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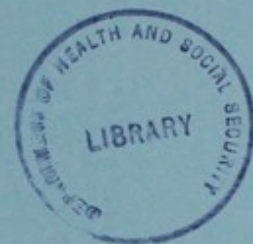
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To the Chairman and Members of the Andover Rural District Council

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your district for the year 1969.

The estimated mid-year population increased by 200, to 21,260. The natural increase of births over deaths was 238.

There were no significant outbreaks of infectious diseases in 1969. The vaccination campaign against measles continued but unfortunately had to be seriously curtailed because of reported cases of severe reactions from one supply which was withdrawn. The number of cases of measles reported, however, continues to decline. Vaccinations were commenced again in 1970 and it is to be hoped the decline will continue.

A vaccine against German measles has been produced and it is hoped to commence protecting young girls in 1970.

There were no staff changes during the year, and I should like to thank the Senior Public Health Inspector and the staff of his and my departments for their help in the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

A.A.G. CARSON

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Acres - 67,808

Population - The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 21,260 which is an increase of 200 when compared with 1968.

The estimated mid-year population trend in the Andover Rural District over the past ten years is as follows:

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
20,080	17,200	19,760	20,070	20,020	21,040	20,460	21,980	21,060	21,260

The total number of deaths in 1969 was 144, the number of births was 382, showing a natural increase of 238.

Table showing number of Births in Andover Rural District 1960 - 1969

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
346	328	361	392	399	356	356	382	405	382

Number of inhabited houses - 5,587

Rateable Value - £650,073

Estimated Rate from Penny Rate - £2,723 13s 1d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still-births for the Andover Rural District in 1969 were 382 and 4 respectively.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births for 1969

Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	186	176	362
Illegitimate	8	12	20
Total	194	188	382

Table showing still-births for 1969

Still Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	2	2	4

Live Birth Rate

The crude live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population was 18.0. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability figure of 1.21) was 21.8. For the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 17.8 and for England and Wales 16.3.

The ratio of the locally adjusted rate to the National Rate was 1.34 to 1.00.

Illegitimate Births

There were 20 illegitimate births and thus the illegitimate live birth rate expressed as a percentage of illegitimate births to total live births for 1969 was 5.0. In the Administrative County of Hampshire in 1969 the rate was 6.0 and for England & Wales, 8.0.

Table showing Illegitimate Birth Rates during the period 1960 - 1969

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Total Births	346	328	361	392	399	356	356	382	405	382
Illegitimate	9	13	11	9	16	15	14	34	24	20
Rate %	2.6	3.9	3.0	2.3	4.0	4.2	3.9	8.9	5.3	5.0

Still-births

There were 4 still births in 1969, all in legitimate infants, giving a still-birth rate per 1,000 total live and still-births of 10.0 compared with a rate of 12.1 in 1968, 5.2 in 1967, 24.7 in 1966, 11.1 in 1965 and 25.1 in 1964. In the Administrative County of Hampshire the rate was 10.0 in 1969 and for England & Wales 13.0.

Infant Deaths

Eleven infants under 1 year died in 1969 in Andover Rural District. Of these 6 died in the first week of life, 2 more between 1 & 4 weeks and the other 3 between 4 weeks and 1 year.

Causes of Infant Deaths

Asphyxia	3
Broncho pneumonia	3
Respiratory Failure	2
Prematurity	2
Meningitis	1

Table showing Infant Deaths in 1969

	Under 1 year		Under 4 weeks		Under 1 week	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Legitimate	7	3	5	2	4	1
Illegitimate	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total	11		8		6	

Infant Mortality Rate

The Infant Mortality Rate is the total infant deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births, and for 1969 it was 29.0. For England and Wales in 1969 it was 18.0 and for the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 15.0.

Infant Mortality Rates for Period 1964 - 1969

1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
27.8	30.9	33.7	26.2	29.6	29.0

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

The number of deaths in legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 live legitimate births in 1969 for Andover Rural District was 28.0 compared with 28.8 in 1968, 28.6 in 1967, 32.3 in 1966 and 30.9 in 1965. For England & Wales this figure was 17.0.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This rate, the deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births, was 50.0 in 1969, compared with a rate of 41.7 in 1968, zero in 1967, 71.4 in 1966 and zero in 1965. In England & Wales the rate was 25.0.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

The number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births in 1969 was 21.0. The rate was 27.2 in 1968, 15.7 in 1967, 22.5 in 1966, 16.9 in 1965 and 25.0 in 1964. In England & Wales it was 12.0.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

The number of deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 live births was 16.0. In 1968 it was 22.2, 1967 15.7, 1966 16.9, in 1965 16.9 and in 1964 25.0. In England & Wales it was 10.0.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of infant deaths under one week plus still-births per 1,000 combined live and still-births. In 1969 it was 26.0 compared with 34.1 in 1968, 20.8 in 1967, 41.4 in 1966, 27.8 in 1965 and 46.4 in 1964. In England & Wales it was 23.0.

