# Contributors

Basingstoke (England). Rural District Council.

# **Publication/Creation**

1966

# **Persistent URL**

https://wellcomecollection.org/works/casr8e34

# License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution license.

This licence permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection 183 Euston Road London NW1 2BE UK T +44 (0)20 7611 8722 E library@wellcomecollection.org https://wellcomecollection.org

AC 44 15 (3)

1. Mr. Helree 2. Miss Danton 3 Miss Gray, A224 K. Library.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF FUBLIC HEALTH INS PECTOR

for the

BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1966



### BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department, "Eastlands", London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

August 1967.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ending 1966 as directed by the Public Health Officers Regulations.

Vital Statistics - The population of the district as notified by the Registrar General, shows an increase of 250 over the previous year. As the natural increase is only 23, the higher figure points to immigration into the Rural District.

In the mortality returns, 66% of all male deaths occurred in the over 65's while the figure rose to 83% for females of the same age group. The age structure of deaths being greatest in the over 65's, it is not surprising to see that nearly 60% of all deaths are due to heart and circulatory changes. Malignant disease accounted for about 14% of the total deaths.

Social and Sanitary Circumstances - In last year's Annual Report, I pointed out that many well populated areas in the district still lacked main drainage and demands on the Council's Cesspool Emptying Service continue to increase. This has now presented difficulty in disposing of the cesspool contents. The Council has two tankers in constant use and very little of their contents can be discharged into sewers because sewage works are not adapted to deal with them. Arrangements are made for disposal on farm land, but this often leads to complaints of smell.

Whilst I am satisfied that the risk to the public health from the discharge of cesspool contents on arable land is small, the practice is clearly offensive and people who are told not to allow their cesspools to overflow cannot understand why the Council discharges similar matter in the countryside.

It is also anomalous that no powers exist enabling the Council to prohibit the erection of new houses served by cesspools. No matter who pays, emptying is costly and disposal difficult.

The only satisfactory method of disposal is into a sewage treatment works. Some capacity exists at Oakley and the Council's plans for sewering Bramley and Nonk Sherborne have included provision for the treatment of cesspool contents at the extended works at Sherfield-on-Loddon and Sherborne St. John. Unfortunately, the Minister of Housing and Local Government has not permitted either of these schemes to proceed. More attention must be paid to this problem and the adaptation of other works should be considered.

It is pleasing to report that the East Oakley Sewerage Scheme has now been completed, but further complaints of fouling of ditches in Bramley have been made.

The extensive improvements to the hospital kitchens in Park Prewett and hsing Road Hospitals which commenced in 1966, have now been completed. Similar improvements are now being introduced into the subsidiary kitchens.

My thanks are due to the Council and staff of the Public Health Department for all their help during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T. E. Roberts

Medical Officer of Health.



# STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area Population - Registrar General's Estimate Mid. 1966	20.780
Number of inhabited houses	5,719 £643.126.
Product of penny rate	\$2,369.

# VITAL STATISTICS

	1966	1965	1964
Live births Live birth rate per 1000 population Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births Stillbirths	334 16.1 6.6	330 16.1 6.7	326 15.9 7.9
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and stillbirths Total live and stillbirths	5.0 14.7 339	1.0 3.0 331	4.0 12.1 330
Infant deaths Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births Total	4 18.0	8 24.2	4
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	12.0	18.1	13.3
Early neonatal rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 live births)	6.0	6.1	12.2
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week)	20.6	15.1	27.6
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Comparability factors(births) (deaths)	1.10	1.10	1.10

BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total	1965	1964	
Legitimate	171	141	312	308	300	
Illegitimate	9	13	22	22	26	
Birth rate per 1000 population (corrected)			17.7	17.7	17.49	
Average for England and Wales			17.7	18.0	18.4	
DEATHS	Male	Female	Total	<u>1965</u>	1964	
Deaths from all causes	151	184	335	328	316	
Death rate per 1000 (corrected)			8.8	7.8	8.3	
Average for England and Wales			11.7	11.5	11.3	

Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2017 with funding from Wellcome Library

https://archive.org/details/b28908090

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS	Under 24 hrs.	Under 1 week		- 4 eks	<u>1 - 12</u> months
Prematurity	-	-	1	2	-
Respiratory distress	l	-		-	
Neonatal intestinal obstruction	-	l	-	-	-
STILLBIRTHS	Male	Female	Total	<u>1965</u>	1964
Legitimate	l	4	5	l	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-

# ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

Code No.	Disease	Male	Female	Total	1965	1964
10.						
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-	1	2	1
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	-	3	5	4
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	5	2	7	7	9
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast		5	5	6	2
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	16	13	29	25	24
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1.	2	1	2
16	Diabetes	2	1	3	l	2
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	22	29	51	45	42
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	39	22	61	50	48
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	4	5	9	3	5
20	Other Heart Disease	14	49	63	63	64
21	Other Circulatory Disease	6	6	12	12	14
22	Influenza	-	1	1	1	-
23	Pneumonia	12	14	26	39	41
24	Bronchitis	4	3	7	12	11
25	Other Disease of Respiratory System	1		1	5	3
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1	2	-	-
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	2	4	2	3
31	Congenital Malformations	-	2	2	l	2
32	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	10	22	32	27	26
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	-	7	3	-
34	All Other Accidents	1	3	4	10	5
35	Suicide	-	3	3	1	1

