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BEAMINSTER
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1968

Tel. No. Bridport 2385/6

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport,

July, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Beaminster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1968. I came to Bridport in November, 1968 so this report is concerned mainly with the work done while Dr. Meadows was your Medical Officer of Health. Unfortunately Mr. Rundle, your Public Health Inspector since 1931 became ill in October and was not able to return to work before the end of the year 1968. Mr. Rundle, has nevertheless helped us with the preparation of this report although the Bridport Public Health Officers carried out urgent essential public health duties during the last three months of 1968.

Miss Lawrence, clerk in the health centre has as usual carried out the work involved in typing and assembling the report.

I am, your obedient servant,

E. Jackson
Medical Officer of Health.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

Councillor Mrs E.P. Holden.

Vice Chairman.

Councillor C.J. Poole.

Councillor R.E. Ashford.
Councillor Capt. G.F.M. Best, R.N.,
Councillor R.P. Biggs.
Councillor Brigadier D. Block.
Councillor S.S.G. Chaffey.
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Councillor C.F. Coate.
Councillor H.C. Curtis.
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Councillor J.C. Shoobridge.
Councillor Mrs B.H. Pinney.
Councillor Capt. P.H.S. Reid, R.N.
Councillor Miss V.S. Small.
Councillor G.J. Stenhouse.
Councillor F.G. Tclman.
Councillor Capt. AP. Wells.

Ex-officio Councillor P.F. Tiarks, M.C.
Councillor Lt. Col. J.T.A. Wilson, J.P.
Councillor H.H. Collins.

Medical Officer of Health.....John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
until 31/8/1968.
E. Jackson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
appointed 1/11/1968.

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport and Lyme Regis
Borough Councils and Bridport Rural District Council, and
Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time
allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the
four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector and Meat

Inspector.....C.C. Rundle, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I..
Pupil Public Health Inspector.....R. Singleton. (joint appointment)
until 31/7/68.
D. Hayball. (joint appointment)
appointed 12/8/68.
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population - 8,420

Area Comparability Factor

Births - 1.18

Deaths - 0.69

This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the ages and sex constitution of the populations of the various districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

Live Births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	71	54	125
Legitimate.....	66	52	118
Illegitimate.....	5	2	7

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 14.8 Corrected 17.4
 Live Births - Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate 1.03
 Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births - 5.6

Still Births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	1	0	1
Legitimate.....	1	0	1
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0

Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births - 8

Total Live and Still-Births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	72	54	126

Deaths (all ages)

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	56	61	117

Death Rate per 1,000 population - Crude 13.9 Corrected 9.6
 Deaths (all ages) - Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate - 0.81

Deaths of Infants.

	<u>Males.</u>			<u>Females.</u>		
	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year of age.	2	0	2	1	0	1
Under 4 weeks of age.	2	0	2	1	0	1
Under 1 week of age.	2	0	2	1	0	1

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births.....24.0
 Legitimate " " " " " legitimate live births.....25.4
 Illegitimate " " " " " illegitimate live births..... 0
 Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).....32
 Early neonatal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).....32
 Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births).....32

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths..... 0
 Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 0

VITAL STATISTICS. (N.A. = not available)

	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1965	1966	1967	1968
Population.....	8044	8294	7939	8113	8100	8370	8410	8390	8420
Rateable Value.....	N.A.	£29408	£30762	£38590	£73423	£17156	£18032	£180900	£186408
Produce of a Penny Rate.....	N.A.	£112	£135	£160	£293	£662	£644	£690	£720

BIRTHS.

Live Births.....	181	115	114	130	124	113	124	91	125
Logitimate.....	N.A.	110	110	129	118	109	118	86	118
Illegitimate.....	N.A.	5	4	1	6	4	6	5	7
Live Birth Rate (crudo).....	22.5	13.9	14.4	16	15.3	13.5	14.7	10.8	14.8
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	17.0	17.5	15.9	17.4	12.7	17.4
Ratio of Local adjusted birth rate to national rate.....	N.A.	0.74	1.03						
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)....	25.5	16.3	14.8	15.8	17.1	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9

INFANT MORTALITY.

