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BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1968  
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. CADBURY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Bromsgrove for the year 1968.

The population increased by 520 to a total of 39,000. The Council built 8 new houses during the year, private enterprise built 224, while 19 houses were demolished or closed. Sixty houses were brought up to a satisfactory standard by grants and it is now evident that there are comparatively few houses in the District that are unfit or lacking in satisfactory amenities.

The general health of the population remained good. Except for a small increase in the illegitimacy rate, the statistics relating to births and deaths were very satisfactory, especially those regarding the infant and neonatal death rates. During the year Infective Jaundice was added to the list of notifiable diseases while Acute Pneumonia, Puerperal Pyrexia and Erysipelas were removed from the list. On the whole the incidence of notifiable disease was low and it is hoped that the introduction of measles vaccination will limit the incidence of measles.

Immunisation of children against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus and vaccination against Smallpox continued at a satisfactory level.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Water Supply Co. Ltd. and was satisfactory in quantity and quality. It contained a trace of natural fluoride. It is hoped that the water will be artificially fluoridated to 1 part per million in the near future.

The standard of food hygiene remained at a high level, thanks to the co-operation of the food trade and the work of the Public Health Inspectors.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work carried out by the Officers and Staff of the Health Department. I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued help and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Cadbury and Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area:	9,228 acres	1938
Inhabited houses on 31st December, 1968	...	12,239(6,902)
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1968	...	£1,472,677
Product of Penny Rate, 1967/68	...	£5,892. 2s. 9d.
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1968)		39,000

## VITAL STATISTICS

(1967 figures given in brackets)

### LIVE BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	312	308	620 (630)
Illegitimate	16	13	29 (28)
Total	328	321	649 (658)

### BIRTH RATE (births per 1,000 population)

1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1938	1968 (England & Wales)
14.98	15.39	19.06	18.04	17.59	17.8	16.9

### ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births)

1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1938
44.68	42.55	38.67	31.87	37.55	33.5

### STILL BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	5	1	6 (13)
Illegitimate	-	2	2 (1)
Total	5	3	8 (14)

### STILL BIRTH RATE (Still Births per 1,000 total births)

1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1938	1968 (England & Wales)
12.18	21.0	16.3	14.4	17.76	27.9	14.00

### DEATHS

M	F	Total
207 (211)	222 (189)	429 (400)

### DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population)

1968	1967	1966	1938	1968 (England and Wales)
10.12	10.29	10.25	12.5	11.9

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH  
( as percentages of total deaths)

1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system.	54.6%	(54.75%)
2. Cancer and other malignant diseases.	14.6%	(17.25%)
3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis).	19.5%	(12.0%)
4. Accidents, Suicide.	4.3%	(4.0%)

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births)

1968	1967	1966	1965	1938
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.17

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

INFANT DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4 (7)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	2	2	4 (7)

NEONATAL DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2 (5)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	1	1	2 (5)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES

	1968	1967	1966	1938	1968 (England and Wales)
Deaths of legitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 legitimate births	6.45	11.11	12.93	56.9	-
Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births.	Nil	Nil	Nil	166.7	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births.	3.08	7.60	6.91	-	12.3
Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births.	6.16	10.64	12.43	59.8	18.00
Early Neonatal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births.	3.08	6.08	6.91	-	10.5
Perinatal Mortality rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 live and stillbirths.	15.22	26.78	23.1	-	25.00

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (Neonatal figures given in brackets)

	1968	1967	1966	1965
Congenital Malformations	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	6 (4)
Prematurity	1 (1)	4 (4)	3 (3)	3 (3)
Respiratory Disease	2 (-)	1 (-)	3 (1)	- (-)
Other Causes	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (1)	2 (2)
Total	4 (2)	7 (5)	9 (5)	8 (4)



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The district is served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach. However, there is still a need for better facilities for dealing with serious accident cases. Such cases have to be transported to either the Birmingham Accident Hospital or to Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Worcester Royal Infirmary. Chemical analyses of water etc. were done at the County Laboratory, Worcester. I am grateful to the Directors of these laboratories for their help and co-operation.

The County Council administers the Health Visiting, Maternity, Child Welfare, School Health, Immunisation, Dental Specialist, Chiropody, Health Education and other services which aim at the preservation of the health of the community.

A cervical cytology service, available to women of 35 years and over is held monthly at Bromsgrove Clinic.

A Family Planning Association continued to run sessions at Bromsgrove Clinic, at which advice and assistance was available on family planning.

### MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

#### 1. Bromsgrove Town Area.

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.R.V.S. Meals were prepared at ~~Windsor Street kitchen~~ and delivered by volunteer W.R.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 70 old people received meals two days in the week. A total of 6,432 meals were delivered compared with 6,372 in 1967.

#### 2. Rubery Area.

Meals were supplied from Rubery Hill Hospital and delivered by W.F.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 12 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 1,101 meals had been delivered in this area compared with 1,173 in 1967.

## HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1968 was as follows:-

Number of houses in the district	12,239	(12,013)
Number of persons per house	3.18	(3.20)
Number of houses built by private enterprise	237	(230)
Number of houses built by Council	8	(28)
Number of houses under construction at end of year	390	(232)
Number of houses demolished during 1968	7	(59)

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company, and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A bonus scheme operates and a weekly collection service has been maintained throughout the Urban District.

## MORTALITY RATES

FOR CANCER (ALL CAUSES), CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS AND HEART DISEASE (INCLUDING ANGINA, CORONARY DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, ETC.)

Year	Cancer (all causes)	Cancer (lung and bronchus)	Heart disease
1964	2.22	0.55	3.55
1965	1.48	0.28	2.85
1966	1.57	0.45	3.70
1967	1.77	0.51	3.17
1968	1.48	0.41	3.53

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1968

Disease	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Scarlet Fever	7
Diphtheria	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Measles	175
Whooping Cough	29
** Acute Pneumonia	5
*** Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Meningococcal Infections	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Dysentery	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
** Erysipelas	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	3
* Infective Jaundice	2
Total	227 (520)

\*\* Not Notifiable from September 1968

\* Notifiable from 15th June 1968



# CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1968

Cause of Death	M	F	T	Mortality Rate
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	1	-	1	0.02
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	1	0.02
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	2	3	0.07
Malignant Neoplasm - stomach	2	3	5	0.12
Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus	16	1	17	0.41
Malignant Neoplasm - breast	-	3	3	0.07
Malignant Neoplasm - uterus	-	6	6	0.14
Leukaemia	1	-	1	0.02
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	17	12	29	0.70
Diabetes Mellitus	-	5	5	0.12
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	1	0.02
Mental disorders	-	1	1	0.02
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	3	2	5	0.12
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	4	6	0.14
Hypertensive disease	4	1	5	0.12
Ischaemic heart disease	54	72	126	2.96
Other forms of heart disease	5	8	13	0.31
Cerebrovascular disease	21	44	65	1.52
Other diseases of circulatory system	8	7	15	0.35
Influenza	2	3	5	0.12
Pneumonia	21	24	45	1.07
Bronchitis and emphysema	24	2	26	0.62
Asthma	1	-	1	0.02
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	3	5	0.12
Peptic ulcer	4	4	8	0.20
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	-	1	0.02
Other diseases of digestive system	1	1	2	0.05
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1	1	0.02
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	2	3	0.97
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1	0.02
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1	2	0.05
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	-	1	0.02
Motor vehicle accidents	4	1	5	0.12
All other accidents	7	6	13	0.31
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1	0.02
Allother external causes	-	1	1	0.02
Total	207	222	429	10.12



# IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is given below.

Immunised against:	Year of Birth					Others under 16	Total
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64		
Diphtheria	265	374	27	2	35	4	707
Whooping Cough	244	336	25	1	4	-	610
Tetanus	265	325	27	2	35	16	720
Re-immunised against: Diphtheria	-	148	291	38	630	105	1,212
Whooping Cough	-	121	239	23	41	3	427
Tetanus	-	147	291	39	617	136	1,230

## VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1968:-

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	Total 1968	Total 1967	Total 1966
No. Vaccinated	48 (61)	444 (417)	56 (89)	18 (19)	566	586	775
No. Re-Vaccinated	-	-	2 (6)	18 (20)	20	26	63

## TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis registrations at the end of 1968 were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	62	50	112 (119)
Non-Pulmonary	2	4	6 (4)
Total	64 (69)	54 (54)	118 (123)

# Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1968


	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5 9 (3)	4	- 1 (-)	1	2 2 (5)	-	- - (-)	-

The Public Health Service has been informed by the State Health Department, that all cases require extensive tests and laboratory work as part of the final diagnosis. It is requested that attention be given to the Health Laboratory Department for further investigation of tuberculous infections and a report made by agreement of the working committee and being given by Dr. R. J. Henderson, Director of the Laboratory.