# EPIDEMIOLOGY

# Notification of Diseases

Measles	91	(150)
Scarlet Fever	2	(10)
Meningitis	l	
Whooping Cough	2	3 6
Dysentery	2	
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	5	(5)
Salmonella Typhimurium	2	(-)
(Dimme in buschets and a lots)		

(Figures in brackets refer to 1965)

# IMMUNISATION

# Diphtheria

During the year, 382 (371) (301) persons completed the primary course of immunisation, and 548 (512) (470) received a boosting dose. The latter doses are given at school to the 5 year olds during the Summer Term and to the 10 year olds during the Easter Term.

## Poliomyelitis

Protection against Poliomyelitis is also offered and during the year 357 (331) (326) completed the primary course and 213 (335) (106) boosting doses were given to the 5 year olds.

### VACCINATION

# Smallpox

During the year, the following numbers of people in each age group were successfully vaccinated or revaccinated against Smallpox:

	Un	der 1	yr.		l yr.		2	/4 yr:	3.	5	/14 yrs.
Primary Vaccination	29	(51)	(18)	212	(140)	(163)	54	(38)	(13)	40	(10) (-)
Re-vaccination	-	(-)	(-)	-	(-)	(-)	7	(4)	(4)	38	(-)(15)

Figures in brackets refer to 1965 and 1964

## B.C.G.

During the year, two private schools situated in the Rural District Council area were visited and the appropriate children were offered B.C.G. vaccination should they need it. 74 children were eligible and 51 were actually given B.C.G. The difference between the two figures is due either to refusals, absent at either testing or reading or being regarded as positive at reading.

The mass x-ray which is situated at Basingstoke twice monthly, serves many parts of the Rural District Council area and during 1966, 1499 persons were x-rayed. 7 males and 1 female were shown to have significant tuberculosis, giving an incidence of 5.34 per 1000. This higher figure is made up mainly on account of the Park Prewett Survey.

## GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

The District Health Sub-Committee which has functioned since the beginning of the National Health Service, meeting quarterly, was finally disbanded during the year.

There was instituted in its place an Annual Meeting which was attended by the County Medical Officer and members of his staff. This gave members of the Rural District Council Health Committee, who by virtue of their position are automatically members of the District Health Sub-Committee, an opportunity of not only hearing what County functions are carried out in the Rural District Council area, but also of putting their own particular queries to the County Health Department staff.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE - Health Visiting

The Health Visitor is informed of all births to mothers normally resident in the Rural District whether they occur inside or outside the rural boundary. They assist the mother and offer advice on all matters regarding immunisation and feeding, working at all times in close liaison with the family doctor to enable the child to receive the greatest benefit.

Babies are also seen by the Health Visitor at Child Welfare Clinics which are situated throughout the district. At some of the larger clinics a doctor is also in attendance. The attachment scheme continues to flourish and continues to be the best scheme by which Local Authority staff are made available to General Practitioners.

### 1942 (24,04,10)

#### 10.5754

Alberto Marynar, 122 (013) (041) persons configured in 12 12 1952er 624er and as three, and 545 (512) (410) recalesed a bandting has a. The letter 624er attemp of pointed to the 5 year olds further the bander face and to the

### all high

Arquestics against Folicopplities is also offered and during the joint (1937) (1989) completed the primery source and 215 (199) (100) icontics however offere to the 5 year of Ma

#### HUIPADES

meeter the rear, he following minhous of yeagie to again any group high

#### sources in heading refer to they are anon

the mary related and the entropy selects when although in the serie but the select at the second to the second to although and if and the second to although a station to refuse a second at the s

the mest server which is situated at hadaserate beins which y north and y as of the Annel districted Connell area and during 1966, 1139 persons wure recepted when and 1 French were above to have significant suber windth, girled an English with yes 1990. This bitter figure is asia in an analy do account of the Back

#### SED TVERE HILDRED GREEN

the betarmel Sealth Derview, seating worthed with a fissily this banked then

the serve and transfordant in its place an Annual Service which and attained by the and defined Officer and makers of also staff. While propagation of the land the foundail Health Demoister, who by statut all place provide a tob walf benches a reary foundail Health Deb-Consisters, we appeared by a tob walf benches a reary foundail are serviced as in the bond like wine Downli from a tob and the the the bond bench benches

#### STREET AND ADDRESS - REALTER ATTACH VERY LINE

"A main distribut visition is informed of all birth to solders percently resident is "A main distribut visition that comer include or chief to solders in the inthe solders and offer sivile advise or, all solders to moving hereichen the main the solders at all times in close Hadace with is falling and the birth to reacter the reacter beautify

initial are also area by the Health Platter at While Health Clintics which which are interfact threaters the Matheda. At accas of the larger attacks a lasher is also reachered. The attachment schere confirme to floorish and healthings it be the schere by sider [and solicities staff are and swill bein it supervisition.