Still Births.....	N.A.	N.A.	5	4	1	2	0	3	1
Still Birth Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	42	29.8	8.0	17.4	0	32	8
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)....	N.A.	41	37	23	19.7	15.7	15.4	14.8	14
Deaths under 1 year.....	9	6	8	7	4	2	1	2	3
Infantile Death Rate.....	49.7	52.0	66.7	53.9	32.3	17.7	8.1	22	24.0
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	80.0	60	55	29.8	21.7	19.0	19.0	18.3	18
Neonatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	24.2	8.9	1.1	21.9	32
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	35	31	30	19	15.6	13.0	12.9	12.5	12.3
Early neonatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	24.2	8.9	0	21.0	32
Early neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & W)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1	10.8	10.5
Perinatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	32.0	26.4	0	53	32
Perinatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	26.3	25.4	25

MATERNAL MORTALITY. (Incl. abortion)

Maternal Deaths.....	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).	4.3	3.9	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2

DEATHS.

Total Deaths.....	115	103	137	110	104	100	135	110	117
Death Rate (crudo).....	14.1	12.4	14.3	13.6	12.8	11.9	16.1	13.1	13.9
Death Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	11.9	11.0	10.8	8.8	11.1	9.0	9.6
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate (Eng. & Wales).....	N.A.	N.A.	14.3	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.7	11.81	11.81

Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

B 6.	Other tuberculosis including late effects.....
B 18.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.....
B 19(1)	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....
B 19(2)	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....
B 19(3)	Malignant neoplasm, breast.....
B 19(4)	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....
B 19(5)	Leukaemia.....
B 19(6)	Other malignant neoplasms, etc.....
B 21	Diabetes mellitus.....
B 46(1)	Other endocrine etc diseases.....
B 46(3)	Mental disorders.....
B 46(4)	Other diseases of nervous system etc.....
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic heart disease.....
B 27	Hypertensive disease.....
B 28	Ischaemic heart disease.....
B 29	Other forms of heart disease.....
B 30	Cerebrovascular disease.....
B 46(5)	Other diseases of circulatory system.....
B 31	Influenza.....
B 32	Pneumonia.....
B 33(1)	Bronchitis and emphysema.....
B 46(6)	Other diseases of respiratory system.....
B 34	Peptic ulcer.....
B 46(7)	Other diseases of digestive system.....
B 37	Cirrhosis of liver.....
B 38	Nephritis and nephrosis.....
B 39	Hyperplasia of prostate.....
B 46(8)	Other diseases, genito-urinary system.....
B 46(9)	Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue.....
B 46(10)	Diseases of musculo-skeletal system.....
B 42	Congenital anomalies.....
B 43	Birth injury, difficult labour etc.....
B 45	Symptoms and ill defined conditions.....
BE 47	Motor vehicle accidents.....
BE 48	All other accidents.....
BE 49	Suicide and self inflicted injuries.....

Total.....

