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BOROUGH OF BEXHILL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(at 31st December, 1965)

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(also School Medical Officer to East Sussex County Council)

Dr. T. F. M. Jackson, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H.
(Left 1st June, 1965).

Dr. J. K. Butterfield, T.D., L.M.S.S.A.(Lond.), D.P.H.,
R.C.P.S.(Eng.), (Commenced 1st September 1965).

Senior Public Health Inspector:

Mr. Clement E. Lockley, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.
Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Assistant Public Health Inspectors:

Mr. Stanley Wild, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.
Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Mr. Wilfred Ramsden, Cert.S.I.B., Certified Inspector of Meat and
other foods. (Commenced 29th December, 1965).

Disinfecting Officer, General Assistant and Rodent Operator:

Mr. G. Chalmers.

Assistant Disinfecting Officer and Rodent Operator:

Mr. L. White (commenced 8th September, 1965).

Chief Clerk:

Mr. K. Westwood.

Clerical Assistants:

Mr. E. W. Horton (commenced 5th July, 1965, transferred from
County Council).

Miss N. McEvoy (commenced part-time duties on 1st January,
1965). (Commenced 1 year's leave of absence on 26th April,
1965).

Mrs. V. Franklin (commenced part-time duties on 25th January,
1965, and full-time on 26th April, 1965).

*Staff:**Full-time Health Visitors:*

Miss A. Devine, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.
 Mrs. K. Mullias, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.
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 Miss I. G. Burfoot, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

General Nurses:

Mrs. P. Hubbard, S.R.N., Q.N.
 Mr. A. B. Kurin, S.R.N., Q.N.
 Mr. C. G. Martin, S.R.N., Q.N.

Tuberculosis and M.C.W. Health Visitor:

Miss S. A. French, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF
 BEXHILL

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1965.

The statistics reveal that the health of the Borough compares favourably with the rest of England and Wales.

Dr. T. F. M. Jackson, relinquished his appointment with effect from the 1st June, 1965, and as a result, the Borough was again without a Medical Officer until the 1st September, 1965.

Mr. C. E. Lockley, Senior Public Health Inspector, and the Public Health Inspectors, have given me their loyal support and I would like to convey my thanks to them, and to the Clerical Staff, under the able direction of Mr. K. Westwood, Chief Clerk, for their assistance throughout the past year.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, for their interest and support, and am also obliged to the Town Clerk, and other Chief Officers, for their courtesy and co-operation at all times.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. K. BUTTERFIELD,

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
 Town Hall,
 Bexhill-on-Sea,
 Sussex.

(Tel: Bexhill 6321).

STATISTICS RELATING TO BEXHILL BOROUGH DURING 1965

Area of district in acres	.. .. .	8,015
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid-year)	..	31,500

Analyses of Rateable Value *at 1st April, 1965*

	<i>No. of Properties</i>	<i>Rateable Value</i>	<i>%</i>
Domestic properties	11,707	£1,295,543	76.55
Commercial properties	1,573	210,885	12.46
Industrial properties	31	15,512	.92
Other properties	390	170,384	10.07
	<hr/> 13,701 <hr/>	<hr/> £1,692,324 <hr/>	<hr/> 100.00 <hr/>
Sum represented by a penny rate	.. .. .	£6,800	
	1963	1964	1965
Number of rateable properties as at 1st April	13,163	13,398	13,701

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES

<i>Live Births:</i>	Male	Female	Total	<i>Still Births:</i>	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	127	112	239	Legitimate	3	0	3
Illegitimate	20	13	33	Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<hr/> 147 <hr/>	<hr/> 125 <hr/>	<hr/> 272 <hr/>		<hr/> 3 <hr/>	<hr/> 0 <hr/>	<hr/> 3 <hr/>

	Bexhill	England and Wales
Live birth rate per 1,000 home population (crude)	8.6	} 18.1
Corrected birth rate	15.0	
Still birth rate per 1,000 births (live and still)	10.0	15.8
Still birth rate per 1,000 home population	0.9	0.3

A still birth is defined as any child which has issued forth from the mother after the 28th week of pregnancy, and which did not at any time after being completely expelled from the mother, breathe, or show any signs of life.

Illegitimate birth rate per cent of total live births 12.1%

Live births registered in England and Wales in 1965 totalled 862,290.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES

	<i>Bexhill</i>	<i>England Wales</i>
Deaths of infants under 1 week (perinatal) (excluding stillbirths)	5	9,732
Deaths of infants under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births	18.2	26.9
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks (Neonatal) ..	5	11,200
Death rate of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births	18.3	13.0*
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	6	16,395
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births	21.6	19.0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	0.2

*Lowest rate recorded.

Deaths

	<i>Bexhill</i>		<i>England and Wales</i>
Male 276	} 622	Male 282,328	} 549,379
Female 346		Female 267,051	

Death rate per 1,000 population	19.7	} 11.5
Corrected death rate	8.9	

DETAILED CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 1 Year	1-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	21	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	18
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	26	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	23
	F	28	—	—	1	—	—	2	4	21
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Diabetes	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	44
	F	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	84
Coronary disease, angina	M	88	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	76
	F	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	52
Hypertension with heart disease	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Other heart disease	M	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19
	F	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	41
Other circulatory disease	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	F	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10
Pneumonia	M	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	F	27	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	24
Bronchitis	M	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	14
	F	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	9
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital malformations	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	13	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
	F	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	20
Motor vehicle accidents	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
All other accidents	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
Suicide	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	276	5	—	1	—	0	3	35	232
	F	346	1	1	2	—	5	5	28	304

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

	1963	1964	1965
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system ... (Coronary disease)...	107 143	191 122	85 144
(ii) Malignant neoplasms (cancer) ... (Cancer of the lung and bronchus) ...	83 31	85 21	87 30
(iii) Vascular lesions of the nervous system ...	136	111	132
(iv) Respiratory disease (excluding tuberculosis) ...	106	73	77

DEATHS FROM SPECIFIC CAUSES AND RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