# DISTRICT MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING

	Midw	vifery	Vi	sits	Genera	al Cases	Vi	sits
Basing	24	(Nil)	602	(172)	78	(69)	1.880	(1580)
Bramley	19	(14)	295	(452)	35	(55)	696	(954)
Sherborne St. John	31	(8)	280	(235)	36	(33)	2032	(1820)
Preston Candover	4	(6)	62	(172)	34	(21)	393	(461)
Silchester	24	(13)	676	(433)	65	(42)	2007	(895)
Upton Grey	11	(7)	161	(290)	31	(41)	1146	(543)
Oakley	Nil	(Nil)	Nil	(Nil)	85	(19)	455	(465)

Figures in brackets refer to 1965.

# HOME HELP SERVICE

	TOTAL	Maternity	Emergency Sickness	Fost Hospital	Mentally Sick	Chronic	Aged Sick and Infirm
Receiving Help 1.1.66	58	l	-	-	-	9	48
New Cases	34	5	3	2	3	5	16
Total No. of Cases	92	6	3	2	3	14	64
No. of Cases Completed	37	6	2	2	2	2	23
Carried Forward	55	-	1	-	l	12	41

# NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 and 1951

There were no applications under these Acts during the year.

### OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

Both the statutory and voluntary welfare services work individually and co-operate when necessary to bring the greatest benefit to the elderly people of the District. A monthly Chiropody service is available for those in need of it.

	VISITS.	APPLICATIONS	AND	ADMISSIONS	TO	WELFARE	ACCOMMODATIC
--	---------	--------------	-----	------------	----	---------	--------------

No. of cases visited	101	(63)	
Applications	11.	(34)	including 2 short stay applications
Admissions	10	(21)	including 2 short stay cases
Aged, Registered Handicapped Persons	22	(12)	

# INVESTIGATIONS MADE AND REFERRED TO:-

National Assistance Board		(Nil) (4)	$\binom{11}{(1)}$	
Round Table	Nil	(Nil)	(1)	
Housing Department		(2) (Nil)	(2) (1)	
Medical Officer of Health - Section 47		(Nil)	(1)	
Home Help Organiser		(Nil)	(1)	
Miscellaneous		(6)	(11) (Nil)	
Placed in Private Accommodation (under		1		
County Placement Scheme) Visits in Relation to Group Dwelling	2	(Nil)	(Nil)	
Scheme - Cavalier Close, Basing		(Nil)		
Protection of Property	1	(Nil)	(Nil)	
The man and have been to 2005 and 2001				

Figures in brackets refer to 1965 and 1964

The state			
2 23			

## Housing

Number of dwellings completed since 1945 is as follows :-

	Total	1966	1965	1964
Private	1359	148	97	82
Council	784	58	24	32

During the year, aged persons' dwellings were completed at Basing. A warden is resident and available to help should the need arise.

Attention continued to be given to individual unfit houses, but the main efforts were directed towards the improvement of properties. It is hoped shortly to commence a further housing survey to ascertain what dwellings remain to be improved.

### Sewerage

The Oakley sewerage scheme was completed during the year. The majority of private houses, however, are still without main drainage and have to rely on cesspits or septic tanks for sewage disposal. Since most of the development is in the north of the district where a clay subsoil predominates, the problem of sewage disposal is giving cause for alarm.

### Water Supply

The shortage of water in the northern part of the district was largely resolved during the year.

A lorry carrying styrene, which is used in the production of plastics, overturned on the A.30 in October, discharging about 1,500 gallons into an adjoining marshy area and polluting the River Loddon. The site was in close proximity to a watercress bed and to a number of houses which draw their water from private wells and it was necessary to advise the temporary withdrawal of the sale of the watercress and to arrange an alternative water supply for the cottages. It was soon discovered that both watercress and drinking water contaminated with styrene are so unpalatable as to be unacceptable even when the styrene content is far below the threshold of toxicity. The risk of accidental poisoning both to humans and animals was therefore very unlikely.

Much of the styrene was subsequently destroyed by burning. Samples of water showed a rapid decrease of styrene content, probably due to polymersation.

### Food Supplies

Milk

Fewer notifications of salmonella infection in milk were received. Routine sampling of all milk sold retail continued.

## Other Foods

From the number of complaints received in respect of foreign bodies in foods it would appear that the general public are becoming more discerning regarding the quality of food they are prepared to accept.