It was not possible to complete work during the year as the new laboratory and office arrangements at the administration, but it is hoped that future work will be completed during 1969.

## APPENDIX B - TUBERCULOSIS CASES 1968

	Active Cases	Latent Cases	Dead	Survived	Total
Public Health Service	2,000	1,700	7	300	4,007
Private Health Service	200	100	10	10	3,310
Total	2,200	1,800	17	310	4,327



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# REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1968

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. CADBURY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting a report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1968

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

During 1968, total throughput at the Public Slaughterhouse and one private slaughterhouse showed a considerable reduction on previous years, a total of 61,650 animals being slaughtered and inspected. This figure represents an average weekly 'kill' of 244 cattle, 8 calves, 622 sheep and 314 pigs. The decline in throughput is most probably due to the effects of the disastrous foot and mouth disease epidemic and only partly to a changing pattern of meat trading. Comparable figures for previous years are as follows:-

1967 - 75,944  
1966 - 72,636  
1965 - 63,167  
1964 - 66,361  
1963 - 57,162

All animals slaughtered are inspected for fitness for human consumption and during the year approximately 49 tons of meat was surrendered as unfit. Causes of unfitness are given in tabular form. It is interesting to record that tuberculosis either localised or generalised, was not found in any of the 13,145 cattle and calves slaughtered, and swine fever was absent in over 16,000 pigs slaughtered.

The Public Slaughterhouse receives 'casualty animals' from a fairly wide area, many of which require extensive care and diligence on the part of the Meat Inspector. 47 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Worcester for either bacteriological or histological examination and I again record my appreciation of the willing assistance and advice given by Dr. R. J. Henderson, Director of the Laboratory.

It was not possible to commence work during the year on the new lairage and office accommodation at the slaughterhouse, but it is hoped this scheme will be completed during 1969

## ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR

	Heifers	Steers	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Public Slaughterhouse	2,041	1,906	8,013	384	28,407	13,207
Private Slaughterhouse	567	160	46	28	3,962	2,929
TOTAL	2,608	2,066	8,059	412	32,369	16,136

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS
Number killed and inspected	12,733	412	32,369	16,136
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerici:-</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	51	18	119	15
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	4,710	2	2,899	1,110
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerici.	37.39%	4.85%	9.32%	6.97%
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	100
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.62%
<u>Cysticeriosis:-</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	12	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-

MEAT CONDEMNED

	BEASTS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS	TOTAL
Carcasses	51	18	119	15	203
Part Carcasses	70	-	42	68	180
Heads	54	1	-	155	210
Hearts	25	2	6	144	177
Livers	4,598	1	2,703	820	8,122
Lungs	893	1	154	78	1,126
Kidneys	60	2	4	22	88
Spleen	1	1	-	3	5



## CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHTS - LBS

Disease	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	TOTAL
Abscesses	2,405	-	13	650	3,073
Actino mycosis	859	-	-	-	859
Adeno-Carcinoma	540	-	-	-	540
Angiomatosis	10,887	-	-	-	10,887
Arthritis	484	-	48	73	605
B. Necrosis	-	-	-	2,904	2,904
Bi-Lateral Pyelo-nephritis	-	150	-	-	150
Bruising/Injury	1,370	-	153	183	1,706
Cysticercus Bovis	294	-	-	-	294
Cirrhosis	12	-	-	3	15
Echinococcus Cysts	21,009	-	47	-	21,056
Emphysema	-	10	-	-	10
Emaciation/Oedema	17,425	391	3,755	177	21,748
Fibrosis	21	-	-	-	21
Fascioliasis	-	-	34,444	-	34,444
Fatty Degeneration	170	-	-	-	170
Hydro Nephritis	2	-	1	10	13
Hepatitis	20	-	2	-	22
Ill-bled	-	68	32	224	324
Jaundice	148	84	-	379	611
Melanosis	630	-	-	-	630
Nephritis	101	-	-	5	106
Myocarditis	-	-	-	2	2
Metaplasia	-	-	-	18	18
Metritis Septic	-	-	43	-	43
Pericarditis	7	-	5	76	88
Peritonitis Septic	-	40	30	68	138
Pleurisy	77	48	-	96	221
Parasitic Conditions	215	-	5,253	25	5,493
Pneumonia	18	-	-	-	18
Pneumonia Acute Septic	-	-	-	40	40
Odour	666	-	-	98	764
Swine Erysipelas	-	-	-	176	176
Sarcosysis	32	-	-	-	32
Septicaemia	360	-	-	-	360
Pyæmia	-	-	-	239	239
Tumours	-	-	55	-	55
Uræmia	-	-	48	-	48
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1,374	1,374
Xanthosis	5	-	-	-	5
	57,757	791	43,934	6,820	109,302

Total Weight Meat Condemned 48 Tons, 15 cwt. 3qrs, 19.1bs.