	Bexhill		England and Wales	
	No. of Deaths	Per 1,000 pop.	No. of Deaths	Per 1,000 pop.
Tuberculosis (respiratory) ...	1	0.09	2,008	0.04
Bronchitis... ..	30	0.9	29,569	0.62
Pneumonia (excluding pneumonia of newly born) ...	40	1.2	31,589	0.66
Coronary and arteriosclerotic heart disease	151	4.7	113,451	2.38
Cancer of the lung, trachea and bronchus	30	0.9	26,399	0.55
Cancer, all forms ...	117	3.7	106,338	2.24
Motor vehicle accidents ...	2	0.06	7,515	0.15
All other accidents ...	3	0.09	11,261	0.23

DEATHS—65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

	Bexhill			London (England and Wales not available)		
	1963	1964	1965	1963	1964	1965
Total deaths ...	665	591	622	39,590	35,056	87,524
Number of deaths 65 years and over ...	375	504	536	26,769	23,009	59,356
Percentage of total deaths (over 65) ...	56.3	85.27	86.17	67.6	6.59	67.3

DEATHS FROM CANCER, ENGLAND AND WALES

Cancer all forms		1963	1964	1965
Males	.. ..	55,180	56,247	57,464
Females	.. ..	47,200	48,451	48,874

LUNG CANCER DEATHS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

		1963	1964	1965
Males	.. ..	20,757	21,476	22,231
Females	.. ..	3,677	3,895	4,168
		<u>24,434</u>	<u>25,371</u>	<u>26,399</u>

Bronchitis was responsible for 29,569 deaths.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS

<i>England and Wales</i>			<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
1961	.. ..		4,753	1,881	6,634
1962	.. ..		4,519	1,784	6,303
1963	.. ..		4,589	1,764	6,353
1964	.. ..		5,328	2,033	7,271
1965	.. ..		5,298	2,217	7,519

SUMMARY OF POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS WITH RATES, 1955-65

Year	Estimated population	Total live births			Corrected Birth rate	Birth rate Eng. & W.	Total deaths			Corrected death rate	Death rate Eng. & W.	Natural decrease
		M	F	Total			M	F	Total			
1955	26,060	116	112	228	11.4	15.0	184	289	473	9.9	11.7	.245
1956	26,190	139	127	266	13.1	15.6	201	284	485	10.7	11.7	.219
1957	26,340	112	118	230	11.2	16.1	203	262	465	10.3	11.5	.235
1958	26,490	151	143	294	14.3	16.4	235	304	539	11.9	11.7	.245
1959	26,610	139	126	265	11.7	16.5	225	294	519	11.1	11.6	.254
1960	27,120	127	114	241	11.3	17.1	232	307	539	11.4	11.5	.298
1961	29,330	141	128	269	11.3	17.4	237	348	585	13.9	12.0	.316
1962	30,680	141	130	271	11.4	18.1	272	344	616	13.9	11.9	.345
1963	30,860	145	127	272	13.8	18.2	314	351	665	10.5	12.4	.393
1964	31,300	133	130	263	13.1	18.4	268	323	591	9.2	11.3	.328
1965	31,500	147	125	272	15.0	18.1	276	346	622	8.9	11.5	.350

The corrected Birth and Death Rates pay due regard to the increased proportion of aged retired persons within the Borough, as compared with England and Wales, and this is reflected in the increased number of deaths and the comparatively low number of births.

The requisite correction is achieved by using a comparability factor which is provided annually by the Registrar General.

The increased population figure indicates an influx of new residents commensurate with the upsurge of new building.

Natural Increases in England and Wales

The number of births registered in 1965 exceeded the deaths by 312,911—the second highest natural increase for any year since 1948 (307,073).

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (all forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. No. on Register at 1st January, 1965 ...	74	63	137	2	2	4	76	65	141
2. Cases previously removed and re-notified in 1965 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Primary notifications received in 1965 ...	4	1	5	1	1	2	5	2	7
4. Cases moved into area as transfers in 1965...	1	3	4	1	—	1	2	3	5
Totals ...	79	67	146	4	3	7	83	70	153
5. Cases removed from Register in 1965 ...	3	3	6	1	—	1	4	3	7
6. No. on Register at 31st December, 1965 ...	76	64	140	3	3	6	79	67	146

	1964 Total Cases (all forms)			1965 Total Cases (all forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. No. on Register at 1st January...	82	73	155	76	65	141
2. Cases previously removed and re-notified during year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Primary notifications received during year ...	2	4	6	5	2	7
4. Cases moved into area as transfers during year ...	14	3	17	2	3	5
5. Cases removed from Register during year ...	22	15	37	4	3	7
6. No. on Register at 31st December	76	65	141	79	67	146

ANALYSES OF REMOVALS, 1965

	Pulmonary	
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Left district	1	—
Died	3	1
Cured	—	2
	4	3

NEW CASES NOTIFIED GIVING AGE GROUPS

Age	Primary Notifications			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
35-44	1	—	—	—
45-54	—	1	1	1
55-64	2	—	—	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—

MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT

The East Sussex Mass Radiography Unit visited Bexhill during the beginning of the year. The following is a summary of the survey:—

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total number examined	648	859	1,507
Abnormalities found:			
Tubercle requiring treatment or close chest clinic supervision	—	—	—
Tubercle requiring occasional chest clinic supervision	2	—	2
Carcinoma of bronchus	2	—	2
Non-malignant neoplasms	—	1	1
Sarcoid	1	—	1
Congenital cardio-vascular disease	1	1	2
Acquired cardio-vascular disease	17	29	46
Bronchiectasis	1	—	1
Pulmonary fibrosis (non/Tb)	5	1	6
Abnormalities of diaphragm and/or oesophagus	—	5	5
Other abnormalities	32	34	66
Total abnormalities	61	71	132

Mass miniature radiography not only discloses early tuberculous lesions, but other abnormal conditions of the heart and lungs, which are amenable to treatment.

There are no appointments necessary, no undressing, no segregation of the sexes, and no charge. The whole procedure is completed within a few minutes and confidential reports are sent by post.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 year	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 and over	Totals
Scarlet fever...	—	4	9	24	14	6	1	58
Whooping cough ...	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	3
Measles ...	14	82	97	117	24	4	1	339
Puerperal pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Totals ...	14	87	107	142	38	10	3	401

SEASONABLE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	First Quarter Jan., Feb., Mar.	Second Quarter Apr., May, June	Third Quarter July, Aug., Sept.	Fourth Quarter Oct., Nov., Dec.	Totals
Scarlet fever ...	36	9	5	8	58
Whooping cough ...	1	—	1	1	3
Measles ...	318	19	1	1	339
Puerperal pyrexia ...	—	1	—	—	1
Totals ...	355	29	7	10	401

INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Poliomyelitis

No case of poliomyelitis has occurred in Bexhill for the past six years.