STATISTICAL TABLES FOR THE COUNTY OF WEST DORSET

Bridport Borough.			Bridport R.D.			Beaminster R.D.			Lyme Regis Borough.			West Dorset.		
M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	Total 1968	Total 1967.	
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	B 6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	B 18
0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	5	9	B 19(1)
2	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	11	13	B 19(2)
0	2	2	0	6	6	0	3	3	0	1	1	12	8	B 19(3)
-	2	2	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	2	4	B 19(4)
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	B 19(5)
2	11	13	7	5	12	7	6	13	0	4	4	42	34	B 19(6)
1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	B 21
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3		B 46(1)
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2		B 46(3)
1	1	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	7		B 46(4)
2	2	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7		B 26
1	2	3	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	10	9	B 27
16	9	25	25	9	34	15	5	20	4	3	7	86	75	B 28
1	3	4	3	1	4	2	5	7	2	2	4	19	47	B 29
7	14	21	13	16	29	6	17	23	6	8	14	87	61	B 30
0	5	5	0	2	2	4	3	7	1	2	3	17	21	B 46(5)
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	B 31
7	12	19	7	4	11	2	10	12	2	1	3	45	19	B 32
4	0	4	4	2	6	4	2	6	2	3	5	21	14	B 33(1)
1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	3	B 46(6)
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	B 34
0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	B 46(7)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1		B 37
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	B 38
0	-	0	1	-	1	0	-	0	0	-	0	1	3	B 39
2	1	3	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	7		B 46(8)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		B 46(9)
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		B 46(10)
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	B 42
0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	5	0	B 43
0	8	8	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	14	34	B 45
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	6	BE 47
1	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	9	8	BE 48
0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	6	BE 49
48	178	126	69	66	135	56	61	117	31	34	65	443	389	

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Measles vaccine was made available in May and by the end of the year 171 children, mostly of the primary school age group had been vaccinated against measles,

Infectious Diseases notified during 1968.

DISEASES	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Measles.....	5	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total.....	6	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0

Quarterly Notifications 1968.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Measles.....	5	0	1	4	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0	1	0
Total.....	6	0	1	5	0

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

	1940	1950	1960	1965	1966	1967	1968
Food Poisoning.....	0	3	0	20	0	0	0
Diphtheria.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas.....	4	6	1	1	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.....	4	4	12	5	1	0	0
Malaria.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cerebro-Spinal fever.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis.....	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia.....	8	4	0	1	3	0	0
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)...	7	5	2	1	3	1	0
Tuberculosis (Non-pulmonary)	2	5	3	0	0	0	0
Measles.....	60	121	14	162	43	147	5
Whooping Cough.....	12	33	1	0	28	0	0
Total.....	108	189	33	192	80	149	6

Tuberculosis.

No new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Vaccination of school children in the 13+ year age group and the control of tuberculosis in cattle have both contributed to the steady decline in the incidence of tuberculosis.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.				
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on the register at end of 1967.	5	7	2	5
New cases notified during 1968.	0	0	0	0
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	2	1	0	0
Removals from district into other areas.	1	0	1	0
Removed from register as non-tubercular.	0	0	0	0
Removed from register - cured.	1	0	1	1
Deaths during 1968.	0	0	0	0
Total on register at end of 1968.	5	8	0	4

	Average yearly incidence.			
	New Cases		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1940 - 1949.	6.4	2.4	2.3	0.6
1950 - 1959.	4.2	2.0	1.4	0.1
1960 - 1967.	1.3	0.3	0.7	0

Average number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1946 - 1955.	36.2
1956 - 1965.	33.4

Total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1966.	18
1967.	19.
1968.	17

Immunisation.

The following figures were supplied by the County Medical Officer. As some of the immunisations were carried out at the schools the numbers do not strictly refer to the Rural District as some children cross District boundaries to attend schools in the Rural District.

P = Primary dose.

R. = Reinforcing dose.

ORAL.	POLIOMYELITIS.		DIPHTHERIA.			TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.		MEASLES			
	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	P.				
Basic course.															
	109	155	0			0	101	133	111	157	93	43	67	2	179

B.C.G. Immunisation against Tuberculosis.

Tested.	Positive.	Negative.	Vaccinated.	Absent.
157	35	122	122	0

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47.

This section of the Act provides for removal from their own home of persons who are either ill or incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, are not able to care for themselves and are not receiving from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons were referred but statutory action was not found to be necessary.

HOUSING.

Eight two bedroom flats to Parker Morris standards were completed at Broadwindsor during 1968 and construction of a further twelve was commenced at Eggardon Close, Beaminster.

