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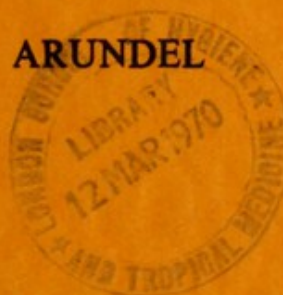


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1968



BOROUGH OF ARUNDEL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1968

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May, 1969.

TO: His Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors
of the BOROUGH of ARUNDEL.

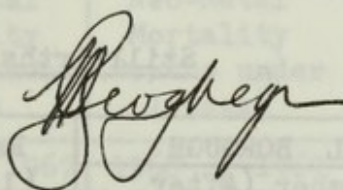
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Twenty-First Annual Report on the Health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1968.

I wish to express my thanks to Members of the Council for their help, and to Mr. H.W. Simmonds, your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has supplied most of the material for the Report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

This small country town on the banks of the River Arun is a shopping centre for the surrounding villages.

The population finds employment in agriculture and its ancillary industries, on the Norfolk Estate and in retail and catering trades encouraged by the increasing number of Summer visitors.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	2,054
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population :	
Mid-Year 1967	2,710
Mid-Year 1968	2,990
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	1,046
Rateable Value (31st December, 1968)	£ 120,060
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£ 470

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

ARUNDEL BOROUGH								Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		Crude		Rural	Urban	
		M	F	Number	%		Corr.			
1967	43	24	19	5	11.6	15.9	20.19	18.7	15.4	17.2
1968	31	15	16	-	-	10.36	12.74	18.7	15.2	16.9

Stillbirths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH					Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) Births	
Total Number (After adjustment for transfers)					Arundel Borough	England and Wales
Year	Total	M	Sex	F		
1967	-	-	-	-	-	14.8
1968	1	1	-	-	31.25	14.3

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

1968		Male	Female	TOTAL
Live Births	..	15	16	31
Still Births	..	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL BIRTHS		<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>32</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
Year	ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		R.D's.	U.D's.	
		M	F					
1967	-	-	-	-	-	12.1	13.3	18.3
1968	-	-	-	-	-	14.5	14.1	18.0

INFANT MORTALITY RATES - ARUNDEL BOROUGH

	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births
1967	-	-
1968	-	-

	Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967
Total Deaths ..	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births ..	nil	nil	nil	nil	32.2	nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live & still births					31.2	nil

Neonatal Mortality Rate for
England and Wales - 12.4 per 1,000 live births.

Vital Statistics (Continued)

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Arundel Borough		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D.'s.	U.D.'s.	
1967	-	-	-	-	0.20
1968	-	-	-	-	0.24

Deaths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH						WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
		M	F					
1967	56	29	27	20.7	14.07	9.1	10.0	11.2
1968	41	20	21	13.71	9.59	9.5	10.6	11.9

The chief causes of death were:

	1968	1967
(i) Cancer	8	19
(ii) Diseases of heart ..	14	17
(iii) Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	6
(iv) Respiratory diseases ..	10	4

The above four causes accounted for 36 or 87% of the total deaths recorded during the year.

Of the total deaths, 33 or 80% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over.

The table on Page 7 shows the causes of death, ages and sex distribution.

Table of Causes of Death at different periods of Life - 1968

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Years				
			0-	4-	5-	55-	65-	75-	
ALL CAUSES	M	20	-	-	-	5	5	10	
	F	21	-	-	-	3	7	11	
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc.,	M	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Diabetes Mellitus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	4	-	-	-	1	1	2	
	F	6	-	-	-	1	1	4	
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Other Diseases of Circulatory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Other Diseases of Respiratory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Symptoms and Ill-Defined conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	

SECTION II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals:

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the Borough are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and are as follows:

Hospital	Telephone Number	Number of Beds
<u>General Hospitals:</u>		
ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL :		
(St. Richard's, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	Chichester 82671	400
(Broyle Road, Chichester	82685	202
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-sea	Shoreham 2381	411
Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	Worthing 7282	205
Arundel and District Hospital, Chichester Road, Arundel	Arundel 3243	20 *
(* 12 Acute Medical (General Practitioner) beds, and 8 Chronic/Geriatic beds for relief short-stay cases)		
Swandean Hospital, Arundel Road, Worthing	Swandean 1821	9 +
(+ Non operative due to lack of staff)		129 *
(* Staffed and available for Geriatric Cases)		
<u>Chest Hospitals:</u>		
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital and Chest Clinic, Norton, Near Chichester	Eastergate 2229	54
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital Annexe and Chest Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Bognor Regis	Bognor Regis 151	45
<u>Maternity:</u>		
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington	Rustington 4155	54
Sussex Maternity Home and Women's Hospital, 80, Buckingham Road, Brighton	Brighton 25741	62

General Provision of Health Services (Continued)

Examinations are carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. Two samples of water from the public mains supply were forwarded during the year.

Ambulances

The Local Health Authority (the West Sussex County Council) provides an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Littlehampton. The same Authority provides a hospital car service in the area.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

The West Sussex County Council provides nursing services.

All the nursing staff in the Arundel area are attached to General Practitioners.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

		<u>Held at</u>
Audiology	-	Chichester
Infant Welfare Centres	)	Arundel
Ante-Natal Clinics	)	Chichester
School Clinics (Minor Ailments))	-	and
Eye Clinics	)	Littlehampton
Dental Clinics	-	Held in Mobile Dental Unit
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	Littlehampton and in Schools
Chest Clinic	-	Aldingbourne Chest Hospital
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	Worthing Hospital, and Royal West Sussex Hospital, St. Richard's Chichester.

SECTION III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply

The Borough is within the area supplied by the Water Department of the Worthing Corporation.

The supply is from a borehole and well situated off Mill Road near Swanbourne Lake. It is pumped unfiltered to reservoirs in Arundel Park and Herons Wood, and is chlorinated at the Waterworks before distribution.

Every house in the Borough has a piped main water supply.

Two specimens of chlorinated water from consumers taps were submitted for bacteriological examination and were found to be of satisfactory purity. No samples were submitted for full chemical, mineral and bacteriological examination.

During the year the Worthing Corporation Water Department laid a new 12-inch main from the waterworks to the reservoir at Batworth Park. On completion the scheme will ensure that an alternative means of supply is available to the Borough should the Swanbourne supply fail.

Drainage and Sewerage

The Council have two sewage disposal works - a small one in Fitzalan Road on the south side of the River Arun, and the main works in Ford Road on the north side. In addition, there are four small works put in by private estate developers which take drainage from 40 houses. The outfalls are to the River Arun which necessitates holding tanks as the river is tidal.

There are several other direct outfalls from the soil and surface water sewers to the River apart from those previously mentioned. The majority of these are penstock controlled, some manually and some automatic. Nearly all of these outfalls are in the old town section of the Borough.

The sewers are partially separated, some rain water is received into the sewage works and the remainder into separate sewers which discharge into the River Arun.

The main sewage works in Ford Road do no more than act as holding chambers before the untreated sewage is discharged into the River Arun.

Drainage and Sewerage (continued)

No major works of alteration were carried out at either of the sewage works. Unfortunately a length of 9-inch sewer collapsed during the year causing considerable inconvenience to a number of tenants for about a fortnight. Upon excavation the sewer, which is 15 feet deep, was found to be badly out of alignment with some 25 yards smashed to pieces. In all approximately 50 yards of sewer had to be relaid.

Back flooding of the soil and storm water sewers takes place in several parts of the town. This is mainly due to high tides which occasionally lock the various outfalls, and also to faulty penstocks. Three penstocks to the sewer outfalls were renewed during 1968.

Thirty-seven premises have water carriage sanitation and either run to cesspools, septic tanks or soakaways. All these premises are situated in positions which make it impossible to connect to a sewer, or where main drainage is not available.

No cesspool emptying is carried out by the Corporation.

Public Conveniences

The Corporation owns two buildings housing public conveniences, one for each sex on the Town Quay and the other in Mill Road is for ladies only. All have facilities for hand washing.

