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For the Year 1972

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May, 1973

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



Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Twenty-Fifth Annual Report on the Health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1972.

I wish to express my thanks to Members of the Council for their continued support, and to Mr. H.W. Simmonds, your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has supplied much 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 Estimated Home Population :				
		Mid-Year 1971	..	2,390
		Mid-Year 1972	..	2,400
Rateable Value (31st December, 1972)	..			£ 128,160
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	..			£ 1,220
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	..			1,187

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	
		M	F	Number	%					
1971	34	15	19	5	14.7	14.2	17.5	16.9	14.5	16.0
1972	29	10	19	4	13.4	12.1	16.2	14.2	13.7	14.8

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		
1971	-	-	-	-	12.0
1972	1	-	1	33.3	12.0

Vital Statistics (contd.)

Total (Live and Still) Births

1972:

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	..	10	19	29
Still Births	..	-	1	1
Totals		<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year

Year	INFANT DEATHS				RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
	ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		R.D's.	U.D's.	
M	F							
1971	1	-	1	1	29.	14.0	16.0	18.0
1972	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	17.0	17.0

Year	INFANT MORTALITY RATES - ARUNDEL BOROUGH	
	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births
1971	-	200.
1972	-	-

	Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Peri-natal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971
	Total Deaths Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	-	1	-	1	1
Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & still births	-	29.	-	29.	33.	29.

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.	
1971	-	-	0.4	0.3	0.17
1972	-	-	-	0.6	0.15

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					
1971	40	19	21	16.7	11.7	8.6	9.9	11.6
1972	40	22	18	16.7	11.7	9.9	10.2	12.1

The chief causes of death were :

	1972	1971
(i) Neoplasms	16	12
(ii) Cerebrovascular disease ..	10	5
(iii) Diseases of Heart ..	9	8
(iv) Respiratory Diseases ..	3	9

The above four causes accounted for 38 or 95% of the total deaths recorded during 1972.

Of the total deaths, 30 or 75% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over, while 16 or 40% of the total deaths were aged 75 years and over.

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

GENERAL DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life - 1972

Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	Y e a r s									
			0-	1-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Stomach	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ditto Intestine	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ditto Lung,	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	
Ditto Breast	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Ditto Prostate	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Ditto	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
Other Malignant	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Neoplasms	F	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Benign and Unspecified	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Neoplasms	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Diseases of	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nervous System	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	
Pneumonia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Other Diseases of	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Respiratory System	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Peptic Ulcer	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	22	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	13	3	
	F	18	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	13	

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals: The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the Borough and surrounding district are as follows :

Region 8 - South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board:

Hospital	Type	Telephone Number	Beds
<u>(a) Worthing Southlands and District Group:</u>			
WORTHING HOSPITAL, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	General/ Geriatric	Worthing 37282	197
COURTLANDS RECOVERY HOSPITAL, Goring Road, Worthing	Post Operative	Worthing 43201	52
SOUTHLANDS HOSPITAL, Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea	General	Shoreham 2381	406
SWANDEAN HOSPITAL, Arundel Road, Durrington	Geriatric	Worthing 64121	129
ARUNDEL HOSPITAL, Chichester Road, Arundel	Medical/ Geriatric	Arundel 882543	18
LITTLEHAMPTON HOSPITAL, Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton	General	L'hampton 7101	27
ZACHARY MERTON MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Glenville Road, Rustington	Maternity	Rustington 4155	62
<u>(b) Chichester and Graylingwell Group:</u>			
ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL: Broyle Road, Chichester	General	Chichester 82685	199
St. Richard's, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	General/ Maternity	Chichester 88122	488
Isolation, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	Infectious	Chichester 82126	12
GRAYLINGWELL HOSPITAL, Summersdale, Chichester	Psychiatric	Chichester 85171	860
BOGNOR WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, North Bersted Street, Bognor Regis	General	Bognor Regis 5418	32
BOGNOR REGIS CHEST HOSPITAL, Hawthorn Road, Bognor Regis	Chest	Bognor Regis 23151	49
MIDHURST COTTAGE HOSPITAL, Rotherfield House, Easebourne	General	Midhurst 3105	27
<u>Region 7 - South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board:</u>			
<u>(a) Brighton and Lewes Group (part):</u>			
BRIGHTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Elm Grove, Brighton	Partly Acute	Brighton 66444	614
ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Eastern Road, Brighton	Acute and Maternity	Brighton 66611	436

General Provision of Health Services (contd.)

