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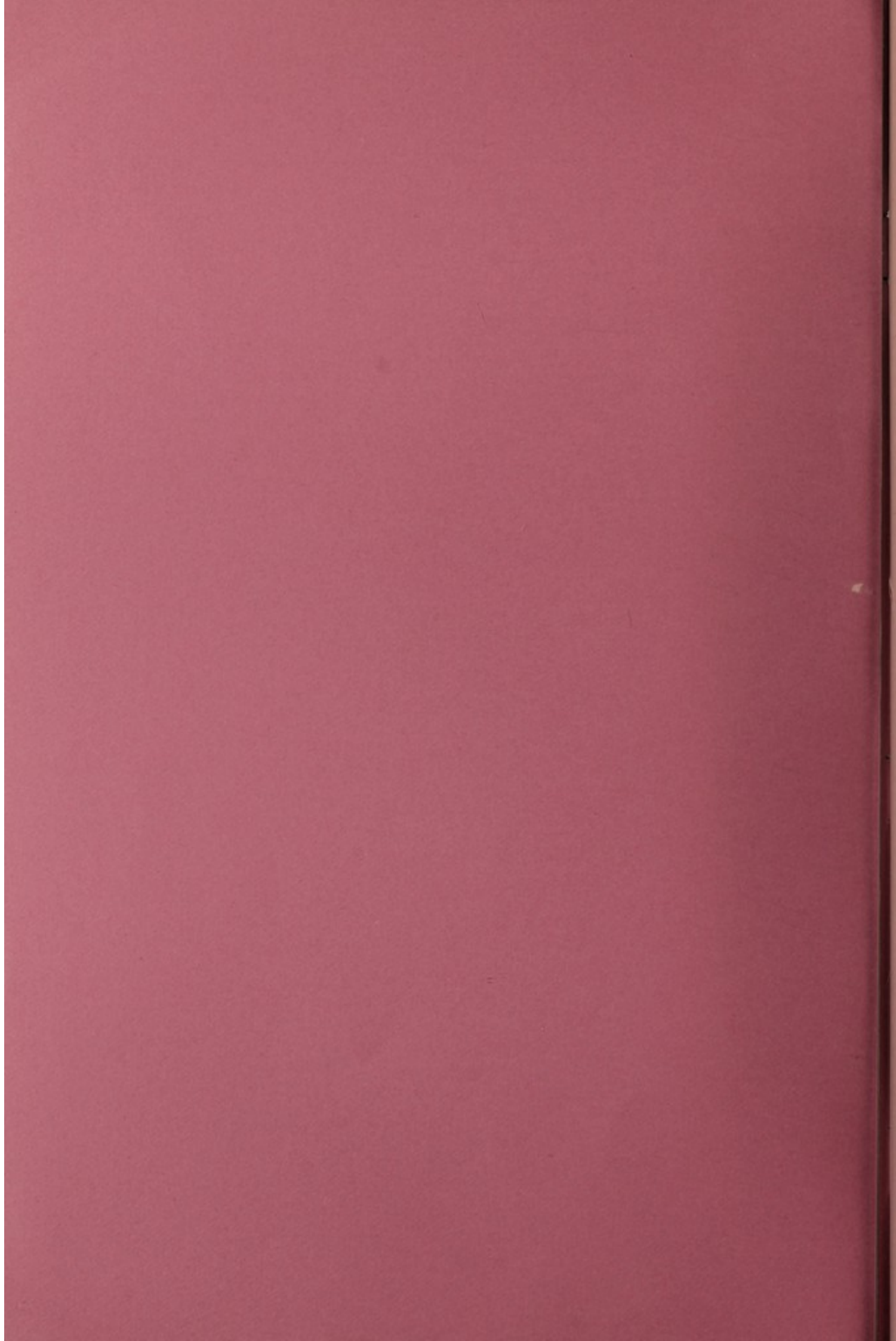
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for the year

1970



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August, 1971.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
BOROUGH OF DROITWICH

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

Nineteen seventy may well have been an important year in relation to the future of the Borough but from the point of view of the Health of the town, few changes occurred. One may find points of interest in the statistics under Section A, in that the standardised Birth Rate is well above that for England and Wales and up on last year. The standardised Death Rate is also very low, but this is due to a comparability factor of 0.76 used by the Registrar to adjust the crude rate due to the large number of elderly persons in the town at Institutions such as The Heriotts. Of course all estimates of population are still based on the 1961 census figures, but the above pointers could mean that we shall be in for a surprise when the 1971 census figures (just taken) are published.