Rivers and Streams

No action was necessary to check pollution of streams in the area. A varying number of vessels are moored to wharves on the River Arun. These craft are mainly for Summer use and the number of moorings continues to increase.

Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse throughout the Borough is carried out weekly by the Corporation and trade refuse is also removed by agreement. Four men are fully engaged on refuse collection and disposal, with a Dennis Paxitt II rear loading freighter.

The partial salvage of waste paper and scrap metals has continued during the year, and the following materials were salvaged and sold:-

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Revenue		
				£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper ..	19	3	2	69	7	6
Non-Ferrous Metals		2	2	10	2	1
Ferrous Metals ..	1	2	0	5	10	-
Textiles ..		5	2	2	15	-
	20	13	2	£87	14	7

Public Cleansing (continued)

Collections show an increase in weight of over 6 tons and an increase in revenue of £37. 11. 7d., due largely to the improved market for waste paper.

The filling of the lower ravine in Canada Road, adjacent to the old tip, has continued, and with the co-operation of the Contractors using this tip it has been kept in a reasonably clean and tidy condition.

Tipping has continued satisfactorily at the Chichester Road quarry tip. This was again largely due to a fairly plentiful supply of soil for covering becoming available. Disposal of refuse is carried out by "controlled tipping", and one employee is engaged full-time on the tip for this purpose. Every effort is made to keep the potential menace of flies and rats on the tip under control by regular spraying and treatment. It is estimated that this site has approximately a further 3 years use for tipping purposes.

Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, local authorities are now responsible for the disposal of old cars, large unwanted furniture etc. Whilst this service can be chargeable it creates additional work and disposal of such bulky items lessens the potential life of the tip.

The Corporation has continued the cleaning of County Roads as well as the routine emptying of street gullies in the District Roads.

Clean Air Act, 1956

No action has been necessary.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas, etc.

No action was necessary.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

Numerous enquiries are received, particularly in the Summer months for caravan and camping sites. Accommodation is usually found in the rural areas to the south of the Borough. Observation is, however, kept on the occasional caravan camper who is found parked on the roadside verge or on some other similar spot.

There are no sites licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, or Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936. Nor have the Corporation adopted Byelaws to control tents, vans and sheds.

Swimming Pools

The Corporation's open air swimming pool, opened in July 1960, and known as the "Fitzalan Pool" is on land presented by the Duke of Norfolk and incorporates the main pool, a childrens' paddling pool, cafe, and grass sun bathing and picnic areas.

Both pools are supplied with mains water which is circulated, filtered, chlorinated and aerated through cascades. During term time the pool was used by twelve local schools for instructional and recreational purposes.

Samples of the pool water taken for bacteriological examination were reported as being of the highest standard of purity.

Rats and Mice Destruction

Rodent control matters are dealt with by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. As a result of independent investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations were discovered and required attention.

Council properties are regularly treated as a precautionary measure.

Schools

No alterations were carried out to the sanitary facilities at either of the schools during the year.

Mortuary

The Corporation owns and maintains a mortuary which is situated in Ford Road adjoining the Cemetery. The building is well equipped and kept in a satisfactory condition.

Petroleum Acts

Eleven licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during 1968 and twelve visits of inspection were made. The storage arrangements of applicants were satisfactory and no offences were observed.

Premises licensed were as follows:

- | | | |
|---|-----|---|
| (a) Garage premises for re-sale | ... | 5 |
| (b) Commerical and Agricultural consumers (not for re-sale) | ... | 6 |

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises in the district are registered under these Acts.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The following information was supplied to the Ministry of Labour on Form O.S.R. 14, concerning the administration of this Act for the year ended 31st December, 1968:

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.68	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	1	12	84	13
Retail shops	3	29	108	16
Wholesale shops etc	-	1	3	-
Catering estab.	-	6	59	7
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	8	-
Totals	4	50	262	36
Total inspections of registered premises		49	Males 114 Females 148	-

No accidents were reported under the Act.