	England and Wales		
	Corrected Notifications		Deaths
	Paralytic	Non-Paralytic	
1962	212	59	18
1963	39	12	7
1964	30	8	4
1965	55	36	4

Diphtheria

It is pleasing to record that there has been no case of Diphtheria in Bexhill for the past 15 years. Immunisation is the controlling factor in this disease.

Measles

The present rise to 339 notified cases is typical of the alternate rise and fall of this infection in succeeding years.

Scarlet Fever

Mild in character and of no special significance, no case was admitted to hospital. The usual investigations were made in each case regarding the possibility of food handlers being involved.

PERIOD OF EXCLUSION IN CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

	Usual Incubation period (days)	Interval between onset and appearance of rash (days)	Period of exclusion	
			<i>Patients</i>	<i>Contacts</i> , i.e. the other members of the family or household living together as a family, that is, in one tenement.
SCARLET FEVER AND STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT	1-7	1-2	Exclude from school for 7 days after discharge from hospital or home isolation. Not allowed back if discharge from the nose or ear, sore throat or septic spots be present.	Adult contacts engaged in school meals service excluded until Medical Officer of Health allows return to work. Other contacts, if healthy, need not be excluded.
DIPHTHERIA	2-7	—	Until pronounced by a medical practitioner to be free from infection.	At least 7 days. Return to school should not be permitted until bacteriological examination has proved negative.
MEASLES	7-14	3-4	10 days after the appearance of the rash if the child appears well.	Children under 5 years of age who have not had the disease should be excluded for 14 days from the date of the appearance of the rash in the last case in the house. Other contacts can attend school. Any contact suffering from a cough, cold, chill or red eyes should be immediately excluded.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS—*continued*

	Usual Incubation period (days)	Interval between onset and appearance of rash (days)	Period of exclusion	
			<i>Patients</i>	<i>Contacts</i> , i.e. the other members of the family or household living together as a family, that is, in one tenement.
GERMAN MEASLES	5-21	0-2	7 days from the appearance of the rash.	None.
WHOOPING COUGH	6-18	—	28 days from the beginning of the characteristic cough.	Children under 7 years who have not had the disease should be excluded for 21 days from the date of onset of the disease in the last case in the house.
MUMPS	12-28	—	7 days from the subsidence of the swelling.	None.
CHICKEN POX	11-21	0-2	14 days from the date of appearance of the rash.	None.
INFLUENZA AND THE COMMON COLD	1-2	—	Exclude immediately for 7 days or until recovery is complete.	None.
RINGWORM OF THE BODY (including ATHLETE'S FOOT)	If the infected area can be kept covered the patient need not be excluded. He should not, however, take part in swimming—nor in the case of ringworm of the feet—in gymnastic classes or barefoot dancing.			

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1959-1965
1st January-31st December

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1958
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	519	93	355	9	545	82	339
Scarlet fever	18	30	17	17	10	5	58
Meningococcal infection	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping cough	4	13	5	3	1	23	3
Acute pneumonia	2	2	3	4	2	—	—
Erysipelas	1	2	2	1	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia	6	2	2	1	3	1	1
Dysentery (Sonne)	1	19	6	20	—	—	—
Food poisoning	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Acute encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

(Figures from the Local Health Authority's Records)

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

	1964		1965	
	Primary	Revaccination	Primary	Revaccination
Under 1 year	17	—	10	—
1 year	100	—	123	1
2-4 years	19	—	23	9
5-15 years	20	66	2	80
	156	66	158	90

PROTECTIVE INNOCULATIONS—PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE IN 1965

	Completed Primary Course	Completed Re-inforcing Course
Diphtheria	317	591
Whooping Cough ...	245	164
Tetanus	342	460

MILK SUPPLY

REGISTRATIONS

The accompanying table gives details of the regulations effected and the licences issued.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—REGISTRATIONS

No. of Registered Dairies	2
No. of Registered Distributors	56

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960—LICENCES:

The issue of Licences to sell Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin-Tested milk is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The following licences were issued by that Authority

Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Sterilised"	11
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Pasteurised"	56
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Untreated Milk"	7

(All sources in the county are "Tuberculin Tested" and the designation "Untreated" is in effect raw Tuberculin Tested Milk).

Pasteurised Milk

During the year there was one pasteurising plant operating within the Borough and three sources of supply of milk were treated at plants outside the Borough.

Food Hygiene

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of Food Premises in the Area

Type:

Butchers	20
Grocers	66
Greengrocers	30
Sweets & Ice Cream	43
Licensed Premises	23
Fishmongers	5
Fish Friers	3
Cafes	40
Bread and Confectionery	16
Hotels and Guest Houses	54
	<hr/> 300 <hr/>

NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

For the manufacture and sale of Sausages or Potted, Pickled or

Preserved Food	21
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For the manufacture and/or sale of ice cream 81

Water Supply

The transfer of the Bexhill Water Undertaking to the Eastbourne Waterworks Company was completed in April 1962.

EASTBOURNE WATERWORKS COMPANY

This Water Company utilises 3 sources for supplying Bexhill Borough with an adequate water supply, and their fluoride content is given below:

<i>Station</i>	<i>Fluoride as F. p.p.m.</i>				
Hazard's Green, Ninfield	0.1
Sweet Willow Wood, Ninfield	0.1
Cowbeech, Hailsham	0.1

These supplies fall below the optimum level of 1 part (Fluoride) per million which is advised by leading authorities as being necessary to prevent the decay of teeth in the young child.

None of the water supplied is plumbo solvent.

All supplies are treated in settling tanks and filters, and chlorinated as part of the treatment process or as a terminal precautionary dose. Water going into supply does not contain less than 0.15 p.p.m. chlorine.

All bacteriological and chemical samples taken during the year indicated that the supply was of the highest standard and conformed to the requirements of a public supply.

ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER FROM EASTBOURNE WATERWORKS COMPANY

Tap on pumping main, Hazards Green Pumping Station, Ninfield, Battle.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Appearance: Very slight opalescence with a few particles.	Turbidity: less than 3
	Odour: "chlorinous"
Colour: less than 3	
pH: 7.7	Free carbon dioxide: 3
Electric conductivity: 330	Dissolved solids dried at 180°C. 220
Chlorine present as chloride: 39	Alkalinity as calcium carbonate:
Hardness: Total 120	75
Carbonate: 75	Non-carbonate: 45

Nitrate nitrogen: 0.7	Nitrite nitrogen: Absent
Ammoniacal nitrogen:* 0.01	Oxygen absorbed: 1.0
Albuminoid nitrogen:* 0.05	Residual chlorine: 0.12
Metals—Iron: 0.08	
Zinc, Copper, Lead, Manganese: Absent.	

* To convert to ammonia multiply by 1.21.

Bacteriological Results

Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chloride if present.

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of colonies developing on agar	0	0	0
	<i>Present in</i>	<i>Absent from</i>	<i>Probable number</i>
Presumptive Coliform reaction ..	0	0	0
Bact. coli. (Type 1)	0	0	0
Cl. welchii reaction	0	0	—

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The hardness of the water is very moderate and it contains no excess of mineral or saline constituents in solution. It is of a high standard of organic quality.

These results indicate, from the aspect of the chemical analysis, a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

HOUSING

General details with regard to inspection of dwelling houses are submitted in the following tabular form:—

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	776
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	1,740
(ii) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and 1932	1
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	2
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	41

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	21
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Section 4 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	0

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—

(i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	0

(c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- (a) Discretionary Grants are given at the discretion of the local council, whereby up to half the estimated cost of a wide range of improvements may be paid, subject to a maximum grant of £500. Additionally, available for the conversion of houses into flats.
- (b) Standard Grants enable house owners and certain lease holders to obtain, as a right, half the cost, up to a maximum grant of £155, and in exceptional circumstances up to £350, of providing five basic amenities—a bath, or shower in a bathroom, a wash-hand basin, a water closet, a hot water supply and a food store.

These are excellent measures with twofold virtues, conserving existing housing in the Borough with raising of housing standards by the provision of essential amenities.

Both Discretionary and Standard Grants are available to landlords and owner/occupiers. An explanatory leaflet is available at the Council offices free of charge.

Differential Rent Scheme

The Council has operated a Differential Rent Scheme since April, 1963, based on need in individual circumstances.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(A) PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(i) (a) *Ambulance Service*

The Ambulances are the property of the Local Health Authority, the Service being staffed by personnel of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. (Telephone Bexhill 88).

(b) *Hospital car service*

The Hospital Car Service is provided by the joint organisations of the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Area Transport Office for this district is at 73a London Road, Bexhill, (Telephone Bexhill 3583).

(ii) *Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under School age*

(iii) *District Nurses (Midwives) and Health Visitors.*

(iv) *Home Help Service*

The service is of great assistance in avoiding hospitalisation and institutionalism, particularly for those elderly persons desirous of remaining in their own homes.

(v) *Infant Welfare Centres*

(vi) *Immunisation and Vaccination Service*

(vii) *Welfare service*

Mr. R. F. Bryce, District Welfare Officer, 10 Buckhurst Road, Bexhill (Tel: Bexhill 3695).

(viii) *Mental Health Service*

Mental Welfare Officers are available at the following addresses:—

Mr. F. P. Candy, 10 Hollington Park Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea (telephone Hastings 6235).

Mr. H. C. Beechcroft, c/o 22 Cavendish Avenue, St. Leonards-on-Sea (telephone Hastings 6742).

Mrs. R. V. Lee, Flat 1, 26 Linden Road, Bexhill-on-Sea (telephone Bexhill 981).

(The Mental Welfare Officer on duty outside office hours, can be contacted through Hellingly Hospital, telephone, Hellingly 391).

(ix) School Dental Service

(x) Registration of Nursing Homes

(xi) School Medical Service (routine medical examinations, and assessment of handicapped pupils)

These are delegated duties to your Medical Officer of Health, who also acts as School Medical Officer.

(B) HOMES FOR THE AGED, PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

St. Bridget's, St. John's Road, Bexhill

Haldane House, Cooden Drive, Bexhill.

(C) HOSPITALS

The main hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents in Bexhill:

Bexhill Hospital.

Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings (including V.D. Clinic).

Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hastings (Isolation Hospital).

St. Helen's Hospital, Hastings.

Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Eversfield Chest Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Hellingly Hospital, Hellingly.

Pembury Hospital, Pembury.

Administered by the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through their respective Hospital Management Committees.

(D) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

The Public Health Laboratory Service is a free national laboratory service designed to assist all those concerned in the diagnosis, prevention and control of communicable diseases. The benefits are not limited by health authority, hospital region or other administrative boundary. These facilities are available to all doctors, both for the submission of specimens and for consultation.

Gamma globulin, prepared from pooled plasma from normal healthy adults by the Lister Institute for the Ministry of Health, is distributed to doctors in England and Wales through laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Requests for supplies, which are restricted, should be made personally to Doctor J. E. Jameson, Director, Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Telephone Brighton 63506).

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Available for</i>	<i>Usual dosage</i>
Rubella	Women exposed to infection in the first 3 months of pregnancy	750 mg. inter-muscularly in buttock) (No need for refrigeration).

Protection is immediate providing no rash has appeared and lasts 2-3 weeks, no side effects, optimum prevention is up to first week after exposure.

Measles	(i) Children suffering from intercurrent illness or living in a poor environment for whom an attack of measles would be dangerous.	Preventive dose:— 1-2 years, 500 mg.; 3 years and over, 750 mg.
	(ii) All older children needing prophylaxis.	An attenuating dose of 250 mg.

A small stock of gamma globulin prepared from blood of persons recently vaccinated against smallpox is held for the treatment of cases of generalised vaccinia, accidental vaccinal infections endangering the eye and in special circumstances, for the protection of unvaccinated smallpox contacts.

Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not in stock, but information may be obtained from the Director.