Maternal Mortality Rate

For the fifth year running there were no deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth in the District.

Deaths from all Causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths and they are classified under the International Abbreviated List of causes (B list) from the Manual of the Eighth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, 1965.

Where headings are omitted from the table there were no deaths due to these causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 yr	Age in Years									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
18.Other Infective and Para- sitic Diseases	M	1										1		
19(1)Malignant Neoplasm - Buccal Cavity etc	F	1							1					
19(3)Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	F	1								1				
19(4)Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	M	2									1	1		
19(5)Malignant Neoplasm - Larynx	M	1											1	
19(6)Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M F	5 2									1	5 1		
19(7)Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	F	2							1		1			
19(8)Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	F	1							1					
19(9)Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	M	1											1	
19(10)Leukaemia	F	1											1	
19(11)Other Malignant Neoplasms	M F	3 5									1 1		2 3	
21.Diabetes Mellitus	M	1						1						
26.Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	2											2	
27.Hypertensive Disease	M F	2 1										1	1 1	
28.Ischaemic Heart Disease	M F	16 15							2 1	4 1	6 3		4 10	
29.Other Forms of Heart Disease	M F	6 7									1	1	4 7	
30.Cerebrovascular Disease	M F	11 9							1 1		1 1	4 1	7 5	

Table Continued

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 yr	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
31. Influenza	F	1										1	
32. Pneumonia	M	6										3	3
	F	1											1
33(1) Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	5									2	2	1
	F	2										1	1
34. Peptic Ulcer	F	3									1	1	1
38. Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	1										1	
42. Congenital Anomalies	M	1	1										
	F	1		1									
43. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	M	2	2										
	F	1	1										
44. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	2	2										
	F	1	1										
45. Symptoms & Ill Defined Conditions	F	1											1
46(1) Other Endocrine etc Diseases	M	1		1									
	F	1									1		
46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	F	1											1
46(5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2					1				1		
	F	2										1	1
46(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1											1
	F	2											2
46(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1										1	
47. Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	4					4						
48. All other Accidents	M	3		1				2					
	F	2	1									1	
Total all Causes	M	78	5	2	-	-	5	2	1	2	9	26	26
	F	66	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	5	7	12	37

The total number of deaths due to all causes in the Andover Rural District in 1969 was 144.

Diseases of the heart accounted for 49 deaths or 34.0% of all deaths.

Ischaemic Heart Disease, with 31 deaths, caused 21.5% of all deaths.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (including cerebro-vascular lesions) are combined, a figure of 73 deaths is arrived at - this is 50.7% of all deaths.

Cancer caused 25 deaths, i.e. 17.4% of the total. Of these, 7 were caused by Cancer of the lung and bronchus, i.e. 28.0% of deaths due to cancer were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus.

There were 9 deaths due to accidents, four of these involving motor vehicles.

Death Rate (crude) per 1,000 estimated population	-	6.8
Death Rate corrected (using comparability figure of 1.48) per 1,000 estimated population	-	10.1
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population for Administrative County of Hampshire.	-	10.1
Death Rate for England & Wales per 1,000 estimated Population	-	11.9
Ratio of adjusted local rate to National rate	-	0.85 - 1.00

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified was 20.

Table showing types and number of infectious diseases notified in Andover Rural District in 1969.

Disease	Number
Infective Hepatitis	2
Measles	12
Scarlet Fever	2
Tuberculosis	2
Whooping Cough	2
Total	20

Measles

Measles with 12 cases formed the bulk of infectious diseases notified.

The following table shows the distribution of measles in age groups:

	Under 1 yr.	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-25	25+	Age Unknown	Total
Males	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4
Females	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	8
Total	0	2	0	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	12

Tuberculosis

Two new cases of tuberculosis were notified in 1969.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Females	Male	Female	
New Cases	1	1	0	0	2
Inward Transfers	0	0	0	0	0
Number on Register as at 31.12.60	64	58	7	14	143
		122		21	143

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was offered to all persons under 40 years of age. The vaccine generally used is the oral (Sabin) type vaccine which is easier to administer, especially to children. It is important to ensure that the highest possible acceptance rate, especially among young children, is maintained.