Since the war 397 houses including 69 bungalows and 30 flats have been built by the Local Authority in the following parishes :-

Beaminster.....	191.	Marshwood.....	8.
(Fairfield 32, Hogshill Mead 39, Gerrards Green 97, Pimlico 3, Woodswater Lane 5, Fleet Street 7, Pattle 8).		Mosterton.....	8.
Broadwindsor.....	54.	Melbury Osmond.....	4.
(village 44, Drinton 10)		Netherbury.....	50.
Burstock.....	4.	(village 24, N. Bowood 4, Salway Ash 14, Melpash 8).	
Corscombe.....	7.	South Perrott.....	14.
Evershot.....	4.	Powerstock (West Milton).....	4.
Halstock.....	17.	Ranpisham.....	4.
		Stoke Abbott.....	4.
		Thorncombe.....	24.

At the end of the year there were 107 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the district an increase of 18 in twelve months.

No. of inhabited houses (according to the rate books as at 1/4/68.....)3008.

New-housing.

No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations 1967.....	4.
No. of new houses completed in 1968 :-	
(a) by Local Authority.....	8.
(b) by Private Enterprise.....	64.
No. of new houses completed since the war :-	
(a) by Local Authority.....	397.
(b) by Private Enterprise.....	413.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/68 :-	
(a) by Local Authority.....	12.
(b) by Private Enterprise.....	42.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority.....	486.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected.....	100.	No. unfit for habitation.....	1.
No. of inspections.....	143.	Overcrowding.....	0.
Demolition Orders.....	0.	Closing Orders.....	0.
No. of houses demolished.....	1.		

One house was made fit as a result of formal or informal undertakings.

Two houses subject to a closing order were made fit and the order therefore removed.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act, 1957 Sections 9, 10 and 12.

These sections deal with powers of a Local Authority to require repair of unfit houses.

No. of formal notices served..... 0. No. complied with..... 0.

Public Health Act 1936.

No. of notices served :- Informal..... 8.
Formal..... 0.
No. of houses in which defects were remedied after notice
(a) By owners Informal..... 7.
Formal..... 0.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner..... 0.

Slum Clearance and Demolition State.

The following shows the position at the end of the year of the result of action taken regarding the 105 houses which were assessed in 1955 as unfit. It will be seen that all these houses have been dealt with and that in addition a further 76 houses have become unfit since 1955 and have been dealt with also.

Houses demolished following Demolition Orders or voluntarily by owners in anticipation of Demolition Orders..... 57.
Houses demolished following Clearance Areas or Clearance Orders..... 17.
Demolition Orders operative but houses not yet demolished (8 still occupied)..... 9
Houses made fit and Demolition Order revoked..... 6
Houses closed following Closing Orders..... 9.
Closing Orders determined after houses having been made fit..... 6.
Houses closed following formal undertaking by owners..... 13.
Houses closed following informal undertakings by owners..... 6.
Closing Orders made or undertakings given but houses not yet vacated.. 1.
Houses made fit following formal undertakings by owners..... 12.
Houses made fit informally (29 houses converted into 23)..... 30.
Outstanding informal undertakings to make fit..... 0.

Slum Clearance and Demolition State continued.

Outstanding formal undertakings to make fit.....	2.
Action postponed.....	6.
No action required.....	13.
Under consideration.....	0.

Housing (Financial Provisions Act, 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 (Improvement Grants)).

Details of both Discretionary and Standard grant applications received during the year are as follows :-

	<u>Discretionary</u> <u>Grants.</u>	<u>Standard</u> <u>Grants.</u>
No. of applications received.	5	29
No. of dwellings.	5	29
No. of applications approved.	5	28
No. of dwellings.	5	28
Value of grants approved.	£2,056	£6,040

Housing for Elderly People.