I am obliged to Dr. Jameson and his staff for their willing help at all times.

(E) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

- (i) *Section 47: Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention.*

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above Act during the year.

- (ii) *Section 50: Burial or Cremation of the Dead*

No action was taken during the year.

(F) HOME PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

The Home Physiotherapy Service continues to provide qualified physiotherapists with completely equipped vans for treatment of the incapacitated.

This charitable service is fully employed and much appreciated by patients who are accepted for treatment on referral by their medical practitioners or hospital consultants.

(G) NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN
Liaison maintained.

(H) FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Designed to advise married people on the spacing and limitation of families, including involuntary sterility and minor gynaecological ailments.

The nearest clinic is The Arthur Blackman Clinic, Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea. (Telephone: Hastings 51225).

(I) MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

Problems related to marital relationships. Appointments Secretary, Hastings and District, Telephone Hastings 6162.

The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council recently opened a centre at 84 Queen's Road, Brighton.

(J) EASTERN AREA CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

This Committee is composed of representatives from National, Local Government and voluntary bodies, covering the Local Authority areas of Battle and Hailsham Rural Districts and the Boroughs of Rye and Bexhill.

It is concerned with the care of children in families where conditions may be adverse.

The Children's Officer of the East Sussex County Council is thus mainly concerned but all members use their best endeavours to arrive at a reasonable solution in each case.

Your Medical Officer of Health is a member of this Committee, which meets monthly at Bexhill Town Hall.

(K) MEALS ON WHEELS

This is a well organised scheme administered by the W.V.S., who serve 100 meals twice weekly. The Council give a subsidy of 1s. per meal, the recipient paying 1s. 6d.

The Welfare Department of the East Sussex County Council, subsidises the cost of the transport.

The regular contact with the individual voluntary worker delivering the meal is much appreciated by the recipient. This service makes a significant contribution to the physical well-being and mental health of the elderly, who in many cases, live isolated and lonely lives.

CLINICS

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Child Guidance	Child Guidance Welfare Foods 2-4.30 p.m.	Family Planning 1st and 3rd by appt.
Tuesday	Speech Therapy Toddler 1st & 3rd Cytology 2nd & 4th	Relaxation	Mothers Club Alternate weeks 8 p.m.
Wednesday	School Clinic and Medical Examinations	Immunisation 1st Toddler 2nd Ante Natal 3rd Toddler 4th & 5th	Cytology 2nd & 4th
Thursday	Child Guidance Welfare Foods 9-12.30	Baby Clinic Welfare Foods 2-4.30 p.m.	
Friday		Speech Therapy Ante Natal 1st Cytology 3rd & 4th	
Daily	Minor Ailments 9-10 Dental—by appt. Eye Clinic—by arrangement		

As unfortunately the Nursing Association no longer keep their records in districts, it is now impossible to include the figures for attendances at the various clinics and the domicillary visits paid by the Health Visitors. These figures were formerly supplied by the Health Department, County Hall, Lewes.

I am obliged to Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, who has supplied the following report and tables:—

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR 1965

Meteorological observations were carried on throughout the year 1965. Detailed monthly and other reports were transmitted to the Meteorological office, and information was supplied to the Press, to insurance offices, local municipal departments and to many inquirers.

The general pattern of the weather at Bexhill for the year may be described as cool, wet, and rather dull. Nine of the twelve months had temperatures below the normal. The holiday months of June to September were notably cool. October, however, was warmer than usual, temperatures of 70 and 71 degrees being attained early in the month, and December—except for a cold spell after Christmas—was relatively mild. August as a whole was cool but it had a few warm days and one of them, the 12th, provided the highest temperature, 74 degrees, for the year. Three days in the middle of May were notably warm with maximum temperatures of 68 and 72 degrees.

The total duration of sunshine, 1,618 hrs. was 150 hrs. less than the average amount. July was especially dull with a deficiency of 89 hrs. in relation to normal, but October (the genial conditions of which would have been very welcome earlier in the year) had 40 hrs. more sunshine than normal. A sunny and warm spell of seven consecutive days in May yielded a daily average of 10.5 hrs. of sunshine, while in June there were three cloudless days whose sunshine durations each exceeded 14.5 hrs.

The rainfall for the year was 32 ins., three inches above the normal amount. December, with a fall of 5.69 ins. (normal 3.14) and September with a fall of 4.97 ins. (normal 2.28) were both notably wet months, and January, March and July each had rain above the average. February, over the years one of the driest of months, more than upheld its reputation with a deficiency of 1.46 ins. in relation to normal, and October, often the wettest month of the year, was very dry, its total fall of 0.68 ins. (most of which occurred on the last day of the month) being 3 ins. below the average.

The accompanying tables give details of Precipitation, Sunshine, Temperatures and other items; in addition, full statistics regarding barometric pressure, winds, humidity, vapour pressure, dew-point, clouds, visibility and other meteorological factors, with notes on general weather conditions throughout the year are available for reference.

TABLE 1

BEXHILL 1965

Rainfall				Sunshine	
Month	Total in.	Most in a day	Date	Total hr.	Daily mean
J	3.50	0.72	13	75.2	2.43
F	0.39	0.13	16	54.5	1.94
M	2.77	0.64	20	125.0	4.03
A	1.29	0.25	27	137.0	4.57
M	1.64	0.45	2	208.5	6.73
J	1.79	0.91	16	196.8	6.56
Jy	3.99	1.40	30	136.1	4.39
A	2.28	1.32	2	209.9	6.77
S	4.97	1.63	3	161.2	5.37
O	0.68	0.42	31	162.2	5.23
N	2.97	0.73	28	92.4	3.08
D	5.69	0.84	9	59.8	1.93
	31.96	—	—	1618.6	4.43