The following table shows the number of persons under 16 years immunised against poliomyelitis in 1969 in Andover Rural District.

Age Groups	Numbers Vaccinated
Children born in 1969	18
" " " 1968	139
" " " 1967	26
" " " 1966	3
" " " 1965 - 62	6
Others under 16 years	4
Re-inforcing doses under 16 years	212
Total	408

Measles Vaccination

Vaccination against measles began in April 1963, and was confined to children under 7 years. In November 1963 this was extended to children up to 15 years of age.

Unfortunately in March 1969, owing to severe reactions occurring, all of one manufacturer's supply was withdrawn and the measles vaccination campaign was seriously curtailed. Supplies were in short supply for the remainder of the year.

However, the number of measles cases reported in the Rural District continues to decrease.

1966	45 cases
1967	163 cases
1968	21 cases
1969	12 cases

In 1969, 99 children under 15 years were vaccinated.

Smallpox Vaccination

The following table shows the number of vaccinations of age groups under 16 years carried out in Andover Rural District in 1969.

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary	Re-vaccination
0 - 3 months	-	
4 - 6 months	-	
7 - 9 months	1	
10 - 12 months	1	
1 year	72	
2 - 4 years	24	4
5 - 15 years	8	52
Total	105	56

Records are not kept over the age of 16 years.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccination

The most frequently used agent is Triple Antigen, which contains antigens of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. This reduces the number of injections necessary, which are usually commenced when the infant is about three months old. The antigens, given combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table shows the completed courses and booster doses given in 1969:

Type of Antigen	Primary Course	Booster Doses
Triple	171	124
Diphtheria/Tetanus	10	152

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

Area Nursing Officer

Miss J. Byatt to 3.9.69
Miss M. Addy from 1.12.69

Health Visitors

Miss M.L. Collins.
Mrs T. Annals
Miss I. Fowler
Mrs M.K. Brookes
Miss P.R. Darvill
Mrs M. Harbottle
Miss R. Spinelli
Mrs M.E. Thornally

District Nurse/Midwives

Miss J.A. Rolfe
Miss L.A. de Silva
Mrs P.A. Smith
Miss E. Langford
Miss O.M. Heath
Mrs E. Bailey
Miss N. Rutter

District Nurses

Miss A. Rigby
Mrs J. Batten

Child Health Clinics

Barton Stacey	Community Centre	2nd & 4th Mondays
Chilbolton	The Hall	1st Wednesdays
Hurstbourne Tarrant	British Legion Hall	1st Mondays
Longparish	The Hall	Closed: September 1969
Shipton Bellinger	Church Hall	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Thruxton	Village Hall	2nd Tuesdays
Upper Clatford	The Hall	1st Wednesdays

HOME HELP SERVICES

ANDOVER BOROUGH AND ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT

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Total cases received and investigated	136
New Cases assisted	81
Total Cases assisted	185
Aged (over 65)	138
Chronic	77
Emergency Sickness	3
Mental Illness	1
Post Hospital	11
Child Care	1
Special	3
Maternity	11
Number of Home Helps on Register as at 31.12.69	32

The separate statistics are no longer given for Andover Borough and Andover Rural District.

GENERAL INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Visits carried out under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	36
Visits carried out under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	77
Visits carried out under the Clean Air Act, 1956	13
Visits in connection with Domestic Water Supply	161
Inspection to power and non-power factories	11
Visits carried out under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955	25
Visits carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960	246
Visits in connection with Food and Milk Sampling	144
Visits carried out under the Housing Acts	916
Visits in connection with Infectious Disease Inquiries	22
Visits in connection with Mobile Shops	3
Visits carried out under the Noise Abatement Act, 1960	16
Visits in connection with Offensive Trades	17
Visits carried out under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	8
Other visits	54
Inspections of Petroleum Installations carried out under the Petroleum Consolidation Act, 1928	158
Visits carried out under the Public Health Act, 1936	277
Visits carried out in connection with Rodent Control:	
by Inspectors	161
by Rodent Operator	2,176
Visits carried out under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	6
Visits in connection with Meat Inspection	830

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

An additional licence was granted during the year for a Boarding Establishment at the western corner of the district. This involved the conversion of existing stables and on completion will be capable of housing 104 dogs in addition to cats and domestic pets. The number of licensed premises within the district is now 5. The standard of accommodation provided for animals and the facilities available are in most cases very good and there has been no need for criticism of these establishments during the year.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There appears to have been a steady decline over the past few years in the number of caravan owners making inquiries for residential sites for vans and it has been noted for the first time that empty pitches are appearing on sites. It would seem that the number of licensed sites in this area is almost sufficient for the present demand. The position with regard to site licences is unchanged from last year.

DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY

During the year, 75 additional properties have been connected to the main supply.

No. of Dwellings Supplied from Main

Abbotts Ann	223
Ampport	169
Appleshaw, part Fyfield and Kimpton	182
Barton Stacey and Bullington	286
Chilbolton	258
Clanville	27
East Cholderton	10
Goodworth Clatford and Upper Clatford	435
Grateley	154
Hurstbourne Tarrant	174
Longparish	158
Monxton	84
Penton Grafton	53
Penton Mewsey	68
Quarley	44
Shipton Bellinger (Cholderton Water Co.)	208
Tangley	130
Vernham Dean & Upton	183
Wherwell	109

During the Easter Holiday vandals broke into the Cholderton Water Company which supplies the domestic water to the Western part of the district together with part of Amesbury Rural District area, and poured a drum of diesel oil and other materials directly into the well head. This oil was pumped into the main storage reservoir, and it was several weeks before all signs had gone. Fortunately the holding time was sufficient to allow the oil to settle on the surface and during continual sampling only a slight trace was detectable.

No. of samples taken from Main Supply - 6

No complaints have been received during the year regarding the main supply in the area and samples taken have shown the water to be entirely satisfactory.

Bacteriological Examination of all Water Supplies

Number of samples taken	83
Number of samples reported satisfactory	73
Number of samples reported unsatisfactory	10

FACTORIES

Inspection for the purpose of provisions as to health and of sanitary accommodation in the case of power factories.

	<u>No. of</u> <u>No. Inspections</u>	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	2	2
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	26	9
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil
Cases in which defects were found	Nil	
Cases in which defects were remedied	Nil	

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises in the area was as follows:

(i) Grocers and General Stores	47
Bakers	4
Butchers	4
Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels	14
Licensed Public Houses and Inns	40
(ii) Number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955	
Sale of pre-packed ice cream	66
Preparation and manufacture of sausages etc.	4

Apart from minor infringements of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 the general standard within the district remained quite good. There has been no need for any Statutory Action to be taken as all infringements were dealt with informally.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of registered distributors	1
Number of registered distributors outside the area selling milk within the area	6

154 samples of milk were collected from schools and roundsmen within the district and submitted for examination; of this number 17 did not comply with the Methylene Blue Reduction test. The majority of failures involved milk delivered to schools by one dealer and it would appear that the possibility of his receiving stale milk from the Dairy could not be ruled out. All formal samples taken from the Dealer were, however, satisfactory and, therefore, no statutory action was possible.

Ice Cream - Retail Premises

Two additional registrations were granted during the year bringing the total number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream to 66. As in previous years only pre-packed proprietary brands were sold.

Food Condemnation

The following food was voluntarily surrendered and disposed of by burying at the Council's Refuse Tip at Chilbolton.

18lb Corned Beef	
20lb Pork Luncheon Meat	
45 packets of Cereals	)
34 packets of Biscuits	)
27lb Sugar	)
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb Tea	)
71lb Margarine, Butter and lard	)
	Rain Damage

Food Complaints

Two complaints were made regarding foreign bodies in school milk and one regarding bread sold in a mouldy condition. The details of these complaints were reported to the Council and it was decided not to instigate legal proceedings.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

There was no confirmed cases of food poisoning outbreaks during the year.

HOUSING ACTS

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

	<u>No. of Appli- cations</u>	<u>No. of resultant Dwellings</u>	<u>'Estimated Expense'</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>
Conversions	4	9	£11,863 12s. 6d.	£5,716
Improvements	14	14	£10,554 3s. 7d.	£5,269
Refusals	-	-	-	-
	18	23	£22,417 16s. 1d.	£10,985

Work in respect of 14 dwellings was completed.

Informal Action

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.