The Council has built a total of 69 bungalows and 30 flats, for elderly people, of which 8 flats and 3 bungalows are to the improved Parker Morris standard

The distribution is as follows :-

	<u>Flats.</u>	<u>Bungalows.</u>
<u>Beaninster.</u>		
Fleet Street.	6	0
Hogshill Mead.	4	3
Pilsdon Close.	8	0
Gerrards Green.	0	24
<u>Netherbury.</u>		
Denziloe.	4	6
North Bowood.	0	2
<u>Halstock.</u>	0	7
<u>Broadwindsor.</u>		
Fullers.	0	16
Kings Court.	8	0
<u>South Perrott.</u>	0	6
<u>Mosterton.</u>	0	2
<u>Corscombe.</u>	0	3
	<u>30</u>	<u>69</u>

WATER SUPPLIES.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

After a further objection and further proceedings before a select Committee of the House of Commons, the Dorset Water Order has now been made and becomes operative on the 1st. April, 1969.

Boaninster Rural District, Bridport Rural District and Bridport Borough Councils each has one representative on the new board.

West Dorset Water Board.

The Water Board has virtually completed the first seven phases of its Regional Scheme. During 1968 the mains from R7 (North Warren Hill Reservoir) connecting Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton, were completed and brought into use and the other extension into the Waytown area should be in use by the spring of 1969. Reservoir No. 5 near Marshwood Church is about 60% complete and work is in hand laying the main from here through the Marshwood Vale. The new main from Whitchurch Canonicerum to Wootton Fitzpaine will also be complete and in use by the spring of 1969.

The West Dorset Water Board will cease to exist on March 31st. 1969 following its incorporation in the new Dorset Water Board, and it is not possible to say, therefore, what plans the new board will have for completing the West Board's original schemes. The works involved are those covered by the original phases 8 and 9 in the scheme detailed below.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
2.	Main from Reservoir No. 16 to Stoke Abbott. Construction of Reservoir No. 12 Bunkers Hill. Main from Reservoir No. 12 to Uploders. Construction of Reservoir No. 19 South Perrott. Main to Reservoir No. 19 and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott. Main from Bradpole to Loders. Main from Reservoir No. 6 to Broadoak. Main from Bridport to Synondbury. Main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock. Main from Hooke pumping station to Reservoir No. 25 and Hooke village. Construction of Reservoir No. 25. Provision of pumping equipment at Hooke pumping station.	1962 to 1964

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme continued.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
3.	Trunk main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1965
4.	Development of Litton Cheney source with pumps and treatment.	Mar. 1964 - Dec. 1964
5.	Mains from R.16 to R.3 (Hardown Hill) Construction of R.3. Mains from R.3 to Whitchurch Canonieorum. Booster No. 3 at Whitchurch Canonieorum. Construction of R.4 and R.8 (Morcombelake) Mains to Whitchurch Canonieorum, Morcombelake and Ryall. Mains from R.3 to Chideock and Seatown. Mains from Whitchurch Canonieorum to Charmouth and Catherston Leweston. Construction of R.2 (Charmouth).	Mar. 1964 to Mar. 1966
6.	Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Seaborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoor Gate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe) Construction of R.15 (north of Burstock). Mains to Walditch.	Mar. 1965 to Mar. 1968
7.	Mains from Broadoak to Bottiscombe and Pilsdon. Construction of R.5 Bottiscombe. Mains from R.7 via Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton. (Mains from R.25 to R.26 and Powerstock. Construction of R.26 Powerstock. Temporarily deferred).	Mar. 1967 to Mar. 1969
8.	Mains from R.18 to Chelborough and Evershot. Mains from R.18 to Rampisham and Wraxall. Mains from R.18 to Melbury. Construction of R.22 (Rampisham). Construction of R.23 (Evershot) and R.24 (East Chelborough).	Mar. 1969 to Mar. 1970
9.	Mains from Whitchurch Canonieorum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R.1 (Charmouth). Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Mains from Broadoak to Moorbath. Mains from Sansoms Cross to Whitchurch Canonieorum.	Mar. 1970 to Mar. 1971