Laboratory Service. Examinations are carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Ambulances. The Local Health Authority (the West Sussex County Council) provide 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
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	-	Bognor Regis Chest Hospital
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	Worthing Hospital and Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supply

The Borough is within the area supplied by the Worthing Corporation Water Undertaking. Every house has a piped main water supply.

Drainage and Sewerage

The Council has two sewage disposal works - a small works in Fitzalan Road on the south side of the River, 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 thus necessitating holding tanks as the River is tidal.

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

The sewers are only partially separated, thus some rain water is received into the sewage works, while the remainder runs into separate sewers which discharge to the River Arun.

The main sewerage works were constructed in about 1900, and were originally designed for chemical precipitation and sludge pressing. The only treatment now given to the sewage is settlement in the primary and secondary holding tanks before discharge to the River.

In order to deal with back flooding to dwellings in Fitzalan Road, an electric pump with automatic float controls 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 rainwater 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. 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.

Thirty-eight other 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 have two buildings housing public conveniences, one on the Town Quay (Ladies and Gents.) and the other in Mill Road (Ladies only).

Both are satisfactorily maintained, and all sections have facilities for the washing of hands. Repeated vandalism, however, makes this facility often unobtainable.

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 used continues to increase.

Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse in the Borough is carried out weekly by the Corporation. Trade refuse is also removed by agreement. This important service engages four men full-time on collection and disposal.

Refuse collection is by a Dennis Paxitt II rear loading freighter.

The partial salvaging of waste paper and scrap metals has continued and the following materials were salvaged and sold during 1972 :

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Waste Paper	12	£ 48.76
Ferrous Metals	1	10.00

The fall in market prices accounted for the reduced income as compared with that for 1971.

The filling of the lower ravine in Canada Road adjacent to the old tip has continued. A plentiful supply of soil has remained available for this purpose, and following repeated bulldozing, a considerable area has now been roughly levelled. Tipping finished at the Scotland Barn Quarry in August, and the top surface was covered with earth and bulldozed to levels.

Tipping immediately began at the new tip off Sheppy's Lane after the formation of an entrance road. Unfortunately this tip was set on fire by vandals on the 25th October, and despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade, and smothering with a considerable layer of earth, it was still alight at the close of the year. The fire is, however, contained within the original tipping area and as a result, a further site was brought into use further down the valley.

Public Cleansing (contd.)

This Tip site has about 2½ years future tipping capacity. 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 responsible for the disposal of old cars, large unwanted furniture, etc. While this service can be chargeable, it does create additional work and the bulky items involved undoubtedly lessen the life of the tip.

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

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following information was supplied to the Department of Employment on Form OSR.14, concerning the administration of this Act during the year ended 31st December, 1972 :

Class of Premises	Premises Registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.72.	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	2	15	84	8
Retail Shops	-	27	99	13
Warehouses/Wholesale Shops	-	1	3	1
Catering Establishments	-	6	62	12
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	2	"
Totals	2	50	250	34
Total inspections of Registered Premises	45	Males	116	
		Females	134	

Eight defects were found to require attention and these were all remedied.

No accidents were reported under the Act.

Clean Air Act, 1956

No action has been necessary.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas, etc.

One house was treated for an infestation of fleas.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

Numerous enquiries are received, particularly in the Summer months, for

Tents, Vans and Sheds (contd.)

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 licensed under the Public Health or Town Planning Acts in the Borough.

Swimming Pool

The Corporation have an open air Swimming Pool known as the "Fitzalan Pool" on land presented by the Duke of Norfolk. It was opened in July, 1960, 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 twelve local schools used the pool for instructional and recreational purposes.

Samples of the pool water were submitted for bacteriological examination and 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 independent investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations were discovered to need attention.

Council properties are regularly treated as a precautionary measure.

Schools

No alterations were made to the sanitary facilities at either of the two Schools during the year.

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 Borough are registered under this Act.

Water Cress

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

Factories Act, 1961

Part I

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	4	1	-	-
2	Factories not included in 1 above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	20	21	2	-
3	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced (excluding Outworkers premises) ..	2	2	-	-
	TOTALS	26	24	2	-

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. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding - S.2 ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature - S.3.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation - S.4. .	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors - S.6 ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences - S.7:					
(a) Insufficient ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Home Work - Sections 133 and 134:

No notifications of outworkers were received.