One of the encouraging events in the year was the Public Meeting held to consider the possibility of a General Improvement Area for the Newtown (Burrish, Miller and Albert Streets) part of the town. Reaction was generally quite favourable. This will save a considerable block of property (some 300 houses), and I hope the Area will in due course be confirmed both by the Council and the appropriate Ministerial Department.

Frustration was mounting by the close of the year on three issues :-

1. the failure of the Government to give a clear lead on the reorganisation of Local Government.
2. the failure of the Secretary of State for the Environment to approve the Town Centre Plan.
3. the pending closure of the Brine Baths.

I am pleased to say that there has now been successful release on all three items which will provide more suitable topics for discussion next year, when I hope the position on each will be clarified.

I remain, Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

L. SPENCER STEPHENS,

Medical Officer of Health.

LSS/MGM/FEH

August, 1977.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors of the
BOROUGH OF PROVIDENCE

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report on the health of the
Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1976.

Another seventy six well have been an important year in relation to
the future of the Borough but from the point of view of the health of the
town, few changes occurred. The very first points of interest in the
statistics under Section 1, is that the standardized birth rate is well
above that for England and Wales and up on last year. The standardized
death rate is also very low, but this is due to a compensatory factor of
0.76 used by the Registrar to adjust the crude rate due to the large number
of elderly persons in the town at institutions such as the Westons. Of
course all estimates of population are still based on the 1961 census
figures, but the above pointers could mean that we shall be in for a
surprise when the 1977 census figures (just issued) are published.

One of the interesting events in the year was the Public Meeting
held to consider the possibility of a General Improvement Area for the
Newton (Burial, Miller and Albert Streets) part of the town. Section
was generally quite favourable. This will have a considerable effect
of property (some 300 houses), and I hope the town will in the course be
conferred both by the Council and the appropriate Ministerial Department.

Provision was made by the Council of the year on three issues:-

1. the failure of the Government to give a clear lead on the
reorganisation of local Government.
2. the failure of the Secretary of State for the Environment to approve
the Town Centre Plan.
3. the standing orders of the Brian Bates.

I am pleased to say that there has now been successful reference on
all three issues which will provide some definite steps for discussion
next year, when I hope the position on each will be clarified.

I remain, Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,
I. BRIDGES

Health Officer of Health.

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SECTION "A" - STATISTICS

Area	2040 acres
Registrar General's Estimate of resident population mid 1970	11,650
Number of inhabited houses 31st March, 1970 (according to Rate books)	3,525
Rateable value at 31st March, 1970.	£486,143
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1970	£1,918
The following are extracts from the vital statistics for the year:-	

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	110	105	215 (168)
Illegitimate	5	7	12 (11)

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5%	(6%)
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 population	19.5	(17.3)
Birth Rate - England and Wales	16.0	(16.3)

(Figures in brackets relate to the previous year.)