The following is a copy report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London, of the sources used by the West Dorset Water Board.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Waste Weir. 1/12/66.	Beaminster Langdon Supply. 20/6/68.	Corscombe Source. 19/1/65.	Litton Cheney Heading. 18/5/68.
Appearance.	Bright with a few particles.	Bright with a few particles.	Bright with a few particles.	Bright with a few particles.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5
Electric Conductivity.	460	450	440	410
Chlorine present as Chloride.	15	15	13	20
Hardness: total.	260	265	260	210
Carbonate.	240	230	230	185
Non-Carbonate.	20	35	30	25
Nitrate Nitrogen.	3.4	3.4	1.9	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Iron.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Zinc.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Copper.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Lead.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Turbidity.	less than 3.	less than 3.	less than 3.	less than 3.
Odour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Free Carbon Dioxide.	20	22	20	12
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	320	330	300	275
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.	240	230	230	185
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	less than 0.01
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residual Chlorine.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Fluoride.	less than 0.1

From the aspect of the chemical analyses these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Fluoridation of Water Undertakings.

There has been no change in the County Council's former decision not to support the addition of fluoride to the water supply in this area.

Water Samples.

The following table shows the results of bacteriological analyses carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, during the year from various supplies taken by the Local Authority and the West Dorset Water Board.

Supplies.	Total.	Satisfactory.	Suspect.	Unsatisfactory.
<u>Board's Mains.</u>				
Beaminster.	93	93	0	0
Corscombe and Halstock.	83	76	6	1
Thorncombe.	27	26	0	1
Hooke supply.	157	149	3	5
Miscellaneous samples taken from points on new mains and reservoirs.	29	29	0	0
<u>Private Supplies.</u>	39	20	9	10
<u>Total.</u>	428	393	18	17

I am grateful to Mr. R. Chapman, Engineer and Manager to the West Dorset Water Board, for his co-operation and his advice on this section of the report.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

During the year work continued on the various parts of this scheme. The pressure pipeline from Beaminster to West Bay Road, Bridport was completed and satisfactorily tested.

In the early summer of 1968 the submarine outfall pipe was pulled into its sea bed position but unfortunately the shoreward end of the pipe did not become placed in the sea bed with sufficient coverage. The Joint Sewerage Committee, acting on the advice of their Consulting Engineers, called for the Contractors' proposals to lower the pipe into its agreed position, or otherwise to protect it in the surf zone. At the end of the year the Contractors were engaged in a variety of investigations to establish what proposals they might wish to submit to overcome the problem.

The headworks pumping station at West Bay was completed during 1968 and is ready, subject to some final testing when the outfall pipe is completed.

Drainage and Sewerage continued.

The discharge into the River Brit of crude sewage from Beaminster through the extended storm water pumping main continued throughout the year.

South Perrott, Mosterton and Chedington.

Agreement was reached with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on further technical details of the scheme required by them but consent to proceed to tender was still awaited.

Netherbury.

Nothing to report this year.

Stoke Abbott.

Nothing to report this year.

Drimpton.

Field work proceeding.

Programme for other sewerage schemes.

Priority list for future schemes is as follows :-

- West Milton.
- Melpalsh.
- Evershot.
- Melbury Osmond.

I am grateful to the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. K.T. Bird, for his help with this section of the report.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

During the year no nuisances were reported regarding smoke or grit emissions.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Food Premises by type.

There are 96 food premises in the district, as follows :-

General shops.....	6.
General and ice cream.....	27.
Bakehouses.....	3.
Cafes and ice cream.....	3.
Licenced premises.....	27.
Licenced premises and ice cream.....	13.
Butchers shops.....	4.
Fish and chips, fruit etc.....	1.
Dried milk factory.....	1.
Butchers shop, greengrocery and fruit etc.....	1.
General, ice cream and T.T. bottled milk.....	3.
Bakehouses, general shops and ice cream.....	1.
Slaughterhouse.....	1.
Fresh fruit, greengrocery and fish.....	1.
Factory canteen.....	1.
Butchers shops and ice cream.....	1.
Poultry processing.....	2.

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

A total of 56 as follows :-

Ice cream.....	48.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale.....	6.
Cooked fish.....	1.
Manufacture of meat pies.....	1.

