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April, 1970.

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-Second Annual Report on the Health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1969.

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,

V.P. GEOGHEGAN

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 1968	2,990
Mid-Year 1969	2,990
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	1,052
Rateable Value (31st December, 1969)	£ 124,009
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£ 480

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	Corr.	Rural	Urban	Wales
		M	F	Number	%					
1968	31	15	16	-	-	10.36	12.74	18.7	15.2	16.9
1969	32	16	16	1	3.1	10.7	13.2	18.1	15.1	16.3

Stillbirths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) Births	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				Arundel Borough	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex			
		M	F		
1968	1	1	-	31.25	14.3
1969	-	-	-	-	13.0

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

1969:		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Live Births ..	16	16	32
	Still 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					
1968	-	-	-	-	-	14.5	14.1	18.0
1969	1	-	1	-	31.	14.0	16.0	18.0

INFANT MORTALITY RATES			- ARUNDEL BOROUGH	
Year	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	
1968	-		-	
1969	32.		-	

	Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968
	Total Deaths	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births ..	31.	nil	nil	nil	nil	32.2
Mortality Rate per 1000 live & still births					31.	31.2

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for
England and Wales - 12. per 1,000 live births

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

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.	
1968	-	-	0.4	-	0.24
1969	-	-	0.4	-	0.19

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					
1968	41	20	21	13.71	9.59	9.5	10.6	11.9
1969	47	24	23	15.71	9.6	9.1	10.1	11.9

The chief causes of death were :

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
(i) Cancer	7	8
(ii) Diseases of heart ..	16	14
(iii) Respiratory diseases ..	9	10
(iv) Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	4

The above four causes accounted for 39 or 83% of the total deaths recorded during the year.

Of the total deaths, 32 or 68% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over, 21 or 45% of the total deaths being aged 75 years and 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 - 1969

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s							
			0-4	1-4	1-	5-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	m	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	m	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	m	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	f	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	f	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	m	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	4	4
	f	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Other Forms of Heart Disease	m	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	f	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	m	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
	f	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Pneumonia	m	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
	f	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	m	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	f	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	m	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	f	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	f	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	f	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	m	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	f	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>												
	M	24	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	8	8	8
	F	23	1	-	2	-	1	-	3	3	13	13

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 (Broyle Road, Chichester	Chichester 82671 82685	400 202
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea	Shoreham 2381	411
Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	Worthing 7282	205
Arundel & District Hospital, Chichester Road, Arundel (* 12 Acute Medical (General Practitioner) beds, and 8 Chronic/Geriatric beds for relief short- stay cases)	Arundel 3243	20 *
Swandean Hospital, Arundel Road, Worthing (+ Non-operative due to lack of staff) (* Staffed and available for Geriatric Cases)	Swandean 1821	9 + 129 *
<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 (Contd.)

SECTION III

Laboratory Service

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 examined 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

Held at:

Audiology	-	Chichester
Child Health Clinics	-	Arundel, Chichester and Littlehampton.
Ante-Natal Clinics	-	Arundel and Chichester
School Clinics (Minor Ailments)	-	Littlehampton
Eye Clinics	-	Arundel, Chichester and Littlehampton
Dental Clinics	-	Held in Dental Mobile Unit
Speech Therapy Clinics	-	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

Worthing Borough Council provides water to the Arundel Borough. The supply is from a borehole and well in Arundel situated off Mill Road near Swanbourne Lake. Water 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 during the year and were found to be of satisfactory purity. No samples were submitted for chemical or mineral examination.

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 installed 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.

No major works of alteration were carried out at either of the sewerage works during the year.

In order to deal with back flooding to dwellings in Fitzalan Road a 2" petrol driven pump was installed adjacent to the outfall. This enables the sewage to be lifted as required and disposed of at a higher level than the normal discharge. It is, however, evident that the amount of rain water getting into the sewers on this system is a contributing factor to the collection tank being unable to cope with the effluent during very high tides.

For some time flooding in the basin of the valley between Torton Hill and Canada Roads has taken place after heavy rain. This was

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

caused by the existing small drain being unable to cope with the volume of rainfall run-off from the roads and houses in this area. By the laying of some 80 yards of 15" sewer, this valley has been by-passed and surface water now discharges into the main culvert in Ford Road. 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 various outfalls and so prevent discharges, and also to faulty penstocks. Two penstocks to the sewer outfalls were renewed during the year and a further four were reconditioned.