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	17
Still Birth Rate - England and Wales	13

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	61	62	123
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.6		
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	8.1		
Death Rate - England and Wales	11.7		

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	13
Infantile Mortality Rate - England and Wales	18

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	9
Neonatal Mortality Rate - England and Wales	12
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births	26
Perinatal Mortality Rate - England and Wales	23
Maternal Deaths	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil

Registrar General's Estimate of
resident population mid 1970

Number of inhabited houses 31st March, 1970
(according to rate books)

Males 11,650
Females 11,525

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Females 11,525

The following are extracted from the vital statistics for the year -

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	110	105	215
Illegitimate	5	7	12
			(127)

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 3.7 (19.5)
Standardized birth rate per 1,000 population 17.5 (17.1)
Birth rate - England and Wales 18.0 (16.3)

(figures in brackets relate to the previous year.)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 17
Still Birth Rate - England and Wales 13

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	61	62	123
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.6	10.6	10.6
Standardized Death Rate per 1,000 population	8.4	8.4	8.4
Death Rate - England and Wales	11.7	11.7	11.7

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 13
Infant mortality rate - England and Wales 10

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 2
Neonatal mortality rate - England and Wales 12
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births 26
Perinatal mortality rate - England and Wales 23
Maternal Deaths 111
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births 11

CAUSES OF DEATH

(in accordance with the "International Statistical Classification of Diseases", B List - 50 Main Causes)

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B.6(1)	Late Effects of Respiratory T.B.	-	1
B.18	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
B.19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	-	1
B.19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	2	1
B.19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	1	1
B.19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	-
B.19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2
B.19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
B.19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostrate ...	1	-
B.19(10)	Leukaemia	1	-
B.19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	3
B.20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ...	1	-
B.21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
B.23	Anaemias	-	1
B.28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	17	13
B.29	Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	3	7
B.30	Cerebrovascular Disease	4	18
B.46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	1
B.31	Influenza	4	-
B.32	Pneumonia	6	5
B.33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	3
B.46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
B.34	Peptic Ulcer	1	-
B.46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-
B.39	Hyperplasia of Prostrate	1	-
B.46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-
B.42	Congenital Anomalies	1	-
B.43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	1
BE.48	All Other Accidents	3	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>		61	62

Female	Male	
1	-	Acute Myocardial Infarction
1	-	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases
1	-	Malignant Neoplasms, Oesophagus
1	2	Malignant Neoplasms, Stomach
1	1	Malignant Neoplasms, Intestine
-	2	Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus
2	-	Malignant Neoplasms, Breast
1	-	Malignant Neoplasms, Uterus
-	1	Malignant Neoplasms, Prostate
-	1	Leukaemia
2	1	Other Malignant Neoplasms
-	1	Benign and Suspended Neoplasms
-	1	Diabetes Mellitus
1	-	Arteriosclerosis
12	17	Ischaemic Heart Disease
7	2	Other Forms of Heart Disease
18	4	Cerebrovascular Disease
1	2	Other Diseases of Circulatory System
-	4	Influenza
5	6	Pneumonia
2	1	Bronchitis and Emphysema
2	1	Other Diseases of Respiratory System
-	1	Polio Myelitis
-	2	Other Diseases of Digestive System
-	1	Hypertension of Blood
-	1	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System
-	1	Congenital anomalies
1	-	Birth Injury, Obstetric Injury, etc.
-	2	All Other Accidents

SECTION "B" - GENERAL PROVISION OF

HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. The following services are provided by the County Council :-

(a) Ambulance Service

The main Ambulance Station is situated at Worcester where a fleet of modern ambulances in manned day and night. The service is now under Radio Control which helps considerably in dealing with emergency calls.

A special ambulance for rheumatic cases is provided by the Hospital Management Committee. This vehicle is equipped with special devices for the aid of crippled patients.

The hospital car service, manned by volunteers, is used to supplement the Ambulance Service.

(b) Home Help Service

This service has now been taken over by the County Council from the W.V.S. being administered from the Royal George Buildings, Hanbury Street, Droitwich. The service provides domestic help for the aged, in case of illness, and for maternity cases during confinement.

There are now 18 part-time Home Helps on the Register.

Payment for this service is made according to means.

During the year, the following cases were assisted through this service:-

Chronic sick	5
Aged (Sick and infirm)	69
Maternity	11
Others	9
Total	<u>94</u>

The introduction of a Meals on Wheels service twice a week to elderly people in the town has been greatly welcomed and is running successfully, 3,109 meals being served, compared with 2,628 the previous year.

