejection of part or all of a carcass or organs and it is due to his vigilance and expertise in detecting abnormalities or disease that the carcass is finally passed fit for human consumption.

The continued improvement in modern slaughterhouse techniques together with new equipment reduces contamination risk to the consumer and improved animal husbandry has reduced the incidence of disease.

The majority of local butchers receive their supplies from wholesalers situated outside the District. Inspection of vehicles used in the transport of meat supplies is maintained and the regulations as to the wearing of suitable protective clothing whilst handling meat are strictly enforced.

Frequent visits are made to a local Depot for the purpose of the inspection of meat imported from Ireland.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

CATEGORY	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS
Number slaughtered	1155	154	-	1430	820
Number inspected	1155	154	-	1430	820
<u>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	2	-	-	-
Parts condemned	730	145	-	134	199
Percentage	63.20%	94.15%	-	9.37%	24.27%
<u>Cysticercosis only.</u>					
Carcasses	1	2	-	-	-
Carcasses treated by refrigeration	1	2	-	-	-
<u>T.B. only.</u>					
Whole carcasses	-	-	-	-	-
Parts	3	-	-	-	1
Percentage	.26%	-	-	-	.12%

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

	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.
MEAT	-	13	43
OFFAL	4	17	68
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TOTAL	5	10	111
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CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

During inspection at the Abattoir the organs taken from 3 animals were found to be affected with Cysticercus Bovis and were condemned. In each case, the carcasses were subjected to the usual period of refrigeration as recommended.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOOD

A certificate of condemnation is issued for all meat and other foods considered unsuitable for human consumption. The meat and foods condemned are destroyed or disposed of under supervision, or if suitable used for non-edible purposes.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

The Corporation issued 7 Licences to Slaughterman during the year 1971.

In addition to their responsibility for meat inspection, Public Health Inspectors ensure that animals are handled humanely and standards of hygiene demanded of the Act are maintained at all times.

FOOD INSPECTION

The careful inspection of food throughout all stages of production and presentation for sale or consumption is a particular responsibility and constant vigilance ensures that the wholesomeness of the public food supply is maintained at the level demanded.

FOOD HYGIENE (FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1970)

There has been a continued improvement in the standard of hygiene in the food distribution trade. This has been largely brought about by the replacement of the retail counter service type premises by self service establishments.

Improved packaging and presentation by way of refrigerated display has contributed in no small measure to the higher standard in food hygiene met with today. Strict stock rotation is essential and Shopkeepers are advised of the important function of Stockkeeping. Your Inspectors in promoting food hygiene

constantly remind management of the literature, posters, etc. freely available. These are produced to assist them in their task of ensuring that all foodstuffs are handled in a clean and efficient manner and that their staff are alive to the responsibilities placed upon them in this connection.

FOOD CONDEMNED (OTHER PREMISES)

Meat and Meat Products

835lbs. Beef
363lbs. Pork
10lb. Mutton and Lamb
30lbs. Rabbit
779lbs. Unsmoked Bacon
73lbs. Liver
1 x 12lbs. Turkey
1 x 3lb. Chicken

Groceries, Fruit, Etc.

3,360lbs. Lemons
325lbs. Plums
110lbs. Grapes
390lbs. Seville Oranges
18lbs. Pineapple
14lbs. Dehydrated Onion
35½lbs. Dehydrated Swede
12lbs. Pickled Cabbage
6 Loaves (White) = 12lbs.
1 Bun Round = ½lb.

Fish

50lbs. Gutted Trout
56lbs. Cod Fillet

Canned Goods

331 Tins miscellaneous foodstuffs = 740lbs.

Frozen Foods

22910 pkts. = 8757lbs.

Canned meat

256lbs.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED = 7tons, 5cwts, 11lbs.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL FOOD, INCLUDING DISEASED MEAT, CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR =
12tons, 16cwts, 0lbs.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There is only one Poultry Processing Factory within the District and it is one of the largest in the Country. The number of birds processed during 1971 however was slightly down on the preceeding year and 116 visits were made for the purpose of inspection.