Factories Act, 1961.

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel, Making, etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-

Factories Act, 1961 (Continued)

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1 Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	2	-	-
2 Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	35	2	-
3 Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced (excluding outworkers premises)	3	3	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	H.M. Inspector		
			Ref.to (4)	Ref.by (5)	
Want of cleanliness(S.1.)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temp. (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate drainage of floors (S.6.)	1	1	-	-	-
San. Conveniences (S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable/Defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	7	7	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Under Public Health and Housing Acts:

Infectious Disease	..	..	..	7
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	..	2
Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	4
Dairies	..	..	..	1
Other Food Premises	..	..	..	18
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	..	-
Offices and Shops Act	..	..	..	49
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	18
Water Supplies and Appliances	..	..	..	16
Refuse Disposal and Tips..	..	..	..	74
Sewage Works and Sewers	..	..	..	78
Building Byelaws	..	..	..	611
Dangerous Structures	..	..	..	4
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	197
Re-visits	..	..	..	65
Improvement Grants	..	..	..	20

Other Visits:

Council House repairs and maintenance	..	..	..	18
Council House tenancies	..	..	..	11
District Roads	..	..	..	164
Street Lighting	..	..	..	62
Petroleum Regulations	..	..	..	12
Town Planning..	..	..	..	58
Allotments	..	..	..	4
Swimming Pool..	..	..	..	151
Recreation Grounds	..	..	..	131

Works and Improvements:

Quantities of bedding destroyed	..	..	..	3
Houses treated for vermin	..	..	..	-
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	35
Drains re-laid	..	..	..	6
Drains tested	..	..	..	24
Drains cleared	..	..	..	23
New drains laid	..	..	..	18
Premises connected to main drainage	..	..	..	11
Premises connected to water main	..	..	..	11
Bucket closets renewed	..	..	..	2

Summary of Visits and Inspections (continued)

Summary:

Total number of:

Inspections made for all purposes .. 1843

Notices Served:

(a) Informal 18

(b) Statutory -

Complaints received 44

Nuisances found and abated 32

Interviews:

(a) Building Byelaws 53

(b) Town Planning 126

(c) Advertisements 16

(d) Housing Repairs and Tenancies 49

(e) Street Lighting 19

(f) Housing - Improvement Grants 15

(g) Water 10

(h) Refuse collection and disposal 22

(i) District Roads 11

(k) Sewers and drainage 14

(l) Miscellaneous 90

Total .. 425

SECTION IV.

HOUSING

Council Rehousing.

Five families were rehoused by the Corporation during the year, all to fill casual vacancies occurring in existing houses.

At the close of the year, the waiting list recorded 123 applicants for Council Houses.

Repairs and Maintenance.

Apart from specialists work, all repairs and maintenance to the Corporation properties are carried out by direct labour. Each house contributes £17. per annum to the Housing Repairs Fund.

In addition to repairs and maintenance, the Council operates a free issue scheme for decorating materials as they do not undertake the internal decoration of houses.

New Council Houses.

No new dwellings were erected in 1968. The Council are examining proposals for the provision of sixteen flatlets for elderly persons to be built off Canada Road.

Holmes Foundation.

Through funds made available to the Corporation by the late Mrs. L. Holmes, the Council erected six old peoples' dwellings in 1964.

During 1968 two further old persons' dwellings were erected, utilising the balance of Mrs. L. Holmes' legacy, augmented by money from the late Mrs. M. Hey.

Almshouses.

Following the modernisation of their pre-war houses, the Council turned their attention to the Almshouses under their control.

A scheme for the modernisation and improvement of the four single person dwellings in Mount Pleasant has been approved by the Corporation. In view of the lack of space available for modernisation it has been decided to convert the four bungalows into two dwellings.

Following approval of the scheme by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, an improvement grant was obtained and two dwellings have so far been converted into one unit.

Housing (continued)

Malthouse Cottages.

These seven old dwellings were acquired by the Corporation about 1930. Four of the dwellings then existed but three bungalows were formed from existing buildings. The dwellings are now in a very poor state structurally and lack modern amenities.