TABLE 2

BEXHILL 1965

Temperatures

Month	Max.	Min.	Mean	Highest Max.	Date	Lowest Min.	Date	Earth 1 ft
J	43.6	35.3	39.5	51	16	26	5	40.4
F	42.3	34.6	38.4	48	5, 12	29	15	39.2
M	47.1	37.0	42.0	65	29	22	3	42.4
A	52.7	40.8	46.7	61	16	36	2, 9, 29	49.2
M	58.2	47.8	53.0	72	14	38	19	56.4
J	61.8	51.5	56.6	70	29	44	5	61.0
Jy	63.2	54.0	58.6	67	2, 19	45	4	62.5
A	66.3	55.2	60.7	74	12	45	1	63.2
S	61.5	50.7	56.1	66	2	43	9	58.9
O	59.5	49.5	54.5	71	7	40	16, 23	54.7
N	48.7	38.2	43.4	58	1	27	23	46.4
D	48.4	37.3	42.8	54	5	22	28, 29	43.0
Mean	54.4	44.3	49.3	—	—	—	—	51.4

TABLE 3

BEXHILL 1965

Weather

No. of days

Precipitation										
Month	0.01 in. or more	0.04 in. or more	Snow or Sleet	Snow lying at 09.00	Hail	Thun- der	Fog	Air frost	Ground frost	Gale
J	18	15	5	0	0	0	1	10	17	5
F	8	5	4	3	0	0	0	6	18	0
M	16	14	3	3	0	0	2	8	11	0
A	13	10	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
M	13	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
J	12	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jy	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
A	13	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	13	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	3
O	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
N	18	14	2	1	0	1	0	8	15	4
D	17	17	0	0	0	0	1	7	15	3
	162	129	15	7	1	7	10	39	79	18

TABLE 4

BEXHILL 1965

Frequency of Sunshine

No. of days in each month

Month	Duration in Hrs.				
	0	0.1-3.0	3.1-6.0	6.1-9.0	9.1
J	11	6	11	3	0
F	9	10	7	2	0
M	7	7	9	3	5
A	2	11	6	7	4
M	2	6	5	5	12
J	2	7	5	7	9
Jy	5	7	8	9	2
A	1	7	5	7	12
S	4	5	8	4	9
O	2	5	11	9	4
N	9	8	7	6	0
D	14	9	4	4	0
Total	68	88	86	66	57

Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for 1965.

Important staff changes again made it a rather disturbing year. Dr. Jackson, who was appointed Medical Officer of Health in November 1964, left in June and until Dr. Butterfield took up his duties in September, the Department was in my charge.

Dr. Jackson in his short sojourn here worked extremely hard to improve the morale and conditions of the staff and succeeded in both and he will be remembered with affection.

In addition Miss McEvoy was away for the larger part of the year and she was sorely missed.

A third Inspector, Mr. Ramsden took up his duties at the end of December and it is anticipated that primary inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act will be accelerated.

In looking back through many years of public health service, one is impressed with the changed attitude of the public towards the Town Hall and in particular the Health Department. Before 1939 the advent of an important new Act affecting public health passed almost unnoticed by the public at large but now, through the medium of television and radio, experts explain it to all and sundry and it is not uncommon for a caller to draw our attention to the provisions of a new Act even before we have received a copy of it.

With an increased awareness of its rights there has been a corresponding swing in placing its responsibilities on the shoulders of others, in this case the Health Department. In the old days, a good housewife would have been ashamed to admit the presence of bed bugs, mice, rats, ants, woodlice, silver fish, flies and fleas, but now the department receives a peremptory demand for a man to call at once. If it is gently pointed out that it is their responsibility to keep the house free of vermin, one is threatened with the Member for the Division and even the Minister. This also applies to foxes, wasps, moles, vipers, collared doves, pigeons and other variegated fauna. It is however possible to give advice to most and to help a number.

There can be no doubt, however, that ever-increasing rates have made ratepayers decide to make the best possible use of the Town Hall in dealing with any problems that even remotely suggest a connection with Public Health. The most recherche enquiry came from a man who wanted to know if we were responsible for branding foxhounds.

Several important matters came to fruition during the year. In particular, the new Central Abattoir at Hastings was opened. This is the last word in these rather specialised buildings and should give good service for many years to come.

In the Normans Bay area work was started at the end of the year on the new public convenience and it is expected to be in use by June 1966.

HOUSING

A number of basement flats received attention during the year.

HOUSING GRANTS

30 Grants were made by the Borough Council but of these only 7 were for tenanted properties.

CESSPOOLS

Continued progress in abolishing cesspools was maintained both at Pebsham and Normans Bay.

CLEAN AIR ACT

The Gas Works and Brickworks were kept under observation and any complaints referred to the Alkali Inspector who is responsible for the supervision of these premises.

The Engineer in charge of the Gas Works, Mr. G. Holmes, as usual did his utmost to minimize the nuisance that is inseparable from gas making in works of this kind.

FOOD HYGIENE

No. of visits made to Food Premises in the Borough	..	..	576
No. of Notices served under the Food Hygiene Regulations	..	..	4

Details of items remedied are appended below:

Scrape walls and ceilings and paint	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cleanse and colourwash walls and ceilings	..	..	..	..	..	9
Cleanse floors	..	..	..	..	..	6
Provide and fix new wash hand basins, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	2
Notice requiring washing of hands	..	..	..	..	..	2
Provide soap, towels, nailbrushes	..	..	..	..	..	2
Provide first aid box etc.	..	..	..	..	..	2
Defective wall plaster	..	..	..	..	..	2
Notice re smoking/spitting	..	..	..	..	..	2
Provide new sink etc. with hot and cold water	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renew existing sink	..	..	..	..	..	1
Defective W.C. seat	..	..	..	..	..	2
Defective windows and cills	..	..	..	..	..	2
Repair concrete floor and re-lay	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dirty floors	..	..	..	..	..	1
Accumulation of rubbish	..	..	..	..	..	1
Provide non-absorbent floor covering	..	..	..	..	..	1
Provide new drainage board and surround	..	..	..	..	..	2
Provide ventilation to front	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dirty yard	..	..	..	..	..	1
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	5

As befits a seaside town food hygiene is a constant preoccupation with the Health Department staff and if at times one feels discouraged the general picture is one of slowly rising standards.

ICE CREAM

Eighty-five samples were submitted for examination with the following results:

Grade 1: 57; Grade 2: 26; Grade 3: 2; Grade 4: Nil.

Five samples of ice cream were taken in order to ascertain the quality of the product, which is based on a Fat Content Standard of 5%. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

Once more it is pleasing to record that this article of food is of a high standard and causes little concern to the department.