## Poultry

One poultry slaughtering establishment operates in the District with an estimated weekly throughput of 5,000 birds. Regular inspection of dressed poultry is made at the twice weekly auction sales in the Produce Market.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption at retail shops etc. is listed below:-

Beef	-	12 lbs	-	Muscular fibrosis
Meat Joints	-	965 lbs	-	Refrigeration breakdown
Bacon	-	105 lbs	-	" "
Meat Products	-	23 lbs	-	" "
Eggs	-	18 doz	-	Staleness
Turkeys (50)	-	441 lbs	-	Decomposition.
Cheese	-	43 lbs	-	Glass Contamination.
Ham	-	42 lbs	-	" "
Bacon	-	155 lbs	-	" "
Fish Cakes	-	46	-	" "
Chicken & Bacon Cakes	-	36	-	" "
Beef Cakes	-	30	-	" "
Cheese & Tomato Cakes	-	25	-	" "

### Tinned Goods

Meats	-	137 tins.
Vegetables	-	719 "
Fruit	-	1,422 "
Fish	-	109 "
Soups	-	47 "
Milk & Cream	-	27 "
Cereals	-	69 "

### Fresh Frozen Foods.

Meat Products	-	57½ Packets
Chicken	-	329 "
Fish	-	356 "
Pastry	-	146 "
Vegetables	-	272 "
Fruit	-	100 "
Fruit Drinks	-	25 "

## Slaughter of Animals Act 1958.

25 Licences were issued to slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

## Food Complaints

20 complaints concerning the condition of food or food containers were investigated during the year.

## Food Premises

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 govern hygiene standards in general food premises and food vehicles. Following informal action 66 infringements of the Regulations were remedied during the year.

The total number of visits to food premises during the year including visits to slaughterhouses was 1,423.

Infringements remedied are summarised overleaf:-

Sanitary Conveniences

Cleanliness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Repair	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Provision of Wash-hand notices	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Hand Washing facilities

Wash-hand basins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Hot and cold water provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
First Aid facilities provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Facilities for washing food and equipment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lighting of food rooms.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ventilation of food rooms.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Cleanliness and repair of food rooms

Redecoration carried out	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Repairs to surfaces of structures	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Accumulation of refuse etc.									
Refuse receptacles provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Temperature of food									
Refrigeration Provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Regular routine visits are made to catering establishments and licenced premises and swabs taken of eating and drinking utensils, for bacteriological examination. This practice is of great assistance in maintaining a high standard of hygiene in these premises. Of 195 swabs taken 65% were entirely satisfactory. Detailed results are given in tabular form.

Routine samples of cooked meats, meat products and milk and egg products are taken from retail shops for bacteriological examination and of 56 samples taken, all were found to be free from pathogenic organisms.

The number of food preparing premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 is:-

a) Ice Cream Premises	108
b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food	25

Ice Cream

Samples of ice cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 73. The results, with a comparison of the 1967 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results

1967			1968		
Grade	No. of Samples	%	Grade	No. of Samples	%
1	61	75.00	1	66	90.41
2	10	12.35	2	6	8.22
3	6	7.40	3	-	-
4	4	4.95	4	1	1.37
TOTAL	81	100.00	TOTAL	73	100.00



SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SLIDES TAKEN FROM FOOD PREMISES

TYPE OF UTENSIL	No. of swabs taken	COLONY COUNTS						BACTERIUM COLI			% of total swabs taken which are considered satisfactory
		Sterile	Under 100	Over 100 and less than 1,000	Over 1,000 and less than 10,000	Over 10,000 and less than 100,000	Over 100,000 and less than 500,000	Absent	Non-Faecal	Present Faecal	
Glasses	44	26	13	4	1	-	-	43	1	-	88.68
Dinner Plates	27	8	11	5	1	2	-	23	3	1	70.37
Tea Plates	17	7	5	4	-	1	-	14	3	-	70.58
Coffee Cups;	11	8	1	1	1	-	-	11	-	-	81.81
Soup Plates	13	7	5	1	-	-	-	12	1	-	92.46
Tea Cups	23	13	7	1	2	-	-	19	3	2	82.60
Sweet Plates	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	100.00
Bacon Slicing machine	33	-	2	5	13	11	2	31	3	2	6.06
Gravity Feed Slicer	14	1	-	3	5	4	1	10	4	-	6.06
Knives, forks and spoons	7	4	1	1	1	-	-	6	1	1	71.42
TOTALS	195	76	49	25	24	18	3	175	19	6	64.10