### ASSA DE TO SECRATENCETO TEATIONE.

spineticitas at RAUL sonis herelynon spallers to reside

service the years personal deallings were appleted as landar. A worker

At anythou wonthousd to be given to inividual units houses, but the nain outs ever directed counts the improvement of properties. It is hoped shortly contained a further housing survey to examining risk dwallings remain to be

### 241

The buildy several solutions and completed during the past. The anjointy of ante buildy, borever, are still stitute and during the past. The solution of rolits or septie ranks for severe disposed. Since work dive hereinpant in the article of the district state a circ related predations, the provint source disposed is giving suse for elera.

### 201023

the survive of whet is the account part of the district was largely

remarked on the A. 10 is detained, which is used in the production of plantics, should not the A. 10 is detained, the Sirver Lotion. The site are in close duity to a restarrance tes and to a comber of boucks which draw their water acts of the settle and it was restaring to sorted the barrowary at shares and acts of the settle and it was restaring to sorted the barrowary at shares water acts of the settle and it are restaring to sorted the barrowary at shares water acts of the settle and it are a settle to be an acts and the barrowary at shares and acts of the settle and it are a to be the test at the barrowary at shares and acts of the settle at the barroward that be in the test at the settle acts of the settle at the barroward that the test areas and the test at any rest at the settle at the barroward the set to be an acts by the risk of any rest at the barroward the test and the test at the settle of the risk of any rest of the barroward the test and the test at the settle of the settle at the settle at the barroward the test at the test at the settle of the settle of the barroward the test and the test at the settle of the settle at the settle of the barroward the test at the test at the settle of the settle of the settle of the settle at the test at the test at the settle of the settle of the settle of the settle of the test at the test at the settle of the settle of the settle of the settle of the test at the test at the settle of the settle of the settle of the settle of the test at the test at the settle of the test at the test at the settle of the se

rear of the styrate was enhanced the troyed by burnlay. Anaples of

in the set wire reason in the

the mailest of sumplicing a coordinal in respect of freeing ballan in the second of th

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my mineteenth annual report concerning work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors.

# Number and Nature of Visits and Inspections

Houses under Public Health Acts	476
Houses under Housing Acts	227
Improvement Grants and Standard Grants	281
Overorowded Houses	9
Re Water Supply	142
Moveable Dwellings and Camping Sites	211
Offices and Shops	87
Factories	32
Schools	12
Food Premises	511
Refuse Collection and Disposal	443
Pest Control	102
Cesspool Emptying Service	1.68
Re-visits Following Service of Notices	227
Miscellaneous Visits	181
Complaints Received and Investigated	77
	11

# FOOD PREMISES

Inspections were made by the Public Health Inspectors regarding food and food premises as follows:-

	No. in District	No. of Inspections
General Provision Shops	51	113
Butchers Shops	6	14
Inns and Off Licences	42	65
Restaurants, Cafes, etc	10	48
Bakehouses	<i>L</i>	9
Registered Ice Cream Premises	66	141
Registered Sausage Manufacturers	5	11
Hospitals and Old Peoples Homes	4	14
Dairies and Milk Distributors	10	47
Schools	21	17
Clubs	11	18
Watercress Growers	6	14 .
	236	511
	and the second second	

### NOT 21 THE TOX RECEIVE HERE TO THE TO THE TOTAL THE TOTAL THE TO THE TO THE TO THE TOTAL T

there getlemont halles and territory,

I have plassers in presenting by mineteenth annual report preserving work

### indicated and Artaly to peared best metaling

### 2010 11:0010

and a state work and in the the last selite call in Independent with the first of the sel

## MILK SAMPLING

Grade of Milk	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	25	25	0
Untreated	22	18	4
		California and	
	47	43	4
		Ballation (1997)	CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER OWNE

Two samples of untreated milk failed the methylene blue test and details were forwarded to the licensing authority.

Two samples of untreated milk also failed the ring test for Brucella, but the presence of brucella was not confirmed. It is likely that a recently vaccinated cow introduced into the herd was responsible for this failure.

During the year, the farm at which brucella was previously reported ceased retailing untreated milk and now sends all milk for pasteurisation.

### FOOD PREMISES

The trend continues for the village shop to become self-service and to increase the range of goods sold. Pre-packaging is essential in this type of shop and as a result an improved standard of hygiene has been noted. However, it has become necessary to give a good deal more attention to preparation rooms where cheese, bacon and meat are prepared prior to being packed and refrigerated for display. In small shops it is tempting to rob Peter to pay Paul by increasing the retail sales area at the expense of the room available for storage and preparation.

The amount of refrigeration continues to increase as does the amount and variety of frozen foods stored. Storage cabinets still leave much to be desired. Improvements in design are being made, but in view of the large capital expenditure involved, small shop-keepers are unlikely to exchange their existing cabinets.

A number of complaints regarding dirty milk bottles and foreign bodies in food were received, five resulting in legal proceedings. Although in no case could it be said that undue negligence had occurred nevertheless, in the business of supplying food to the public, extraordinary precautions must often be taken to ensure that the food is clean and free from contamination. The Regulations do not make excessive demands and a supplier who is not prepared to meet their requirements should not be engaged in the handling of food.