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

Five licences for the storage of petroleum spirit were issued under the Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936, as follows :

(a) Garage premises for re-sale ..	3
(b) Commercial and Agricultural Consumers (not for re-sale)	2

Five visits of inspection were made and storage of the applicants was found to be satisfactory.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Under Public Health and Housing Acts :

Ice Cream Premises	2
Butchers' Shops	3
Other Food Premises	31
Tents, Vans and Sheds	-
Offices and Shops Act	45
Public Conveniences	21
Water Supplies and Appliances	5
Refuse Disposal and Tips	180
Sewage Works and Sewers	43
Building Regulations	670
Dangerous Structures	2
Miscellaneous	158
Re-visits	91
Improvement Grants	49

Other Visits :

Council House Repairs and Maintenance	33
Council House Tenancies	10
District Roads	199
Petroleum Regulations	5
Town Planning	34
Allotments	7
Swimming Pool	94
Recreation Grounds	71

Works and Improvements:

Houses treated for vermin	..	2
Drains re-laid	.. ..	5
Drains tested	.. ..	20
Drains cleared	.. ..	14
New Drains laid	.. ..	15
Earth Closets converted	..	-
Premises connected to water main	..	16
Premises connected to main drainage	..	16
Dustbins provided	.. ..	33
New cesspools	.. ..	1

Summary:

Total Number of Inspections (all purposes) 1,896

Notices served :

(a) Informal	.. ..	14
(b) Statutory	.. ..	nil

Complaints received	.. ..	24
Nuisances found and abated	.. ..	12

Interviews:

Building Regulations	.. ..	65
Town Planning	.. ..	127
Advertisements	.. ..	4
Housing Repairs and Tenancies	.. ..	40
Street Lighting	.. ..	4
Housing - Improvement Grants	.. ..	36
Water Supplies	.. ..	2
Refuse Collection and Disposal	.. ..	11
District Roads	.. ..	12
Sewers and Drains	.. ..	18
Miscellaneous	.. ..	68
Total		<u>387</u>

Section IV.

HOUSING

Council Re-housing

Seven families were rehoused by the Corporation during 1972.

Waiting List

Only applicants who reside or work in the Borough are now accepted for registration. At the close of the year the Council's list recorded some 103 applicants - an increase of twelve on the figure for the previous year.

Council Houses - Repairs and Maintenance

Apart from specialists work all repairs and maintenance to the Corporation's properties are carried out by direct labour. In addition, the Council operates a free issue scheme for decoration materials as they do not undertake the internal decoration of houses.

Holmes Foundation

Through funds made available to the Corporation by the Late Mrs. L.Holmes the Corporation erected six old peoples' dwellings in 1964. A further two were erected 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 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, and following approval of the scheme by the Ministry, two dwellings have so far been converted into one unit with the aid of an improvement grant.

Malthouse Close - Re-development Scheme.

The demolition of the old buildings on this site has been completed.

Ten new dwellings are in course of construction on the site - six houses and four bungalows.

Garages

The Corporation have 106 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 as at 31st December, 1972 :

Council Houses:

Erected pre-war	..	..	74	
Erected post-war	..	..	<u>204</u>	= 278
Holmes Foundation	..	..	8	
Almshouses	..	..	5	
Miscellaneous	..	..	<u>2</u>	= <u>15</u>
			Total	<u>293</u>

Private Housing

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

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 relet.

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 25 years, 58 such houses have been demolished and a further 21 closed.

Wherever possible, however, the Council welcomes the submission of schemes of improvements 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 further 20 such premises. In fact, so far 69 such dwellings have been dealt with as follows :

(a) Closing Orders

Orders made	..	..	18
Houses closed	..	..	18
Families rehoused	..	..	15
Houses still occupied		..	0
Orders revoked after reconditioning			13
Undertakings to recondition accepted			3

(b) Demolition Orders

Orders made	..	..	37
Houses demolished		..	25
Houses closed	..	..	28
Families rehoused	..	..	25
Houses still occupied		..	0
Orders revoked after reconditioning			22
Undertakings to recondition accepted			19

Private Housing (contd.)