(c) Home Nursing and Health Visiting Service

Four District Nurse Midwives are stationed in the Borough. They attend booked domiciliary midwifery cases and assist the General Practitioners with general nursing problems and injections in the home. There are also three Health Visitors for the Borough whose main duties are the care of young children from 0 - 5 years, but they are also responsible for the health and welfare of the whole family. They attend the Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics and are in close contact with the Voluntary Services. A specialist Health Visitor is employed for visiting cases of Tuberculosis, and she operated from the Royal Infirmary, Worcester, where she is under the supervision of the Chest Physician in charge. There is also a Geriatric Health Visitor caring for the elderly in the town.

(d) Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children

The County Council's Infant Welfare Clinic is held every Tuesday and Friday afternoon at the Norbury Clinic, Friar Street, Droitwich.

During the year 3,304 attendances were made at this Clinic compared with 4,455 the previous year.

There were 841 children (0-5 years) on the Register at 31st December, 1970 compared with 837 the previous year.

HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR

The following services are provided by the County Council:

(a) Ambulance Service

The main Ambulance Station is situated at ... Control which helps considerably in dealing with emergency calls.

Special vehicles for transport are provided by the Hospital Management Committee. This vehicle is equipped with special devices for the aid of crippled patients.

The hospital car service, named by volunteers, is used to transport the disabled patients.

(b) Home Help Service

This service has now been taken over by the County Council from the N.E. being administered from the Royal George Dispensary, Henry Street, Bristol. The service provides domestic help for the aged, in case of illness, and for severely cases during convalescence.

There are now 15 part-time Home Help on the Register.

Payment for this service is made according to hours.

During the year, the following cases were treated through this service:-

Chronic sick	5
Aged (Sick and infirm)	69
Neurotic	11
Others	3
Total	88

The introduction of a Home Help service under a week to assist people in the town has been greatly welcomed and is proving successful. 1,109 calls being served, compared with 2,000 the previous year.

(c) Home Nursing and Health Visitor Service

Four District Nurses have been appointed in the district. They attend booked patients with daily visits and assist the General Practitioner in general nursing, medicine and dentistry in the home. There are also three Health Visitors for the district whose duties are the care of young children from 0 - 5 years, but they are also responsible for the health and welfare of the whole family. They attend the Infant Welfare and Child Clinic and are in close contact with the Voluntary Committee. A specialist Health Visitor is engaged for visiting cases of leprosy, and she reported from the Royal Infirmary, Worcester, where she is under the supervision of the Chief Registrar in charge. There is also a District Health Visitor acting for the elderly in the town.

(d) Care of Expectant and Maternity Mothers and Young Children

The County Council's Infant Welfare Clinic is held every Tuesday and Friday afternoon at the Henry Street, Bristol.

During the year 2,304 attendances were made at this Clinic compared with 2,155 the previous year.

There were 621 children (0-5 years) on the Register at 31st December, 1970 compared with 637 the previous year.

The County Council's Ante-Natal clinic is now closed but Parentcraft and Relaxation classes are held on alternate Thursdays for the benefit of mothers attending their General Practitioners. A physiotherapist, Midwife and Health Visitors are in attendance.

Health Centre premises are urgently required and it is hoped that work will proceed as soon as the Central Development Area plan for the Town is approved.

(e) Vaccination and Immunisation

Vaccination and immunisation can be carried out free of charge by the patient's own doctor, or at the County Council's Clinic.

The following inoculations were done during 1970.