## ICE CREAM SAMPLING

Eight samples were taken and were reported to be satisfactory.

There are no ice cream manufacturers in this district and only pre-packed ice cream is sold from registered premises.

## WATER SUPPLIES

Piped supplies are available in every parish but a few isolated properties remain dependent upon private wells and rain water tanks. The contamination of the River Loddon by styrene during the summer demonstrated the importance of keeping a record of all farms and dwellings not yet supplied with mains water. Many of these have a sufficient and wholesome supply from wells and bores but the risk of contamination is ever present and routine sampling is an essential safeguard. 20 samples were taken from piped supplies and all were found to be satisfactory.

Housing development in the northern part of the district served by the Thames Valley Water Board had to be restricted during the year because of a general shortage of water.

the surgles of universe all falled the methyless him fast and details

Two samples of universal athe sine failed the read fort Househis, but a protence of brocelle was not continued. It's blicky thet a recondly adapted on fatroduced into the bord was responsible for this failure.

boring the year, the farm at which broughle was providedly reported beamed

#### ALLETHING GOOM

had been continued for the village shop to become self-service and to move the proces of grats sold. Sto-paraging is assected to this type of the become researcy to dive a lost that are estention to prevent to be are observe, issues and east of prepared prize to being paried and relations to all this terms and and the prevent prize to being paried and relations of all the prevent and the set of the second prize to the inter to prevent to to to the relation. In world store it is terminated to the inter to prevent to to the relation of the second of the second second second second relations.

and and a second of refrigoration continues to intrease as four the anoma and antipy of fromes fields stard. Storage contests still lawre and to be astrol. Interpresents to taking are being made, but in view of the ingen astrol. Another tourived, scale which coopers are unlikely to exchange that risting contents.

A monitor of complainers reproding direy wilk bottles and foreign bottles in real wave received. (ive remaining in lagel proceedings. Although in on once which is is angle that come orghiners had constrain meretheless, is the scales of supplying ideal to the public, extraordinary proceedings and often a faire to engine that the rook is signified from from the somether and their requirements should not be summed in the booling of for

### ALL CREAK SALES IN

erratestation ad of harmonal enas has desind anos and plan right

a create the the first and antices in this district and y pre-project

### SELISIUS SECAR

There applies no scallable in antip cartab but a few factored properties and a dependent upon private wells and rein extern tenne. The containdration of there holded by storene during the souther faconstrated the importance of applie a record of all forms and deallings not get supplied with rite rains whith the data demanting to a sufficient and scalescene copies from which and brock into the data demanting to a set from the souther from which and brock into the data demanting to a start from the start of the set of the set of the data of another is the set from and and resting sold supplies and all rate found to be the set of a supplement of the from the start of the set of the be-

Housing development in the sorthwest part of the district served by the mode Valley Natur Board had to be restricted during the year because of a course shortage of weight

### MAIN DRAINAGE

In the parishes of Old Basing, North Waltham, Oakley, Sherborne St. John and Sherfield-on-Loddon, a total of 1773 properties are connected to public sewers. This represents approximately 31% of the total houses in the area and much remains to be undertaken in this field.

The present stringent financial climate prevents the Council from proceeding smoothly with schemes prepared for Bramley, Monk Sherborne, Chineham, Mortimer West End and Pamber Heath. In each of these parishes differing public health problems must be tolerated until Ministry consents for loan sanctions are forthcoming.

### SWIMMING POOL

There is in the area one swimming pool open to members of the public. Samples of water were found to be satisfactory.

### HOUSING ACTS

### Grants

Without doubt, Improvement and Standard grants have played an important part in raising the general standard of housing accommodation in the district.

The Council stake in housing is now very considerable when it is realised that of 5,719 dwellings in the area, 890 are owned by the Local Authority, 536 have received financial assistance by way of Improvement Grants and a further 208 by way of Standard Grants. Many more have been built or purchased with the aid of loans provided by the Council.

### Slum Clearance

The clearance of unfit properties progressed during the year when:

- 15 houses were demolished
- 1 house awaited demolition
- 8 houses were closed
- 4 houses became subject to owner's formal undertaking

It is estimated that 56 houses still await formal action by the Council under the Housing Acts.

During 1966, 15 families, comprising 55 persons, were rehoused from unfit properties and 3 cases of overcrowding were abated. In addition, 86 properties were improved or repaired as a result of formal or informal action by the Council and its Officers.

### Rent Acts

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received.

# Housing Act 1964

3 tenants made representations that their houses lacked amenities and ought to be improved and appropriate action was taken by the Council.

### CARAVANS AND CARAVAN SITES

Development of the Council's caravan site was delayed by the national financial position and by the restrictions imposed by the shortage of water in the area in which the site is situated. However, work is now in progress.