Number of manufacturing premises	..	..	..	..	1
Number of registered retail premises	..	..	..	..	81

MILK

A total of 9 samples was taken for biological examination and appropriate action taken where necessary. The Brighton Laboratory once again proved to be accurate and helpful and it is comforting to know that these experts are at our service.

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

surrendered as being unfit for human consumption

	lb.	oz.
Meat and poultry	64	0
Tinned Meat	61	0
Fish (tinned or otherwise)	70	13
Bacon and Ham (ditto)	46	0
Miscellaneous tinned goods	73	6½
Miscellaneous foods	26	3½
Disposed of for animal feeding and manufacturing purposes	341	7

NOISE ABATEMENT

A number of complaints was received regarding the noise from the breaking of metal in scrap iron yards.

At the end of the year as a result of the Department's efforts one yard had been closed and the Borough Council had found another site for the other one on Council land and it was hoped that removal would take place early in 1966.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Summary of Accommodation:

Marina	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
East Parade	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
West Parade	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Egerton Park (Museum)	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Cooden Beach	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Sidley	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Devonshire Square	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Little Common	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Little Common Recreation Ground	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Downs Arch	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Glyne Gap	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male and Female
Buckhurst Place	..	..	..	..	..	..	Female only
Sackville Arch	..	..	..	..	..	..	Male only

These receive constant attention and every effort made to improve them. There was the usual wanton damage but although this is rather wearing one has learned to live with it.

The department is fortunate in having a reliable staff of attendants and this often disagreeable work is done cheerfully and often in the face of some unreasonable complaints.

CARAVAN AND TENTED SITES

There are 20 licensed sites giving accommodation for 319 caravans and 106 tents.

Without exception the sites were properly controlled and no complaints were received. An unvarying high standard is kept from year to year and makes the Department's task a light one.

Work on the new sanitary block at Lower Barnhorne Farm Site commenced and it should be ready for May 1966.

At the end of year it was announced that the central Site at Normans Bay was to change hands and under the new management considerable improvements were envisaged.

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The varied work of the department is reflected in the itemised details set out below:

Housing inspection, P.H.A.	..	..	..	..	..	699
Visits re above	..	..	..	..	..	1,638
Housing inspection, H.A.	..	..	..	..	..	77
Visits re above	..	..	..	..	..	102
Housing Survey	..	..	..	..	..	20
Rent Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	..	1
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	35
Water Samples procured :						
Well Supply	...	...	...	...	...	3
Main Supply	...	...	...	...	...	13
Swimming Bath	...	...	..	...	..	20
Clean Air Act 1956	..	..	..	..	..	62
Smoke Observations	...	...	..	...	...	41
Schools	...	...	...	..	...	18
Caravan and Tented Sites	..	..	..	..	..	124
Rag and Bone Dealers	..	..	..	..	..	6
Stables and/or piggeries	...	...	...	..	...	13
Poultry/Rabbit keeping	...	...	...	...	...	4
Factories—mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	214
Factories—non mechanical power	...	..	...	...	..	7
Outworkers	...	...	...	..	...	2
Shops Acts, 1950	...	...	...	..	...	460
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	..	..	..	..	..	262
Public conveniences	...	...	..	..	...	386
Theatres, cinemas	...	...	..	..	...	4
Drainage—general	...	...	...	..	...	487
Drainage—testing by :						
(a) Smoke	...	...	...	..	...	103
(b) Water	...	...	..	...	...	14
(c) Colour	...	...	...	..	...	2
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	266
Other sanitary visits	...	...	...	...	...	292
Dustbins/Ashes receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	15
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	22
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	85
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	9
Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963	..	..	..	..	..	6
Heating Appl. (Fireguards)	...	...	...	...	...	63
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	236

Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fishmongers & Poulterers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Greengrocers and fruiterers	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Dairies and milkshops	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	31
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
Ice cream sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Milk sampling—								
(a) Chemical	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) Methylene Blue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
(c) Phosphatase	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Food preparing premises	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	65
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86
Other food visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Infectious Disease and disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Disinfestation, general	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	50
Disinfestation—bugs, fleas etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
Rats and mice	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	1,117
Pigeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	141
Noise Abatement Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
								<hr/> 8,058 <hr/>

COMPLAINTS

1961	..	..	..	..	..	..	617
1962	..	..	..	..	..	..	449
1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	537
1964	..	..	..	..	..	..	346
1965	..	..	..	..	..	..	555

Condition of premises	9
Beetles, Ants, Flies etc.	42
Dampness	36
Stoving and/or Disinfection of room/Articles..	19
Drainage and Sanitary Fittings	50
Accumulation of refuse	24

Food	32
Flooding	7
Housing Defects	29
Smoke Nuisance	15
Overcrowding	1
Absence of/or defective dustbins	7
Overgrown land	6
Keeping of animals	3
Bad smells	22
Noise	10
Pigeons	6
Miscellaneous	33
Rats and Mice	204
Total	555

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NOTICES

Statutory Notices served during 1965	6
Statutory Notices complied with during 1965	1
Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1965	5
Informal Notices served during 1965	160
Informal Notices complied with during 1965	109
Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1965	51

HOUSE INSPECTION AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

21 houses as a result of informal action and 4 as a result of formal action were rendered fit. The following tables show the sanitary improvements effected during the year:—

Drains repaired	3
New branch drains	10
Inspection chambers reconstructed	2
Soil pipes of vents renewed	3
Choked drains	16
New frames and covers to existing drains	2
Defective waste pipes	3
Defective channel	5
Choked gullies	2
Absence of stopper to raking arm	1
Cesspools emptied	3