For some years there has been concern that although all food animals are subjected to comprehensive inspection by independent Local Authority Inspectors, this has not been true of poultry. The main danger from poultry is, of course, salmonellosis which the fullest macroscopical inspection could not reveal but many believe that all poultry should be independently inspected and assessed in a similar fashion to that applied to other meat.

It now seems probable that this country will enter the Common Market. If so, then one of the directives of the E.E.C. is that all poultry shall be inspected

both anti-mortem and post-mortem.

The cost and complexity of this operation is considerable since 4,000 birds per hour are being processed in the Aldershot factory i.e. 2,000 birds (34 per minute) per processing line plus the fact of evening/night shifts - and this is by no means the largest factory.

The Department of Health and Social Security now have this matter under active consideration both as to the method of actually operating a full inspection service and financing it. It will probably be found that the major cost of the operation will not be the cost of the staff so much as the slowing down of the production line.

I would add that the Poultry Industry as a whole appears to welcome the prospect of full inspection provided that it is as uniform as possible throughout the country.

Total number of birds processed during the year :-

TYPE	PROCESSED	REJECTED AS UNFIT	DEAD ON ARRIVAL
Broilers	5012430	6998	21477
11 wk. old Cocks	1649941	5456	7579
Hens	2592	2	5
TOTALS	6664963	12456	29061
PERCENTAGE	-	= .18%	= .43%

GRAND TOTAL = 6,706,480 BIRDS

AVERAGE WEEKLY THROUGHPUT TOTAL = 126,537 BIRDS

TOTAL WEIGHT OF POULTRY REJECTED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION = 58tons, 10cwts, 64lbs.
(BASED ON AVERAGE WEIGHTS)

BAKEHOUSES

There are five Bakeries situated within the Borough, none of modern construction.

Nationally known firms with bakeries situated outside the District manufacture and distribute the bulk of the bread and confectionery retailed locally, from their Depots located outside the Area.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS 1963

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

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES AND SUBSTANCES IN FOOD

There have been 33 complaints of foreign matter or mould in food investigated during the year and six of these were the subject of Legal proceedings and are listed below.

Fruit Pie	-	Mouldy Condition	-	Fined £50 Costs £5.25
Date & Walnut Loaf	-	Contained Metal Strip	-	Fined £25 Costs £5.00
Bread	-	Mouldy Condition	-	Fined £25 Costs £7.35
Breakfast Cereal	-	Containing Maggots	-	Fined £10 Costs £5.00
Baby Cereal	-	Containing Maggots	-	Fined £10 Costs £5.00
Porridge Oats	-	Containing Insects	-	Fined £70 Costs £6.00

A thorough investigation follows all complaints where extraneous matter is found in foodstuffs. All sources of information are checked and verified, including the retailers premises, the housewife's storage facilities, the manufacturer and in certain cases the origin of the raw materials is traced. Where necessary identification of a foreign object is established with the assistance of our Public Analyst and every endeavour is made to trace the means of entry, or the reason for it being in the foodstuff.

Following thorough investigation, careful consideration of all the known facts decide the action necessary, whether a warning letter is sufficient or the case warrants legal proceedings against the firm involved.

ICE CREAM

The total number of premises within the District registered for the sale of ice cream is 125.

There were 79 samples taken for bacteriological examination throughout the year and all proved satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

The responsibility for the control of milk production is vested in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Local Authorities, however, whether or not they be Food and Drugs Authorities, are liable for the control of the processing and distribution of the product.

The bulk of milk distributed within the District under the various designations, is processed and bottled at two large central Dairies situated outside the Borough boundary. It is subjected to control and sampling in the areas of production in addition to routine sampling carried out at Local cold storage depots and at consumer level in the Aldershot District.

MILK REGISTRATION AND LICENSING - MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS 1963

The number of registrations in force and Licensed at the end of the year are as follows :-

46 Dealers (Pre-packed) Licenses
1 Dealer (Pasteuriser's) Licence

The new Regional Head Office and District Distribution Depot of one of the larger Nationally known Dairy Companies was completed and opened during the year.