368 inspections of food premises were made, of which 137 were of the registered premises set out in group (2) above. The premises are considered to comply reasonably with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Condemnation of Food.

Apart from meat condemned at the slaughterhouse, the following foodstuffs were condemned.

4 tins of foodstuffs.
1749 hens (approximately 2437 lbs)

Poultry Inspection.

The Ministry of Health have drawn attention to the need for frequent and regular visits to be made to all poultry processing establishments to ensure that the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and the recommendations of the Code of Practice on Poultry Dressing and Packing were being observed, and that all carcasses and viscera intended for human consumption were in a fit condition.

There are now two poultry processing premises in the district and both are under the same management; killing and plucking of the birds is carried out at one of these premises, and some eviscerating is done at the other.

About 450,000 birds mostly hens but also some turkeys and geese at Christmas time, were killed at these premises during the year. 52 visits were made and 1749 hens (0.3% of the total) were condemned.

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

The Regulations apply to covered and uncovered markets, delivery vehicles, mobile shops, stalls and trading in the open generally. They strengthen the present food hygiene requirements for these forms of trading and revoke or supersede the corresponding requirements in the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960. The Regulations came into operation on 1st. January, 1967 and the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, do not apply after that date to food businesses subject to the provision of the new Regulations.

No formal action was necessary under these Regulations.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designations) 1960. The County Council, however, have continued to inform this Council where milk samples have failed to pass the prescribed test, and during the year notified that of 89 samples taken, 86 passed the prescribed test and 3 failed. 8 Dealers' licences to sell pre-packed milk, and 1 to sell untreated milk were issued.

Brucellosis.

26 milk supplies were also tested for brucellosis and as a result no herds in the district were found to be infected.

No case of human infection was brought to my notice.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-

(a) Manufacture of ice cream.....	Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream.....	48.
No. of ice cream premises inspected.....	48.
No. of inspections.....	119.
No. of notices served (Ice Cream Heat Treatment Regulations).....	0.

40 samples of ice cream were taken during the year, that is, from all premises where ice cream was actually sold, the results of the samples were :-
Grade 1 - 39, Grade 3 - 1.

All ice cream retailed is pre-packed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. 1963.

There are 45 registered premises in the Rural District and the Public Health Inspector has made 65 inspections.

The standards are generally reasonable and no prosecutions have resulted from inspections.

Registrations and General Inspections.			
Class of premises.	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices.	2	18	12
Retail shops.	0	24	20
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	0	2	2
Fuel storage depots.	0	1	1
Totals.	2	45	35

Meat Inspection.

There is only one licenced slaughterhouse in the district. This is sited at Broadwindsor and is privately owned. Inspection of meat at this slaughterhouse was carried out by the Public Health Inspector from 1/1/68 - 22/10/68, and thereafter by a local Veterinary Surgeon.

129 visits were made to the slaughterhouse by the Public Health Inspector and by the Veterinary Surgeon who carried out the work of meat inspection when the Public Health Inspector was on sick leave.

Meat Inspection continued.

The slaughterhouse is a new one and was first licenced on 1/7/62, the date when the construction Regulations of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958, came into operation in this district.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.					
	Cattle including cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lanbs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	92	23	477	423	0
Number inspected.	92	23	477	423	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcase condemned.	1	0	4	0	0
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	35	0	174	134	0
Percentage of the no. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci.	38	0	36	32	0
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcase condemned.	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	2	0
Percentage of the no. inspected with Tuberculosis.	0	0	0	0.47	0
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	0	0

Meat Inspection continued.

Knackers Yard.

There is one licenced Knacker's yard which is sited about three miles north of Beaminster town. 3 visits were paid to this. The premises comply reasonably with the Regulations.

All meat at Knackers Yards must be sterilised or stained green.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Act, 1928 and 1936.

No. of licences.....	43.	No. of inspections.....	68
No. of notices served.....	4.	No. complied with.....	4

RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

The North Dorset control scheme of which this Council is a member is functioning satisfactorily in the district.

Disinfestation.