(c) Voluntary Repair and Improvement Schemes

13

Improvement Grants

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with in 1972 :

Grant	Applications Approved	Max. Amount Approved
Discretionary - private houses	4	£ 3,070
Standard - private houses	12	£ 2,104
Totals	16	£ 5,174

Grant	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner Occupied	Not Owner	Facilities Provided			
					W.C.	Bath	WHB	Hot Water
DISCRETIONARY Private	£3,582	4	3	1	4	4	4	4
STANDARD Private	£2,293	12	9	3	11	9	10	10
Totals	£5,875	16	12	4	15	13	14	14

The following is a summary of works carried out in the Borough, under Improvement Grants, from their inception to the 31st December, 1972 :

	<u>Number Approved</u>	<u>Grants Paid</u>
Standard Improvement Grants	119	£ 14,254
Council Houses (Treasury Grants)	53	
Discretionary Grants	28	£ 9,926

A total of 200 houses have therefore been improved by Grants which is approximately 20% of the total dwellings in the Borough. Grants made by the Council have totalled £24,180.

Of the 147 private houses concerned, 99 have been owner/occupied, and 48 rented dwellings. The result of these works has meant, among other things, the installation of :

Internal Water Closets	116	Bath	118
Wash Hand Basins	180	Hot Water Supplies	190
Food Stores	95		

Improvement Grants (contd.)

The Council have not considered it necessary to enforce their powers of compulsory improvements under the Housing Act, 1969.

Rent Act, 1968

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair under the above Act.

New Houses - Private Enterprise

One house was completed by private enterprise during the year, and four more were under construction.

Housing Act, 1969

Qualification certificates have been issued to the owners of nineteen dwellings under this Act.

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)	..	27
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	44
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	..	18
(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	..	10

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 15

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

4. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957:

Nil

No Demolition or Closing Orders were made or revoked during the year.

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

There are no recorded cases of overcrowding in the Borough, and no new cases were brought to light during 1972.

Dangerous Buildings or Structures - Public Health Acts
(1936 - Section 58. 1961 - Section 25)

One informal notice regarding the repair of a dangerous structure was served and complied with during the year.

SECTION V

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All 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	4
	Farms producing milk	1
	Dairymen (Milk Sellers)	3

Milk Sampling

No samples were submitted for biological examination

Meat and Other Foods

There are no Slaughterhouses in use in the Borough. Periodic inspections of Butchers' Shops and Vehicles have been carried out and the following visits were made during 1972 :

Butchers Shops	..	3
Vehicles	..	2

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

One renewal licence to slaughter animals was granted by the Council during 1972. No new licences were issued.

Food Premises

There are 68 food premises in the Borough as follows :

Bakehouses	.. ..	nil
Butchers Shops	..	3
Catering Establishments		18
Confectionery	..	12
Chemists	..	2
Fishmongers	..	1
Grocers	..	11
Greengrocers	.	5
Licensed Premises	..	15
Fried Fish Shop	..	1

Thirty-eight visits of inspection were made to food premises during the year. 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

The following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption :

- 1 - 3 Lb. Tin Cooked Ham
- 4 - 10 Lb. Tins Lambs Livers.

Bakehouses

There are no bakehouses in use in the Borough. All bread sold is imported from other districts and mainly 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 ice cream is sold wrapped as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

Fried Fish Shop

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, but details are not available for inclusion in this report.

<u>Notified</u>	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Notified</u>
<u>Primary Courses</u>	<u>Secondary Courses</u>	<u>Other Courses</u>
33	33	33
33	33	33
33	33	33
33	33	33
33	33	33
33	33	33
33	33	33

Poliovirus

No cases were notified in 1975. The last case having occurred in 1955. Vaccination against the disease is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Applications form are available at the Council Offices, at the County Health Department, Hospital House, Brighton, and at Health Centres and Clinics.

Tuberculosis

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received in 1975, nor were any deaths recorded as due to this cause.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1975:

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Only one notification of infectious disease - a case of Measles in a female patient aged 5 years - was received during 1972.

Cancer

Sixteen deaths (11 male, 5 female) were attributed to Cancer during the year (12 in 1971).

The Cancer Death Rate for 1972 per thousand of the estimated home population is 6.6 (5.0 in 1971). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.0., 3.1 and 2.7 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	33	47
Whooping Cough	33	-
Tetanus	33	84
Poliomyelitis	33	71
Rubella	39	-

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified in 1972, 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 Clinics.

Tuberculosis

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received in 1972, nor were any deaths recorded as due to this cause.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1972 :

Tuberculosis Register

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total		Cases
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register at 1st January, 1972, and at 31st December, 1972	2	4	6	2	2	4	4	6	10

Details of Notifications received of
Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1963

Disease	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Measles	24	57	27	36	-	1	5	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	4	-	13	7	4	1	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-