(i) Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of children who received a full course	140	(84)
Number of children who received a reinforcing dose	230	(136)

(ii) Tetanus Immunisation

Number of children who received a full course	141	(88)
Number of children who received a reinforcing dose	235	(147)

(iii) Whooping Cough Immunisation

Number of children who received a full course	125	(77)
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(iv) Measles Vaccination

Number of children who received a Primary dose	128	(110)
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(v) Vaccination against Smallpox

Number of persons who received primary vaccination	76	(147)
Number of persons who were re-vaccinated	9	(19)

(figures in brackets relate to the previous year)

(vi) Polionyelitis Vaccination

Number of persons who received a full course during the year	...	...	...	...	...	138	(71)
Number of persons who received re-inforcing doses during the year	...	...	...	...	...	280	(276)

(f) Welfare Services

The Welfare Services are administered by the Welfare Section of the Health Department under the direction of the County Welfare Officer. The following facilities are available:-

- (1) Residential accommodation for the elderly who are unable to look after themselves.
- (2) Temporary accommodation for persons in urgent need.
- (3) Special services for blind persons.
- (4) Special services for deaf and dumb persons.
- (5) Special assistance for other handicapped persons.

The County Council's late-1941 clinic is now closed but vaccination and relaxation classes are held on Thursdays for the benefit of mothers attending their General Practitioners. A physiotherapist, Missie and Health Visitors are in attendance.

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Vaccination and immunisation can be carried out free of charge by the patient's own doctor, or at the County Council's Clinic.

The following immunisations were done during 1970.

(i) Diphtheria Immunisation

146 (A)	Number of children who received a full course
230 (B)	Number of children who received a reinforcing dose

(ii) Tetanus Immunisation

144 (C)	Number of children who received a full course
232 (D)	Number of children who received a reinforcing dose

(iii) Whooping Cough Immunisation

122 (E)	Number of children who received a full course
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(iv) Hepatitis Vaccination

128 (F)	Number of children who received a primary dose
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(v) Vaccination against Shingles

76 (G)	Number of persons who received primary vaccination
9 (H)	Number of persons who were re-vaccinated

(figures in brackets relate to the previous year)

(vi) Poliovaccines Vaccination

138 (I)	Number of persons who received a full course during the year
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(g) Mental Health Service

The Mental Health Department has been expanded to deal with the provision of the Mental Health Act, 1959. The Act abolishes the term Mental Deficiency and introduces the term Mental Disorder which includes severe subnormality, subnormality, mental illness and psychopathic disorder. Mental Welfare Officers have been appointed who act in conjunction with approved Medical Officers and the Hospital Services. Statutory duties of the County Council include:-

- (1) The provision of residential accommodation.
- (2) The provision of Centres or other facilities for training or occupation.
- (3) The exercise of functions relating to persons placed under guardianship.
- (4) The provision of an ancillary or supplementary services for persons suffering from mental disorder.

(h) School Health Service

The County Council provides a comprehensive School Health Service. School Medical Officers visit all Primary and Secondary Schools in the Borough at regular intervals. Every school child receives three medical examinations during his or her school life, but children in whom abnormalities are detected are seen more frequently. Visual activity and colour tests are given at 7-8 years old. An innovation is the routine testing of hearing with an Audiometer, in order to select children who are partially deaf for special investigation.

2. Hospitals

The following services are provided by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board:-

- (i) The District is served by general hospitals in Worcester and Bromsgrove.
- (ii) Cases of Infectious disease are admitted to Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester. This hospital also accommodates cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
- (iii) Maternity cases which cannot be confined at home are admitted to Maternity Homes at Stourport, Bromsgrove or Ronswood.
- (iv) The Town is well recognised as one of the leading centres for the treatment of Rheumatic disease. There are two special hospital reserved exclusively for treating the more severe cases of the disease, and both operate on a National basis, accepting cases from all over the country. Highfield Hospital has 60 beds and St. John's 64 beds. It was with regret that the Council heard that the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board intended to end their Out-Patient contract with the Brine Baths with effect from 31st March, 1968. After much negotiation, the Medical Trust obtained a deferment so that National Health Service patients continued to be accepted for two years until March, 1970, they then continued as a private undertaking. It has now been announced that the Brine Baths will have to close down at 31st August, 1971, and there is a distinct possibility that the Borough Council will take over from that date. However, brine therapy for private patients is not likely to be available, and alternative arrangements for National Health Service patients are being provided at Highfield Hospital.
- (v) Psychiatric Hospitals for mental disorders are available at Powick, Worcester, and Barnsley Hall, Bromsgrove.
- (vi) The Public Health Laboratory at Worcester Royal Infirmary is available to both General Practitioners and Local Authority Medical Officers for the examination of clinical and bacteriological specimens. Chemical Analyses of Water, Sewage, Food, Drugs, etc., are however carried out by the County Analyst.