No action was taken during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There is a fortnightly kerbside collection, confined generally to public highways, for the whole of the district except Beaminster which has a weekly collection.

64 new dwellings were occupied during the year which increased the total number of domestic premises served in the area to 2884.

A 25 cubic yard capacity compression refuse collection vehicle was brought into service in May the old 12 cubic yard side loading vehicle being retained for standby duties.

It was possible to continue tipping operations in Stintford Lane, Beaminster within the terms of the lease throughout the year and the Council's own land in Stintford Lane was altered to provide accommodation under the Civic Amenities Act for householder's rubbish and to serve as an emergency tip.

Litter bins are provided by the Dorset County Council at lay-bys on classified roads and these are emptied during the normal domestic refuse collections. The number of bins increased during the year by one to a total of 24.

Public Cleansing continued.

52 litter bins have now been provided by the Council at various sites within the district and these are emptied either weekly or fortnightly during domestic refuse collection.

CAMPING SITES.

There is no widespread camping in the district. Licences were granted for a few single sites on which to keep a caravan.

SCHOOLS.

The 13 schools in the area have been inspected regularly, 9 have water supplies from public mains, 3 from private estate supplies and 1 from a well. 46 water samples were taken by the County Council staff 41 were satisfactory and 5 unsatisfactory. 12 schools have water closets and 1 pail closets. All the schools except 4 are supplied with pasteurised milk.

14 samples of water were also taken from the swimming pools in three schools in the area by the County Council staff 12 were satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory

ALLOCATION OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Food premises (including slaughterhouse, poultry processing premises and licenced premises)	449
Meat and food inspections.....	16
Milk premises.....	-
Inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.....	6
Petrol storage premises.....	6
Housing.....	143
Drainage.....	5
Water supplies.....	19
Knackers yard.....	-
Infectious diseases.....	-
Factories.....	2
General.....	6
Total.....	123
No. of Informal Notices served.....	3
No. of Informal Notices complied with.....	30
No. of Statutory Notices served.....	0
No. of Statutory Notices complied with.....	1

FACTORIES ACT 1961

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	1	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	25	20	0	0
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	0	0	0	0
Total.	26	21	0	0

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding.	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature.	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation.	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors.	0	0	0	0	0
Saniatry Conveniences.					
(a) Unsufficient.	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not relating to out-work)	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	0	0	0	0	0

Factories Act. 1961 continued.

OUTWORK		Section 133		Section 134		
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nets other than wire nets.	22	0	0	0	0	0
Wearing apparel.	22	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	44	0	0	0	0	0

CLINICS HELD AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, BRIDPORT.

* = seen only by appointment.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker..... Monday morning.
 Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)..... Monday morning. *
 Relaxation Classes..... Monday afternoon. *
 Speech Therapy..... Monday afternoon. *

TUESDAYS.

Speech Therapy..... Tuesday morning. *
 Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)..... Tuesday all day. *

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment..... Wednesday afternoon 2 - 5 p.m.
 Hearing Assessment..... every 3rd. Wednesday morning in
 the month. *
 Child Guidance..... Alternate Wednesdays. *

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning..... 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Thursday in the month
 2 - 4-30 p.m. *
 Cervical Cytology clinic..... 2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. *
 4th. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m.
 (open session).

FRIDAYS.

Child Welfare Clinic..... 2nd. Friday in the month - H.V. session.
 4th. Friday in the month -
 Dr. in attendance.

Other clinics are held at :-

<u>BEAMINSTER.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	40 Hogshill St.,	2nd, and 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thurs.
	<u>Speech Therapy.</u>	"	Wednesday afternoon *
	<u>Foot Clinic.</u> (Elderly persons)	"	1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Friday in the month
<u>CHARMOUTH.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Mobile Clinic Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.
	<u>Foot Clinic.</u> (Elderly persons)	W.I. Hall, Wesley Close.	* Alternate Wednesdays 2-5 p.m.
<u>THORNCOMBE.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Mobile Clinic, Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.