Thirty-seven premises have water carriage sanitation and either drain to cesspools, septic tanks or soakaways. All dwellings 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 have two buildings housing public conveniences, one for both sexes on the Town Quay and the other in Mill Road for ladies only.

Both are satisfactorily maintained and all sections have facilities for the washing of hands.

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 in the Borough is carried out weekly by the Corporation, four men being fully engaged on this service. Trade refuse is also removed by agreement, and the whole collection service is carried out with a Dennis Paxit II rear loading freighter.

The partial collection of waste paper and scrap metals has continued and the following materials were disposed of :

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Waste Paper ..	23	18	-	142.	11.	9.
Non-ferrous metals	-	-	1		7.	6.
Ferrous metals ..	1	11	4	7.	17.	6.
Textiles ..		7	6	3.	7.	6.
	<u>25</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£ 154.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>3.</u>

Public Cleansing (Contd.)

The total weight of salvaged materials disposed of was 5 Tons 5 Cwts. more than in 1968, with an increase in revenue of £66. 9. 8d. This was largely due to the improved market for waste paper.

The filling of the lower ravine in Canada Road, adjacent to the old tip, has continued. A plentiful supply of soil has been available for this purpose, and following repeated bulldozing, a considerable area has now been levelled. The consideration shown by the Contractors using this tip has resulted in reasonably clean and tidy conditions being maintained.

Tipping has continued satisfactorily at the Chichester Road Quarry Tip - again largely due to the availability of adequate supplies of soil for covering. Owing to the large amount of refuse deposited during the year, the life of this tip is now very short.

The use of a second quarry close to the present site has been obtained for future use. Preparatory works including the clearance of shrubs and the provision of a roadway were in hand at the close of the year.

Every effort is made to carry out "controlled tipping" and one employee is engaged full-time on the tip for this purpose. To keep under control the potential menace of flies and rats, the tip is sprayed and regularly treated.

Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1966, local authorities are now responsible for the disposal of old cars, large unwanted furniture, etc. Whilst this service can be chargeable, it does create additional work and such bulky items have undoubtedly lessened the life of the tip.

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

Clean Air Act, 1956

No action has been necessary.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas, etc.

No complaints were received and no action was necessary

Tents, Vans and Sheds

Numerous enquiries are received, particularly in the Summer months, for sites for caravans and campers. Most of them find accommodation 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 some other similar spot.

There are no sites in the Borough licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, or the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. 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 and sun bathing 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 upon as being of the highest standard of purity.

Rats and Mice Destruction

Matters regarding rodent control are dealt with by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. As a result of independant investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations needed 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 own and maintain 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 for the storage of petroleum spirit were issued during 1969. Fifteen visits of inspection were made, and the storage arrangements of the applicants were found to be satisfactory. The premises licensed were as follows :

(a) Garages for resale	5
(b) Commercial and Agricultural consumers (Not for resale)	6

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are no such premises licenced within the Borough

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises in the district are registered under this Act.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following information was supplied to the Ministry of Labour on Form OSR.14, concerning the administration of this Act for the year ended 31st December, 1969 :

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Contd.)

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.69.	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	1	13	89	12
Retail Shops	1	30	107	16
Wholesale Shops etc.	-	1	3	-
Catering Estab.	-	6	58	6
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	7	1
Totals	2	52	264	35
Total inspections of registered premises	45	Males 118 Females 146		

No accidents were reported under the Act.

Factories Act, 1961

Part VIII of the Act - Outworkers - 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 (Contd.)

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1 Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	3	-	-
2 Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced	24	33	-	-
3 Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced (excluding outworkers premises)	2	2	-	-
Totals	31	38	-	-

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.)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temp.(S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
San.Conveniences (S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable/Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	3	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Under Public Health and Housing Acts :

Infectious Disease	..	..	-
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	1
Butchers' Shops	..	..	8
Dairies ..	..	..	-
Other Food Premises	..	..	14
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	-
Offices and Shops Act	..	..	45
Public Conveniences	..	..	10
Water Supplies and Appliances	..	..	11
Refuse Disposal and Tips	..	..	77
Sewerage Works and Sewers	..	..	63
Building Byelaws	..	..	310
Dangerous Structures	..	..	8
Improvement Grants	..	..	34
Re-visits ..	..	..	111
Miscellaneous	..	..	250

Other Visits :

Council House Repairs and Maintenance	..	..	31
Council House tenancies	..	..	11
District Roads	..	..	168
Street Lighting	..	..	63
Petroleum Regulations	..	..	15
Town Planning	..	..	36
Allotments	..	..	5
Swimming Pool	..	..	111
Recreation Grounds	..	..	86

Works and Improvements :

Dustbins provided	..	..	24
Drains relaid	..	..	2
Drains tested	..	..	13
Drains cleared	..	..	12
New drains laid	..	..	11
Premises connected to Water Main	..	..	2
Premises connected to Main Drainage	..	..	9
Pail Closets renewed	..	..	2

Summary of Visits and Inspections (Contd.)