Defective or overflowing cesspool	1
Defective rain-water pipe	10
Choked rainwater pipes	11
Defective eavesgutter	4
Defective water supply pipes	1
Ditches require cleansing	1
Defective W.C. pan	6
Defective W.C. seat	15
Defective W.C. flushing cistern	3
Defective W.C. pedestal	3
Defective connection between flushpipe and pedestal	2
Absence of closet accommodation	1
Insanitary and defective sinks	7
Defective surround to sink	2
Absence of water supply	2
Defective plaster to walls	18
Defective plaster to ceiling	6
Defective boarded ceiling	2
Dampness of walls	21
Defective external walls	1
Dampness of ceilings	1
Defective ceilings	1
Dampness of chimney breast	2
Dampness general	7
Rising dampness	17
Walls require cleansing	8
Ceilings require cleansing	8
Dirty floors	7
Defective floors	8
Defective roofs	13
Defective fireplaces and grates	3
Defective pointing	1
Defective cement rendering	1
Defective doors and cupboards	13
Absence of ventilated food store	1
Defective/Abs. of stair handrails	1
Insufficient ventilation of rooms	2
Defective window sashes and frames	31
Defective and badly fitting windows	6
Defective cills	5
Defective staircase	2
No permanent ventilation to food store	1
Defective steps	2
Defective yard paving	6
Absence of or defective paved approach	1
Dustbins provided	18
Defective dust chute refuse container	4
Accumulation of refuse	5
Keeping of animals/hens	1
Miscellaneous	15

SUMMARY OF ARTICLES DISINFECTED OR DESTROYED
1965

Article	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Wearing Apparel ..	—	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
Bed Covers ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Mattresses ..	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	6
Feather Beds ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Eiderdowns ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bolsters ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Pillows ..	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	13
Blankets ..	4	2	2	—	—	—	4	—	2	1	—	—	16
Sheets ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Miscellaneous ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Totals ..	12	8	26	—	—	—	6	—	2	2	11	—	67

SUMMARY OF ROOMS DISINFECTED—1965

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polionmyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Vermin ..	—	—	12	14	12	12	4	3	2	3	13	9	84
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals ..	1	1	12	14	12	12	6	5	3	4	13	9	92

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	7	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 enforced by the Local Authority	84	200	7	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority* (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	10	14	2	—
Total	107	221	10	—

* Electrical Stations (Section 123 (1)), Institutions (Section 124), Sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Section 127), Slaughterhouses (Section 175 (1) (d) and (e)) and Railway Running Sheds (Section 175 (2) and 10).

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"):

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient ...	3	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	5	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	2	2	—	—	—
Total ...	13	10	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Out-Workers in August List Required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of Default in Sending Lists to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists (4)	No. of Instances of Work in Unwholesome Premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel } Making etc., cleaning and washing	2	—	—	—	—	—
Household linen ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electro-plate ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
File making ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brass and brass articles	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel cables and chains ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cart gear	—	—	—	—	—	—
Locks, latches and keys	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial flowers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT—*continued*

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Out-Workers in August List Required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of Default in Sending List to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists (4)	No. of Instances of Work in Unwholesome Premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Nets, other than wire nets ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tents ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Racquet and tennis balls ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper bags ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pea picking ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feather sorting ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stuffed toys ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Basket making ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chocolates and sweetmeats ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Textile weaving ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	2	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

During the year 223 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces, 10 notices being served. Seven of the notices were complied with at the end of the year.

DISINFESTATION, DISINFECTION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Steam disinfection of bedding, clothing and other articles is carried out at the Disinfector Station at St. Mary's Lane. The disinfection and disinfestation of premises in the Borough together with the working of the disinfector constitutes a valuable service which is much appreciated.

No. of rooms fumigated	..	..	..	92
No. of articles disinfected or destroyed	..	..	..	67
No. of visits paid	..	..	..	149

RODENT CONTROL

A total of 204 complaints were received and 1,177 visits were made to premises and land.

<i>No. of complaints</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total number of visits made</i>
1965	135	69	204	1,177
1964	157	71	228	1,248
1963	140	61	201	1,249
1962	158	56	214	1,511
1961	220	74	294	1,968

Drainage and Sewerage

Maintenance and cleaning of sewers has received the usual attention. The provision of satisfactory drainage for the new properties has been carried out by the private developers in accordance with the approved plans.

Rivers and Streams

Cleansing has been carried out of ditches and streams that are the Council's liability. Private landowners can contribute materially to the relief of flooding during storm times if they ensure that old water courses on their land are not destroyed and that all watercourses are kept free from obstruction.

Public Cleansing

A satisfactory refuse collection service has been maintained on a weekly frequency.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

During 1965, 8,058 visits were paid by the Public Health Inspectors. The nature of the inspections, together with the list of notices served and the results of such notices, are included in this report.

Eradication of Vermin

A total of 42 complaints was received in respect of premises infested with vermin — 8 council premises and 16 private premises were disinfested.

Inconnection with re-housing in Council Houses, 145 visits were paid. Furniture and effects were inspected prior to re-housing.

Offensive Trades

There are two premises in the area which come within the definition of offensive trades, i.e. two rag and bone dealers.

Fish Frying Premises

There are three premises in the Borough where this trade is carried on. Seven visits were made during the year.

Refuse Tip

All refuse is now taken to the Hastings Tip at Bulverhythe.

Sewers-Rat Infestation

In view of the total absence of rats as shown by negative results of pre-baiting, exemption from pre-baiting has been granted until 1966.

SHOPS ACTS

SHOPS ACT 1950.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

SHOPS (EARLY CLOSING DAY) ACT 1965.

EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1929.

The total number of shops in the Borough is 503. 722 visits were made during the year in relation to hours of work, early closing, lighting, heating, ventilation and washing and sanitary facilities.

A considerable amount of work was done under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 and whilst many minor contraventions were found, no gross overcrowding or insanitary conditions were brought to light.

CONCLUSION

During the difficult conditions in the Department, as already mentioned, I received loyal support from all my colleagues.

I am indebted to Dr. J. K. Butterfield for his advice and help at all times.

My colleague, Mr. S. Wild, with his long experience, proved equal to all demands when deputising for me.

The Chief Clerk, Mr. K. Westwood, was the public relations officer to the Department and usually found the right answers for the many callers.

Mrs. Franklin, who deputised for Miss McEvoy, proved a cheerful and reliable clerk and did her best to steer a straight course between Ministry Returns, the many Notices and departmental records and other matters peculiar to Health Departments.

Mr. G. Chalmers, the General Assistant, who is now nearing the end of his service with the Council, was as usual utterly reliable and of great assistance to the Department.

As always, I received every help and encouragement from the Chairman, Alderman G. H. Goodwin, and also from his successor, Councillor N. F. Hill, and from members of the Committee generally and to them I tender my sincere thanks.

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Senior Public Health Inspector.