MILK SAMPLING

The routine sampling of milk was continued during 1971. Samples are transported in an insulated container to the Public Health Laboratory, St.Luke's Hospital, Guildford, where they are submitted to bacteriological examination, free of charge.

I am pleased to report that the 180 samples submitted for examination during the year were found to be satisfactory.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

117 Samples were obtained under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 for the year ending 31st March, 1971, and subjected to examination by our Public Analyst. A summary of the samples submitted is as follows :-

COMMODITY	NO OF SAMPLES TAKEN	NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY
Milk	6	-
Drugs	34	-
Ice Cream	1	-
Sausages	8	-
Meat Products	9	1
Tinned Meat Products	9	-
Miscellaneous Foods	50	1

The Public Analyst commented on the following submitted samples.

1. Cornish Pasty - sample was deficient in meat content. Further samples were taken and found to be genuine.
2. Goats milk Cream Cheese 45% Milk Fat. The sample was deficient in Milk Fat. This product is no longer stocked by the store concerned.

FOOD PREMISES

The following table classifies food premises subject to Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.

TYPE OF PREMISES	NUMBER	NO. FITTED TO COMPLY WITH REG. 16 (W.H. BASIN WITH H & C).	NO. TO WHICH REGULATION 19 APPLIES (SINKS)	NO. FITTED TO COMPLY WITH REG. 19
Butchers	18	18	18	18
Bakehouses	5	5	5	5
Bread/Confectioners	9	9	9	9
Food Markets	12	12	12	12
Confectioners	35	35	35	35
Cafes & Restaurants	39	39	39	39
Grocers	53	53	53	53
Green Grocers and Fruiterers	16	16	16	16
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3
Fish Fryers & Take Aways	13	13	13	13
Public Houses, Hotels and other Licensed Premises	58	58	58	58
Factory & School Canteens	19	19	19	19
Milk Pasteurising	1	1	1	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing	6	6	6	6

The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 have been enforced throughout the year.

PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN FOODSTUFFS

This Authority is a partaking member of the Scheme of Sampling with regard to the joint survey of Pesticide residues in Foodstuffs and the required sample submitted did not contain residues above the recommended limits.

INSPECTION OF THE AREA

(A) NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Interviews with House Owner/Occupiers	387
Houses inspected under the Public Health Acts	537
Houses inspected - Improvement Grants	1282
Houses inspected - Qualification Certificates	237
Visits in connection with General Improvement Area	309
District Inspections	716
Drainage and Drain Testing	329
Water Supply and Sampling	15
National Assistance Act	17
Swimming Pool Sampling	132
Caravans	2
Infectious Diseases	104
Vacant Lands & Dumps	108
Water Courses and Ditches	40
Pet Shops and Keepers of Animals	36
Council houses prior to vacation and prospective tenants for Council Houses	656
Houses in multiple occupation	34
Verminous premises and other Vermin	312
Chicken Factory	116
Public Conveniences	9
Cinemas	2
Schools	86
Smoke Nuisance and Clean Air Act	20
Noise abatement	6
Mortgage investigations (overcrowding)	84
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	467
Slaughterhouse	133
Butchers	93
Fishmongers and Poulterers	50
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	106
Grocers	89
Fried Fish Shops	13
Dairies	10
Ice Cream premises	115
Restaurants	221
Food stalls	59
Bakehouses	21
Other Food premises	96
Vehicles and Stalls	75
Food and Drugs Sampling	118
Milk Sampling	190
Complaints received and investigated during the year	696
Inspection of unsound Food	68

(B) NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED 166

(C) HOUSES IMPROVED

Roofs repaired	6
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed	4
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	8
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired or renewed	3
Floors repaired or renewed	10
Windows repaired and made to open	3
Doors repaired or renewed	4
Damp walls remedied	9
Brickwork and rendering repaired or renewed	4
W.C.'s repaired or renewed	16
Water heaters provided or repaired	4
Accumulations of rubbish removed	42
Ventilation provided	1
Sinks renewed	5