Summary:

Total Inspections made for all purposes			1,539
Notices Served :			
(a) Informal	..	..	11
(b) Statutory	..	..	-
Complaints received	..	..	23
Nuisances found and abated		..	14

Interviews :

(a) Building Regulations	..	..	64
(b) Town Planning	..	..	109
(c) Advertisements	..	..	14
(d) Housing Repairs and Tenancies		..	39
(e) Street Lighting	..	..	55
(f) Housing - Improvement Grants		..	34
(g) Water	..	..	19
(h) Refuse Collection and Disposal		..	30
(i) District Roads	..	..	20
(j) Sewers and Drains	..	..	16
(k) Miscellaneous	..	..	95

TOTAL 495

SECTION IV.

HOUSING

Rehousing:

Six families were rehoused by the Corporation during the year. All to fill casual vacancies occurring in existing dwellings.

Waiting List:

The waiting list was revised during 1969 and only applicants who reside or work in the Borough are now accepted.

At the close of the year the Council's list recorded 82 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 dwelling 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 dwellings were erected in 1969. The Council have under consideration the provision of 16 dwellings for old people in 1970. A contract has been placed for the necessary road works to the site off Canada Road which should be commencing early in 1970.

Holmes Foundation:

With funds made available to the Corporation by the Late Mrs.L.Holmes six old peoples' dwellings were erected in 1964, and two further dwellings in 1968.

These eight dwellings are managed by the Corporation.

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 persons dwellings in Mount Pleasant has been approved and 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.

Malthouse Cottages:

These seven old dwellings were acquired by the Corporation about 1930. Four of the dwellings then existed but three bungalows were

Malthouse Cottages (Contd.)

formed out of existing buildings.

As a result of the condition of these dwellings the Council decided upon a policy of gradual clearing and demolition with a view to redeveloping the site for housing purposes when clearance has been effected. Six of the tenants of these dwellings have now been rehoused and some demolition and site clearance has been started.

Garages:

The Corporation have 103 garages on their Housing Estates and have car parking space available on two other sites.

Summary of Housing Accommodation administered by the Corporation

Set out herewith are details of housing accommodation administered by the Corporation at the 31st December, 1969 :

Council Houses:

Erected pre-war	..	..	74	
Erected post-war	..	..	<u>188</u>	= 262
Holmes Foundation	..	..	8	
Almshouses	..	..	5	
Miscellaneous	..	..	<u>4</u>	= <u>17</u>
			Total	<u>279</u>

Private Housing

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

Since 1946, the Corporation has 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 for improvement and modernisation of such buildings. By this means, 35 demolition or closing orders have been revoked and good houses resulted. In addition, a number of 'border line' houses have been reconditioned by means of improvement grants.

The Corporation informed the Minister of Housing and Local Government in August 1955, that they proposed dealing with 40 sub-standard houses in the following five years. The Minister was further informed in 1960 that the Council intended during the next five years to deal with a

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further 20 such premises. So far, 67 such dwellings have been dealt with as follows :

(a) Closing Orders

Orders made	18
Houses closed	18
Families rehoused	15
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 re-housed	24
Orders revoked after reconditioning	22
Undertakings to recondition accepted	19

(c) Voluntary repair and improvement schemes 13

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 been evident once again from the number of enquiries and applications for grants. However, to date the Housing Act, 1969, with its greater financial aid, has not so far resulted in a larger number of applicants.

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with in 1969 :

Grant	Number of Applicants	Number Approved	Max. Amount Approved
DISCRETIONARY - Private Houses	-	-	-
STANDARD - Private Houses	8	8	£ 1095
Totals	8	8	£ 1095

	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner occupied	W.C.	Facilities Provided			Larder
					Bath	W.H.B.	Hot Water	
DISCRETIONARY Private	£400	1	1	1	1	1	1	
STANDARD Private	£690	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Totals	£ 1090	6	6	6	6	6	6	

Rent Act, 1968.

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

New Houses - Private Enterprise.

No houses were completed by private enterprise during the year.