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Statutory Action

(1) Proceedings under Section 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957

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| (a) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil |
| (b) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice: | |
| (i) by owners | Nil |
| (ii) by Local Authorities in default of owners | Nil |

(2) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

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| (a) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. | 3 |
| (b) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders or by formal action | 3 |

- (c) Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:
- (i) The serving of notices requiring the execution of works Nil
 - (ii) The making of a Demolition or Closing Order 12
- (d) Number of houses in respect of which an Undertaking was accepted under sub-section 4 of Section 16 and sub-section 1 of Section 35 of the Housing Act, 1957 9
- (3) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957
- (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement of rooms having been rendered fit. Nil
 - (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Nil

Following the preliminary survey under the Housing Act, more detailed inspections have been carried out where necessary. The Owners of the properties which fell short of the standard of fitness had been interviewed and through persuasion many have improved their premises, some with the aid of an Improvement Grant. It had only been necessary to take action under Section 16 on a few individual houses that were beyond repair and no notices were served under Section 9.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Although only eight specific visits were made under the Act, almost all the premises registered were visited during the year, mostly in conjunction with visits under other legislation.

Very few infringements were found and these of a very minor character which were rectified without recourse to official action.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1928

All petroleum installations were inspected during the year and several installations had to be overhauled and improved to reach the required standard. One garage in the district became a victim of road improvements and had to close due to fall in sales and a private installation was transferred to diesel fuel.

Self service pumps in this area were still limited to two coin operated pumps and no troubles had been experienced in their use.

The total licensed capacity in this district now stands at 128,920 gallons.

B.A.R.C. at Thruxton Circuit hold a licence for 6,000 gallons. This is not a permanent installation but covers petrol bowlers at race meetings. The petroleum arrangements at one meeting during the year were not entirely satisfactory due to excess handling of petrol on catwalks over the pits. It is hoped that a more satisfactory method of dispensing petrol can be found for the 1970 season.

RODENT CONTROL

The spring of 1969 was comparatively quiet in the field of Rodent Control. However, following the long dry summer and early harvesting, rat complaints started reaching the office early in October and gradually reached a peak midway through December.

There was an increase of 107 treatments over the 1968 figures but it was very satisfying to note the policy of surveying all known 'black-spots' at least twice a year resulted in a reduction of major infestations. The total quantity of bait used during the year was 38 cwts Barley Meal and 2 cwts Warfarin No. 5.

No instance of warfarin resistance was experienced during the year, although members of the public still complain that warfarin does not kill. This is usually due to insufficient bait being put down and also confusion with acute poisons.

A test baiting treatment of all Council Housing Estates drainage systems was carried out without finding any infestations. These sewer systems all connect to small disposal plants around which occasional infestations are found.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

An application was received from an itinerant dealer to be registered under this Act. This brings the total number of dealers registered under this Act to five.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION

The throughput of animals at the Slaughterhouse varied very little from 1968 and the incidence of disease detected during the year was also similar.

Certain improvements were carried out including the relaying of the floor in the slaughterhall and the completion of a new refrigerator including an area for deep freezing.

THE MEAT (STERILIZATION) REGULATIONS, 1969

The above regulations which became operative on the 1st November require all meat from Knackers Yards to be sterilized. The occupier of the Knackers Yard at Appleshaw installed an electrically operated sterilizer for this purpose. Samples of meat both before and after sterilization were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory and it was shown that the method employed resulted in a completely sterile end product.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A further 7 houses were connected to the main sewer in Hurstbourne Tarrant and Longparish bringing the total number of properties now connected to 112.

A further 7 houses were connected in Abbots Ann and Upper Clatford making the total number of properties now 147.

The Pillhill Sewerage Scheme designed to serve the western Parishes is still awaiting approval from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government before any further action can be taken.

Because of the difficulties in treating the sewage at Shipton Bellinger due to the high flows received from the laundry the Engineer's Department prepared plans for the extension and alterations to the existing works. This contract will be commencing in March, 1970.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The regular weekly collection of refuse continued throughout the year. The Council agreed to investigate the possibility of operating an incentive scheme for the workmen concerned. This was worked out by the Engineer's Department which was agreeable to the men and was put into operation during the year.

The Council agreed to the installation of a pulveriser on their site at West Down, Chilbolton. The equipment favoured was a 'Wakefield' Pulveriser supplied by British Jeffrey Diamond and by the end of the year the plant was almost ready for use.

The cesspool and septic tank emptying service operated throughout the year, there being 864 cesspools and septic tanks emptied as compared with 856 in the previous year.

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,446	556	254	11,292	9,396
Number inspected	2,446	556	254	11,292	9,396
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	7	1	23	51
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	690	222	2	508	3,485
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	28.2%	41.2%	1.1%	4.7%	37.6%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned					17
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis					.18%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7				
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration					
Generalised and totally condemned					