Ice cream in provisional grades 1 and 2 is regarded as being satisfactory and in grades 3 and 4 as unsatisfactory.

#### Food and Drugs Act - Sampling

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer on their behalf within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Officers.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk - Formal Samples - 12

One sample of Channel Island milk was found to be deficient in fat.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act made fresh provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in offices, shop premises and certain railway premises. Administration of the Act is shared by local authorities, fire authorities, the factory inspectorate and mine and quarry inspectors.

All premises registered with the local authority have been inspected, a total of 325 premises being registered in this Urban District. During the year 1968, a total of 32 new registrations were received. Of 96 general inspections carried out, 34 premises were found not to comply in one or more respects with the Health, Safety and Welfare provisions of the Act.

Summaries are given below in tabular form of registrations and general inspections, contraventions and accidents.

#### (A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices	9	77	9
Retail Shops	19	206	64
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	8	2
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	3	34	21
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS.	32	325	96

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act ..... 143

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

SECTION	NO. OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND	SECTION	NO. OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND
4	Cleanliness 7	10	Washing facilities 5
6	Temperature 11	12	Clothing accommodation 3
7	Ventilation 6	17	Fencing of exposed parts of machinery 2
8	Lighting 3	16	Floors, passages & Stairs 9
9	Sanitary conveniences 10	24	First aid general provisions 13
			Other matters 19

Total - 83

(C) Exemptions Number of applications received - Nil(D) Reported Accidents

Workplace	No. Reported	Total No. Investigated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	2	-	-	-	1	1
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	1	-	-	-	-	1
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	1	2

Analysis of reported accidents.

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens.
Machinery	-	1	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons	-	1	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	-	-	-
Handling goods	-	-	1	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-
Fires and Explosions	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	-	-	-



## PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Twenty-two samples of water taken at intervals from the public swimming baths and submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical and bacteriological examination were all reported to be satisfactory.

## CARAVANS

At the end of 1968, one permanent site licence remained in force for 38 caravans at a private site in Blackwell.

## WATER SUPPLY

The town's main water supply has remained satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality throughout the year.

## ASHES ACCOMMODATION

One thousand, one hundred and fifty seven new dustbins were issued during the year.

## DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses)	59
No. of obstructed drains dealt with	34
No. of tests applied to house drains	2
No. of cesspools abolished	58
No. of internal w.c.'s provided	60
No. of pails abolished	7
New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc.	3
Defective drains repaired or relaid	6
Houses connected to Septic tanks (excluding new houses)	6

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The approximate number of cesspools, septic tanks etc, where sewers are not available is 750. Emptying takes place on a rota basis and every effort is made to provide a twice yearly service. A more frequent service is given where due to disposal difficulties nuisance arises.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year:-

No. of cesspools emptied	1,776
No. of loads from cesspools	2,088
No. of pails emptied	439
Mileage covered	10,462

## RODENT CONTROL

A full-time operator is employed to undertake treatment on Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

No. of treatments at private dwellings	254
No. of treatments at business premises	36
No. of treatments at Council premises (Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc)	35
No. of properties re-visited and surveyed	1,861
No. of Agricultural properties treated	-
No. of Agricultural properties surveyed	-
No. of sewer manholes treated	100



# PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were renewed under the above Act.

# RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

One licence was renewed under the provisions of the above Act following receipt of a satisfactory veterinary report.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Defects or nuisances discovered.	88
Number abated	80
Number of notices served	Informal 27
Number of notices complied with	" 25