Five houses were erected and three were under construction, together with roads and services, at the end of the year on a private estate adjoining the Borough boundary in the Chichester Rural District. This makes some 144 houses in the Tortington Parish now linked with the Corporation's sewers and water mains from the Borough.

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)	19
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	33
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	14
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	23
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-headings), found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	9

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	19
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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	Nil
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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	..	..	-
(iv)	Houses closed and awaiting demolition	..	..	-
(v)	Demolition Orders revoked	..	..	3

Closing Orders

(i)	Closing Orders made	..	..	1
(ii)	Houses closed	..	..	1
(iii)	Closing Orders revoked	..	..	-
(iv)	Undertakings	..	..	-
(v)	Work in progress	..	..	-

5. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding (Part IV).

There are no recorded cases of overcrowding in the Borough, no new cases having been brought to light during 1969.

Dangerous Structures - Public Health Act - Section 58

Informal Notices regarding repair or renewal of three dangerous buildings or structures served during the year were complied with.

3. Remedy of defects during the year with service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the Borough	8
Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the Borough in consequence of informal action taken by the local authority	8
Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the Borough during the year without service of Formal Notices	0

4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Year	1967	1968	1969	1970
Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the Borough	5	5	5	6
Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the Borough in consequence of formal action taken by the local authority	5	5	5	6
Number of defective dwelling-houses reported in the Borough during the year without service of Formal Notices	0	0	0	0

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
Farms producing milk	2
Dairymen (Milk Sellers)	3
Inspections of Milk Shops	-
Contraventions found	-

Milk Samples

No samples were submitted for biological examination.

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

As a result of these Regulations the duties of the Corporation regarding annual licensing and of milk sampling passed to the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority.

Meat and Other Foods

There are no slaughterhouses in use in the Borough. The following inspections of butcher's shops and vehicles have been carried out during the year :

Butchers' Shops	..	8
Vehicles	..	1

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

One renewal licence to slaughter animals was granted by the Corporation during 1969.

No new licences were issued.

Food Premises

Byelaws concerning the "Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air" have been made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. These were confirmed by the Ministry of Food in 1950.

There are 70 food premises in the Borough, details of which are as follows :

Bakehouses	..	Nil
Butchers Shops	..	3
Catering Establishments		17
Confectioners	..	12
Chemists ..	..	2
Dairies ..	..	2
Fishmongers	..	1
Grocers ..	..	11
Greengrocers	..	5

Food Premises (Contd.)

Milk Supply

Licensed Premises	..	15
Corn Stores	..	1
Fried Fish Shop	..	1

Twenty-three visits of inspection were made to food premises during the year. Generally, the cafes and food shops maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

No contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations were observed.

Condemned Food

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

Bakehouses

There are now no bakehouses in the Borough. All bread sold is imported from other districts, and mainly pre-wrapped.

Ice Cream

Twenty-four premises in the Borough are registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of Ice Cream. No Ice Cream is manufactured in the Borough.

All Ice Cream is sold wrapped as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

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

Fried Fish Shop

There is one fish frying establishment in the Borough.

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Fourteen notifications of infectious disease were received - Scarlet Fever (7); Measles (5); Infective Jaundice (1); Tuberculosis-non-respiratory (1).

Cancer

Seven deaths (3 males, 4 females) were attributed to Cancer during the year (8 in 1968).

The Cancer Death Rate for 1969 per thousand of the estimated home population is 2.3 (2.6 in 1968). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.2., 3.2 and 3.1 respectively.

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications. No case of diphtheria has been notified in the Borough since 1945.

(b) 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	13	124
Whooping Cough	11	46
Tetanus	13	78
Poliomyelitis	15	101
Measles	44	-

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified to the Department in 1969, the last case having occurred in 1955. Vaccination against the disease is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices; at the County Health Department, Metropolitan House, Northgate, Chichester; and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Smallpox

The following vaccinations were carried out during 1969 in children under 16 years of age and recorded by the West Sussex County Council Health Department :

Primary Vaccinations	37
Re-vaccinations	130

Tuberculosis

One notification of Tuberculosis (non-respiratory) was received in 1969. No deaths were recorded as due to this cause.

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the register at the end of 1969 :

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register 1. 1. 69.	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10
Primary Notifications 1969	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Transfer Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	4	7	2	2	4	5	6	11
Cases removed in 1969	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cases on Register 31.12.69.	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10

Details of Notifications received of Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1959.

Disease	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Measles	3	42	7	-	24	57	27	36	-	1	5
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	13	7
Whooping Cough	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-