The number of caravans in the area remained fairly constant. The County Council's policy not to permit the use of land for the siting of individual caravans appears to be having some effect, as very few applications are now being made. The County Council's intention was that caravans should be stationed on large sites properly designed for the purpose. Such sites require considerable capital expenditure for development. In addition, the number of areas where a caravan site can be established without upsetting the balance of village life is limited. As a result, only one application for the development of a new site has been received in this area since the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into force. -3 - lardice services of Old-Environ, Marti matter, Orifer, Starberge AL Jone and refreide ar-Locina, e total of 1733 preservate are characted to public every. To room each approximately 11% of the total house in the area and wich reacted to milarraness in the field.

athir provide attriction financial difacts prevents the Council from proceeding athir with addama property for Broader, Mosk Sinctory, Chimenen, Norther Yost Anador Basta, is shell of these partshes differing public malth problems unit alerended until Mathery consents for Lago recorders are Fortherediag.

#### SHILMMIN POOL

and in in the area one suinded pail apoil to making of the public. Samples

areadon south, leptoneers and Stanland graphs have alged an inpurtiest part

A.TLY ANALLIANS IN ADDILLO IN ACCOUNT WITH ANALLIANSIA WHEN IT IS TABLED THAT THE ANALLIANS IN THE ATES, 390 and cound by the Local Authority, 536 have a restart firmer and a sailatance by may of information from and a forther 208 by may include by the County and also have been been been been been been and with the aid of loans

ine materiance of write properties programmed during the ware share

- Lodal Lond WINE BARADA C
- sollionah hatiana saudi a
- basois aros anaugu bo
- and terror a tracers of tract for screets to show a

it is extincted that is broken still analt formal aution by the Council under

boring lood, 15 families, comprising 55 persons, and rebound from antis accieve and 3 areas of everyoding vary elected. In addition, 66 projectics introved on repetted as a result of formal or informal action by the Council are different.

107 Dek.

Bavison when the distriction of distribute were recorded

DOI FOR

terreres and corrections that their houses lands anents had ded correct

#### TEALS TRANSPORT OF A BUAYARAD

because passion of the Sound's converse site als. Addapted to the methodal books passion and by the restrictions ingeness of the alcorney of when in the standard theory to is alcorney, work to the to the program.

is a policy of a restriction in the area realised histop and raise in the fourty of a second second

### CARAVANS AND CARAVAN SITES - Cont'd ...

The iniquitous practice of charging a premium to obtain a caravan standing on a site still continues. It is also known that a standing on some sites can be obtained only by purchasing a caravan from one particular supplier, the site owner presumably receiving some consideration. There is temptation to obtain vacant possession of standings on sites for this purpose and the absence of security of tenure leads to extremely unhappy circumstances for some caravan dwellers.

It is pleasing to report that in three reported cases of fire on caravan sites the facilities on site were found to be adequate.

### REFUSE AND SALVAGE

### COLLECTIONS

Throughout the district, weekly kerbside collections are carried out but arrangements are made to collect from the rear of premises in cases of old age or infirmity. Kerbside collections are speedy and cheap but unhygienic and an eyesore and cause hardship to many ratepayers. The discontinuance of this method of collection is recommended and last autumn the Council decided to experiment with paper sack collections at Sherborne St. John. Early impressions from this experiment are most favourable both from ratepayers and employees and it is hoped that the Council will programme the extension of this system to other parishes.

At Basing Road Hospital, three collections are made weekly and at Park Prewett Hospital daily visits are made with the exception of Sundays. At the latter, at least one load is removed daily and this, together with new housing development in the district and the general increase in the volume of refuse to be collected, incurs regular overtime by employees.

Four vehicles are in daily service and the oldest vehicle is held in reserve. It needs replacement at an early date.

Considerable difficulties in recruiting and retaining employees were experienced until after the severe economic restrictions imposed by the Government in July took effect.

Vehicles in service are as follows :-

Registration	No.	Type	Purch	ased	
POT 471 VCG 558 YAA 741	}	18 cu.yd. (Shelvoke and Drewry fore and aft tipping vehicles with diesel engines.)	July March April	1956 1959 1960	
689 JCG		25 cu.yd. (Shelvoke and Drewry fore and aft tipping vehicle with diesel engine and fitted with power press.)	Sept.	1963	
DH0 541.C		35 cu.yd. (Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic.)	Dec.	1965	

## DISPOSAL

R

Refuse from the whole of the district and from Basingstoke Corporation continued to be disposed of at Marnel Dell by controlled tipping. Quantities disposed of were:

	Lo	ads	CL	. Yās.
Basingstoke R.D.C.	1,831	(1,863)	32,537	(30,100)
Basingstoke Corporation	2,023	(2,055)	42,989	(40,916)
C.A.D. Bramley	145	(144)	1,015	(1,008)
Park Prewett Hospital	33	(41)	495	(465)
Trade Refuse	2,890	(1,456)	17,340	(8,736)

Corresponding figures for 1965 are shown in brackets.

Trads refuse quantities again increased during the year and income amounted to £1364.

average whiteles are in delig rervice and the oline; variely is held in reserve.

Contribution difficulties in resrutting and retaining applyace and artagood until after the serves soundin restelectors imposed by the forermont hily took afters.