## Inspections

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

Houses under Public Health Acts	.. .. .	677
Water Supply	.. .. .	14
Overcrowding	.. .. .	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds	.. .. .	33
Ashes Accommodation	.. .. .	41
Accumulations	.. .. .	10
Drainage Inspections	.. .. .	698
Drainage Tests	.. .. .	37
Closets-Water	.. .. .	30
- pails or privies	.. .. .	17
Cesspools	.. .. .	140
Urinals	.. .. .	4
Sewers and Street Gullies	.. .. .	20
Dairies	.. .. .	3
Ice Cream Premises	.. .. .	54
Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection	.. .. .	548
Food Preparing Premises	.. .. .	95
General Food Premises	.. .. .	211
Licensed Premises	.. .. .	28
Factories Act	.. .. .	43
Rats and Mice Acts	.. .. .	50
Infectious Diseases	.. .. .	14
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16	.. .. .	210
Housing Act, 1957 - Other visits	.. .. .	167
Housing Act, 1964	.. .. .	337
Rent Act 1957	.. .. .	6
Smoke Abatement Observations	.. .. .	46
Smoke Abatement - premises visited	.. .. .	7
Noise Abatement Act	.. .. .	61
Petroleum Act	.. .. .	156
Entertainment Houses	.. .. .	1
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	.. .. .	143
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	.. .. .	6
Riding Establishments Act	.. .. .	2
Pet Animals Act	.. .. .	2
Miscellaneous visits	.. .. .	786
Interviews - owners, tradesmen etc	.. .. .	370
Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles Regulations	.. .. .	36
Vernacular premises	.. .. .	2
Scrap Metal Dealers Act	.. .. .	2

# SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Sinks repaired, renewed or provided .. .. .	1
Obstructed drains .. .. .	34
W. C. flushing cisterns .. .. .	2
Floors repaired .. .. .	3
Roofs repaired .. .. .	13
Ceiling plaster made good .. .. .	5
Wallplaster made good .. .. .	9
Walls repaired .. .. .	6
Eavesputting and downspouts repaired or renewed	4
Chimneys repaired .. .. .	2
Staircases repaired .. .. .	4
Dustbins provided by local authority .. .. .	1,157
Doors repaired or renewed .. .. .	3
Windows repaired or renewed .. .. .	8
Repairs to waste pipes and gullies .. .. .	-
Repairs to drains and drainage systems .. .. .	8
Structural repairs to w.c.'s .. .. .	1
Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided ..	56
Baths provided .. .. .	52
Hot water supplies provided or repaired .. .. .	56
Foodstores provided .. .. .	26
Accumulations removed .. .. .	-
W. C. pedestals renewed .. .. .	-
Dustbins provided other than by local authority	6

## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

1) By the local authority.	8
11) By other local authorities.	-
111) By other bodies or persons.	237

### 1. Inspections of dwelling houses during the year:-

1a. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	493
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose	866
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	19
3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	27

### 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 offices. 25

### 3. Action under statutory powers during the year

a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-

i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
ii) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
a) by owners	Nil
b) by local authority in default of owners	Nil



B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 27
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
  - a) by owners Nil
  - b) by local authority in default of owners Nil

C) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 7
2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 12
3. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 6
4. Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas Nil

D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957.

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

4. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

<u>Extended Standard Grants</u>	<u>Owner/Occupier.</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
1. Number of applications approved	14	8
2. Number of dwellings improved	13	5
3. Amount paid in grants.	£4,838 12. 0d.	
4. Average grant per house	£ 268 16. 3d.	

<u>Ordinary Standard Grants</u>	<u>Owner/Occupier.</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
1. Number of applications approved	27	7
2. Number of dwellings improved	32	10
3. Amount paid in grants	£4,700 9. 11d.	
4. Average grant per house	£ 111 18. 4d.	

Number of amenities provided

a) Fixed Bath.	52
b) Shower	-
c) Wash-hand basin.	53
d) Hot water supply (to any fittings)	54
e) Watercloset within dwelling.	60
f) Foodstore	26

Discretionary Grants.

1. Number of dwellings improved Nil

5. HOUSING ACT, 1964

Four representations were received from tenants under Section 19 of the Act, requesting the Council to exercise their powers to secure the provision of standard amenities.

6. RENT ACT, 1957

No of applications for Certificate of Disrepair received Nil  
 No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by local authority Nil  
 No. of Undertakings by Landlords received Nil

PETROLEUM ACTS

63 licences were issued during 1968 for the storage of  
 189,672 gallons of petroleum spirit and/or mixtures and  
 36.lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):-

Premises	No. on Register	Number of:-		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	5	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	84	38	6	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority (excluding out-workers premises)	7	3	-	-
TOTAL	96	43	6	-



## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	18	18	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	18	18	-	-	-