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(b) Special Health Services

The County Council provides a comprehensive Special Health Services. School Medical Officers visit all primary and secondary schools in the Borough at regular intervals. Every school child receives three medical examinations during his or her school life, but children in other circumstances are not examined as often. Mental activity and colour tests are given at 7-8 years old. A innovation in the routine testing of hearing with an audiometer, in order to detect children who are partially deaf for special investigation.

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- (ii) Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Newton Institution Hospital, Worcester. This hospital also accommodates cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
- (iii) Infectious cases which cannot be treated at home are admitted to Infectious Wards at Stourport, Bromsgrove or Bewdley.
- (iv) The town is well recognised as one of the leading centres for the treatment of Rheumatic disease. There are two special hospitals reserved exclusively for treating the more severe cases of the disease, and both operate on a 24-hour basis, accepting cases from all over the country. St. John's Hospital has 50 beds and St. John's 60 beds. It was with a great deal of interest that the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board intended to end their Out-patient contacts with the town with effect from 31st March, 1968. After much negotiation, the medical firms obtained a settlement so that National Health Service patients continued to be accepted for two years until March, 1970, after which continued as a private undertaking. It has now been announced that the Birmingham Board will have to close down at St. August, 1971, and there is a distinct possibility that the Borough Council will take over from that date. However, arrangements for private patients is not likely to be swiftable, and alternative arrangements for National Health Service patients are being provided at Highfield Hospital.
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SECTION "C" - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

(a) Quality and Quantity

The East Worcestershire (Droitwich Borough) Water Order 1960 transferred the Council's Water undertaking to the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company. Certain improvements have been made since that date including the construction of a 150,000 gall water tower at Yew Tree Hill adjacent to the reservoir. Pressures throughout the Town have improved. There has been no shortage of water and as can be seen from the results below, the quality has been quite satisfactory.

(b) Chemical and bacteriological examinations

The water is drawn from five separate sources near the Lickey Hills. Samples are taken from source by the Company at approximately fortnightly intervals, and spot checks taken in the town periodically. At all times during the year, the water was found to be satisfactory. Bacteriological results are shown on all five boreholes and a chemical analysis on one of them:-

Date	No. of Colonies growing on Agar		Probable No. of Coliform Bacilli	Probable No. of Faecal Coli	Remarks
	2 days at 37°C	3 days at 22°C			
10.8.70.					
No. 1 Borehole Brockhill P/Station	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Satisfactory
No. 1 Borehole Burcot P/Station	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"
Nos 2,3,4 Boreholes Sugarbrook P/Station	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"
No. 3 Borehole Washing-Stocks P/Station	Nil	8	Nil	Nil	"
No. 1 Borehole Wildnoor P/Station	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	"

Chemical Analysis - No's 1, 2, 3, and 4, Boreholes Sugarbrook Pumping Station.

17th November, 1970.

Colour Colourless
 Odour None
 Deposit None pH 7.6

1. Water Quality

(a) Water Quality

The West... (The text is mirrored and difficult to read due to bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.)

(b) Chemical and Physical Analysis

The water is drawn from five separate sources near the Liberty Hill... (The text is mirrored and difficult to read due to bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.)

Date	No. of Coliforms		No. of Coliforms	No. of Coliforms	Remarks
	2 days at 20°C	5 days at 20°C			
10.8.50					
Nov 1					
Nov 2					
Nov 3					
Nov 4					
Nov 5					

Chemical analysis - No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, November 1950

1950 November, 1950

Colour: None
 Odour: None
 Deposit: None

By: J.C.