The Council have decided upon a policy of gradual clearing and demolition and hope to redevelop the site for housing purposes when clearance has been effected.

So far, the tenants of two houses and three bungalows have been re-housed and the properties remain empty.

Garages.

The Corporation have 103 garages on their Housing Estates.

Summary of Housing Accommodation administered by the Corporation

Set out below are details of accommodation administered by the Corporation at the 31st December, 1968:

Council Houses:

Erected pre-war	..	..	74	
Erected post-war	..	..	188	= 262
Holmes Foundation	..	..	8	
Almshouses	..	..	5	
Miscellaneous	..	..	10	= 23
		Total	285	

Private Housing.

The year was again one of good progress towards better housing conditions, a large number of alterations, repairs and improvements to the older properties having taken place.

Since 1946 the Corporation have acquired 20 sub-standard houses with the object of demolition. Of these, 19 have been demolished and the other reconditioned, improved and re-let.

The Corporation has endeavoured to continue an effective policy of demolition and closing of houses in such a condition as to be quite unfit for human habitation. During the past twenty years, 51 such houses have been demolished and a further 29 closed. Wherever possible, however, the Council welcomes the submission of schemes of improvements and modernisation of such buildings. By this means, 32 demolition or closing orders have been revoked and good houses resulted.

Private Housing (continued)

In addition a number of 'borderline' houses have been reconditioned by means of improvement grants.

In August 1955 the Council proposed dealing with 40 sub-standard houses in the following 5 years, and a further 20 such houses in the next 5 years. To date, 66 such dwellings have been dealt with as follows:

(a) Closing Orders:

Orders made	..	..	..	17
Houses closed	..	..	..	17
Families rehoused..	..	..	..	14
Houses still occupied	..	..	..	-
Orders revoked after reconditioning	..	..	..	13
Undertakings to recondition accepted	..	..	..	3

(b) Demolition Orders:

Orders made	..	..	..	36
Houses demolished..	..	..	..	22
Houses closed	..	..	..	28
Families rehoused..	..	..	..	24
Houses still occupied	..	..	..	-
Orders revoked after reconditioning	..	..	..	19
Undertakings to recondition accepted	..	..	..	19

(c) Voluntary Repair and Improvement Schemes 13

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under this Act.

New Houses - Private Enterprise.

Two houses were completed during 1968.

Four more houses were erected and 3 were under construction, together with roads and services, on a private estate adjoining the Borough boundary in the Chichester Rural District. This makes some 139 houses in Tortington parish now linked with the Corporation's sewers and water mains from the Borough.

Improvement Grants.

The introduction of "Standard Grants" under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, undoubtedly stimulated interest in respect of housing improvements. This has again been evident from the number of enquiries and applications received.

Improvement Grants (continued)

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with in 1968:

Grant	Number of Applicants	Number Approved	Max. Amount Approved
DISCRETIONARY, - Private Houses	1	1	£800.
Council Houses	-	-	-
STANDARD - Private Houses	5	5	£625.
Council Houses	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	6	£1425.

Grant	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner occupied.	W.C.	Facilities Provided			Larder
					Bath	W.H.B.	Hot Water	
DISCRETIONARY								
Private	£ 400	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Council	400	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
STANDARD								
Private	935	8	8	5	5	6	8	6
Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	£1735	9	9	6	6	7	9	7

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 20
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 38
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .. 12
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 19
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 15

Housing Statistics (continued)

2. Remedying of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority	22
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3. Remedying of Defects during the year with service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action taken by the Local Authority	-
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4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957:

Demolition Orders

(i) Demolition Orders made	-
(ii) Houses demolished	-
(iii) Undertakings accepted	2
(iv) Houses closed and awaiting demolition	-
(v) Demolition Orders revoked.. .. .	-

Closing Orders

(i) Closing Orders made	2
(ii) Houses closed	2
(iii) Closing Orders revoked	-
(iv) Undertakings	-
(v) Work in progress	-

5. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding.