-revoltat is was solves at asisting

Breathand		

## REFUSE AND SALVAGE DISPOSAL - Cont'd ...

Although daily treatments were carried out, complaints regarding fly infestations were received from neighbouring properties. Each vehicle delivering refuse to the tip carries its quota of flies and larvae and it is unfortunate that automatic insecticidal sprays cannot be fitted inside vehicles to treat each load en route. Paper sack collections will reduce infestations and also the litter problem which arises from loose paper being blown on to adjoining property.

Marnel Dell is now filling rapidly and the destructor plant proposed by the Corporation is urgently necessary. During the year the following materials were salvaged:-

		Quan	tity		Value
	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.	Lbs.	
Paper Rags Metal	115 2 5	6 8 17	1 3 2	16 ) 4 ) 0 )	£858 <b>.</b>
Comparative figures for former	years:-	1964	- £953 - £785 - £615		

The annual distance covered by this service was 41,308 miles.

# DEPOT

The depot at Coronation Road was re-constructed during the year and adequate facilities are now available for the parking of vehicles in the open, repairs and maintenance, toilets and ablutions, mess room and lockers.

### REMOVAL OF VEHICLES REGULATIONS 1961

During the year, 14 vehicles abandoned on the highway were disposed of. A further 51 vehicles were removed to a breaker's yard, at no expense to the Council.

## KEEP BRITAIN TIDY CAMPAIGN

The Council provides litter bins at the request of Parish Councils and these are emptied in the course of normal collections. Litter bins on trunk roads are provided and emptied by the County Council.

As a result of pamphlets to householders and publicity in the local press, ratepayers are now aware that the Council will remove bulky household articles free of charge. At least two vehicles are normally engaged upon this service on Saturdays.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

Purchased

The following two vehicles are in service :-

### Registration No.

### Type

696 BOT )	Shelvoke and Drewry	May	1961
682 HOR }	800 gallon vehicles with diesel engines.	Oct.	1963

Standard charges for the work remained at :-

For the first load on each occasion ..... £1.18s.4d. Second and subsequent loads on the same occasion ..... £1.10s.0d.

These charges were reduced by half for the third, fourth and fifth emptying of a pit during the financial year, and further reduced to 10/-d. for the first load and 7/6d. for subsequent loads after a pit had been emptied five times. A contribution from the Rate Fund met the deficit incurred by these concessions. Quarterly or more frequent emptying gualified for a 10% discount upon contract work.

### ab show - stephen of share the set

About a fally treatmants ware warried out, completes requiding the batations were received from set phoneting properties. Each reside delivering one to the the site corrier in opera of flies and larves and it is before their both corride insectionidal space actual le fitted inside vehicles to treat and load rests. Income this start contains all fitted into a the statement of all fitter rests which arises from issue paper bails blown on to aljoining property.

baread soll is now filling registly and the destructor plant proposed by the persition is urgently measurery. During the year the following meanful ware

the shared distance covered by this service who light slives

The begot at throughting houd and re-constructed forting the year and adequate entropy are now evellable for the parking of verifies in the open, repairs and incommune, toilets and abletions, and a room and lockers.

# SET CONTRACTOR STATEMENT SO IN TONE

surial the year, 14 vehicles abandoned on the highney ware disposed of. A stated at your 31 vehicles ware removed to a breaker's yord, at he aspense to the Council.

## NORSE ENGLAND THEY CANDED

The General provides litter birn at the request of Ferreb Councils and these sections in the course of normal collections. Initial Mine on Marke could are stick and course by the Source's Councils.

As a result of passifiers to homeinifiers and publicity in the loost prote, Whereas are now every that his Connell will remove builty household articles from control. At least two rebinies are contably engaged upon this bervice on

# STATES PERSONAL LOOPERST

-1001910% has wellallow out welworld's

600 galler reliefs wi

Val.

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE - Cont'd ...

Six months after public sewers become available in any parish, the service operates only for the final emptying of a pit, when a connection to the public sewer is about to be made.

During the year, 3,798 loads were removed, 33,807 miles were covered and income from the service was £4,527.

Disposal difficulties continued throughout the year and only at Herriard, Mortimer West End, Preston Candover and Sherborne St. John were regular tipping sites available. Much of the employee's time was involved in haulage and regular weekend work became necessary. No satisfactory solution to this problem will be forthcoming until most, if not all, of the contents can be discharged into sewage works adapted for this purpose. None of the village works at present functioning is so constructed.

The older vehicle is to be replaced at an early date.

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Routine inspections were made during the year and several improvements were noted, the most important of which was the added attention given to the question of heating. Lighting, too, in offices and corridors had been improved.

No accidents were reported during the year.

# CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

In a rural area, predominantly agricultural in character, the administration of the Clean Air Act presents very few problems. However, two points are worth mentioning. One concerns the practice of burning garden refuse. Persistant complaints were received from a family who had come to live in the country to get away from the dirt, smoke and noise of town life, only to be inconvenienced by the smoke from bonfires. After consideration of the facts the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

The second point concerns the smoke from a refuse destructor. In view of the expansion of Basingstoke as an overspill town it is proposed to dispose of household refuse in a destructor rather than by controlled tipping. The site chosen was to the East of Basingstoke. It also happened to be to the West of the village of Old Basing and the inhabitants took exception, among other things, to the possibility of smoke and fumes polluting the atmosphere. The Rural District Council agreed with these objections and after a Public Enquiry it has been determined that the refuse destructor shall be sited elsewhere.

### PEST CONTROL

The Council now employ one full time and one part-time rodent operative for general pest control. During the summer months it has been the practice to conduct surveys of the district and to perform annual tasks such as the baiting of sewers, etc. However, although the baiting of new sewers is undertaken as a routine, the annual baiting of existing sewers is no longer considered necessary as they have always been found to be free from infestation. Instead, baiting is now being performed every three years.

Surveys of the district are becoming more difficult to carry out as a result of the much increased call on operators during the summer months to deal with infestations of flies, mosquitoes, ants and wasps.

It is noticeable that people moving to the villages surrounding Basingstoke who have hitherto lived in towns are sorely troubled by the bites of midges and mosquitoes to the point of requiring medical attention. Control of such pests is a widespread and massive operation fraught with difficulties, but inspections in the immediate vicinity of the complaint often reveal pockets of heavy infestation which can be dealt with easily.

It is a long time since a complaint regarding fleas, lice and particularly bedbugs was last received.

A tool - Statysta Gallerian drovers

is months after public encars becaus contracts in any partan, the sorties as only for the final supering of a pit, when a conversion to the public sures of the same.

and the service was the loads note related. Spill? all a service and interest and incom

Disposed infination the continued throughout the year and only at Herrisri, which available. Much of the applepe's time are involved to banker and regular whore wellable. Much of the applepe's time are involved to bain problem will be articular and because assessing. We estimate the contents to this problem will be articular the set, if not all, of the contents can be bischarged into severe and alogied for this purpose. Now of the village route at present functioning are an automated.

the older weatols is to be replaced at an early date,

### 1991 AND SEPARATING AVAILATING THE SECOND

in the same inspections were and intine the year and several incorrenance ware of, the same interview of shiet was the allos files fire of the greation beaution. Lighting, the, is offices and corridors had been interved.

. TAYY MET BRIDD DOCTORET MINE BINDLOAD ON

## ACCENTER ANT 1956

is a root is the provision of any large section is appropriat, the addinistration of the section of the section

incominer of leadingstois as an overspill form it is proposed to dispuse of her ware to a factory to be the second the proposed to dispuse of here bold a next of leading to the incoming the proposed to be to the the second wis to a leading and the incoming to be proposed to be to the best of the dilarge of a second to second and there pollution the strongers. The factor found that the incoming to the factor and the strongers of the factor of the second will be a second and after a factor factor to the factor of the second will be to be a factor and after a factory and to the factor beaut that the strong to the factor and there a fault is inquiry to be been determined that the second state that the strong all after a factory and the factory beaut that the second will be a state and after a factory and the strong to be the beau determined that

### FIRE CONTRACT

real post control. During the number conting this we been the presiden to control mays of the district and to perform annual basis wooh as the builting of annurs, formerer, although the baising of the severe is undertained as a conting, the man building of existing severe is an inverse to undertained as a conting, the approximation the free free false tailed and there is an the total and be found to be free free form taisated and the setting is undertained as the found to be free free form taisated and the setting is undertained as a setting is the found to be free free form taisated and the setting is undertained as a set and the found to be free free and an alternation in the set in the set and being

barreys of the district at any because sore difficult to warry out as a readle of such inverses call on operatory during the runner contain to deal with relations of files, morguitoes, ants and wares.

the interaction lives in the second second to the view of the second at a second the back and the second term and terms and te

AT 14 A LORE bins since a couplaint reparties fires, lice and particularly

PEST CONTROL - Cont'd ...

Details of rodent control during the year follow :-

		Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(1)	Total number of properties (including nearby premises, inspected following notification	315	26
	No. infested by (i) rats (ii) mice	310 15	26 6
(2)	Total number of properties inspected for rats and for mice for reason other than notification	1,074	96
	No. infested by (i) rats (ii) mice	215 55	91 11

# NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH

Decemb	anding per 1965	Serve 1966	5	Complied 1966	5	Outstar December	r 1966
Statutory	Informal	Statutory	Informal	Statutory	Informal	Statutory	Informal
14	9	30	17	27	19	17	7

# LICENCES IN FORCE

Game Dealers	1
Caravan Sites	28
Milk Distributors	10
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	66
Premises registered for the manufacture of sausages	8
Sorap Metal Dealers	7

# - 0 - 0 - 0 -

My thanks are due to the staff of the Public Health Department for the ready help and support I have received in all matters.

# P. C. BOX

Chief Public Health Inspector.

	Z