There are no recorded cases of overcrowding in the Borough, no new cases having been brought to light during 1968.

Dangerous Structures.

Informal Notices regarding repair or renewal of 2 dangerous dwellings or structures were served during the year. These were both complied with.

SECTION V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply.

All the farms in the Borough are supplied with mains water, and the position at the end of the year was as follows:

Number of farms in the Borough	..	5
Number actually producing milk	..	2
Number of Dairymen (Milk Sellers)	..	3
Number of inspections made of Milk Shops		1
Number of contraventions found	..	Nil

No samples were submitted for biological examination.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are no longer any slaughterhouses in the Borough. Periodic inspections of butchers' shops and vehicles have been carried out during the year as follows:

(a) Butchers' Shops	..	4
(b) Vehicles	..	2

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

One renewal licence to slaughter animals was granted by the Corporation during 1968. No new licences were issued.

Food Premises.

There are 69 food premises in the Borough as follows:

Bakehouses	..	Nil
Butchers' Shops	..	3
Catering Establishments	..	16
Confectioners	..	12
Chemists	..	2
Dairies	..	2
Fishmongers	..	1
Grocers	..	11
Greengrocers	..	5
Licensed Premises..	..	15
Corn Stores	..	1
Fried Fish Shop	..	1

Twenty-nine visits of inspections were made to food premises during 1968. Generally, the cafes and food shops maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

No infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations were observed.

Food Condemned at Food Shops.

No food stuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption.

Bakehouses.

As there are no bakehouses in the Borough, all bread sold is brought in from other districts and a large proportion is pre-wrapped.

Ice Cream.

Twenty-four premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream is manufactured in the Borough. All products are sold wrapped as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

The results of ice cream samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority for fat content are not available for inclusion in this report.

Fried Fish Shops.

There is one fish frying establishment in the Borough.

Food Adulteration.

The West Sussex County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Sections of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Details of the samples taken in the Borough are not available for inclusion herein.

Water Cress.

Visits of inspection were made to the water cress beds during the year. No complaints were received.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

(a) Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

No samples of raw milk were submitted for examination.

(b) The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the Borough.

(c) Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing premises within the Borough.

(d) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

<u>Number of premises:</u>	Butchers	..	3	
	Confectioners	..	2	
	Restaurants, Cafes		19	
	Chemists	..	2	
	Bakers	..	3	
	Fish Shop	..	1	
	Grocers	..	5	
	Fruiterers	..	3	= 38.

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 - 38

No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies - 24

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 - 24

SECTION VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Fifteen notifications of infectious disease were received - scarlet fever (13), measles (1), infective jaundice (1).

Cancer.

Eight deaths (6 males, 2 females) were attributed to Cancer during the year (19 in 1967).

The Cancer Death Rate for 1968 per thousand of the estimated home population is 2.6 (7.01 in 1967). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.0, 3.2 and 2.7 respectively.

Diphtheria.

(a) Notifications - No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1968, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Immunisation - Immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, or by the General Practitioners, and set out below are details of injections given to persons aged under 16 years during the year:

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Completed Primary Courses</u>	<u>Reinforcing Injections</u>
Diphtheria	41	117
Whooping Cough	39	35
Tetanus	47	118
Poliomyelitis	44	75

Poliomyelitis.

No cases were notified to the Department in 1968. Vaccination against the disease is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices, at County Hall and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Smallpox.

The following vaccinations were carried out during the year in children under 16 years of age and recorded by the West Sussex County Council Health Department:

Primary	35
Revaccinations	24

Prevalence and Control of Diseases (continued)

Tuberculosis.

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received during 1968, nor were any deaths recorded as due to this cause.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the notification register at the end of the year:

Tuberculosis Register

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register 1. 1.68	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10
Primary Notifications 1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10
Cases removed in 1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register 31.12.68	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10

Details of Notifications received of Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1958.

Disease	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Measles	85	3	42	7	-	24	57	27	36	-	1
Scarlet Fever	8	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	13
Whooping Cough	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	11	-



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