<u>Chemical Examination</u>	<u>Parts per million</u>
Suspended Matter (Dried at 100°C)	-
Total Dissolved Solids (Dried at 180°C)	205
Chlorine present as Chloride	10
Hardness Non-Carbonate	26
" Carbonate	148
" Total	174
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.02
Albuminoid Nitrogen	Nil
Nitrate Nitrogen	1.4
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil
Permanganate Value (4 hours at 27°C)	0.05
Toxic Metals	None detected
Total Residual Chlorine	Nil
Fluorine	Not estimated
Synthetic Detergents (as Manoxol)	-
Phosphates (as PO ₄)	-
Free Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	4

(c) FLUORIDATION was commenced at Sugarbrook Pumping Station in July 1968. Although results at the works did remain fairly close to 1 part per million, the plant had to be shut down on two or three occasions due to intermittent pumping in case the figures rose too high. In fact the Laboratory Reports on samples near the Chateau Impney gates or at the Heriotts fluctuated widely from 0.63 to 1.02 p.p.m. with one sample showing as low as 0.29. It does seem difficult to maintain a steady level in practice therefore.

(d) Toxic Metals

The water has no plumbo-solvent but is fairly hard.

(e) Contamination

No action was necessary during the year.

(f) WELL Supplies

Only one house on the Borough Boundary now relies on Well Water.

2. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Good progress was made with the construction of the Ladywood Water Pollution Control Works during the first half of the year, and the official Inauguration was carried out by The Right Honourable Peter Walker, M.B.E., M.P., on Friday, 24th July, 1970. The trunk sewers had already been laid consisting of 2½ miles of 21" - 42" sewer down the Salwarpe Valley including foul river crossings. Two branch sewers also drain the valley south of the town to Falsam Pits, and the valley west of the town from Boycott to Briar Mill, and thence to Ladywood. The Ladywood works, which is situated on a 50 acre site is the first instalment of a scheme to provide for an ultimate population of 30,000 to 35,000 with a flow of 2,650,000 gallons per day. The present instalment now functioning is capable of dealing with a flow of 1,450,000 gallons per day if the 'Pasveer' Ditch (constructed in 1969) is also used, but this has been closed down temporarily as the flows entering the works are relatively small at present. Nevertheless, flows between 500,000 - 650,000 gallons per day have been recorded and during a heavy storm in August 2.78 inches of rain resulted in a storm flow of nearly 2½ million gallons before the river flooded the flumes near the pumphouse.

The Sewage Works Manager keeps a careful eye on the plant including the mechanical sludge lifting equipment and the heated anaerobic digester. This had to be "seeded" by the importation of 10,000 galls of active digesting sludge from the Worcester Sewage Disposal Works. Also trade effluents from the new Industrial zone have to be monitored.

The Council were prudent in appointing an Effluent Control Officer/Chemist (Mr. K. Kingham) who set up his laboratory some six months before the works opened, and did a considerable amount of "spade work".

The analytical results submitted to the Committee every month are now very satisfactory and this is a good thing, for although a Standard Consent (30:20: SS/B.O.D.) was issued by the Severn River Authority, their demands for levels on toxic metals (L.O. 5 p.p.m.) were considered to be too stringent and an Appeal was lodged with the Ministry. Consultant Chemists have also been appointed by the Council and will be available to fight any Court cases on unauthorised Trade Effluents which may be discharged into the sewers in the future.

3. Refuse Disposal

The refuse collection service continued to operate satisfactorily within the Borough including the provision of large skips for the dumping of scrap on the new housing estates. The refuse disposal service has for two to three years now been dependent on collaboration with the Rural District Council. During the greater part of 1970 all town refuse had to be transported to a temporary tipping site at Jacobs Ladder, Claines - some six miles away, which added considerably to transport costs. Now a new tip has been made available at Hanbury Wharf Brickworks which should provide space for some 20 - 30 years. This is approximately 1 mile from the town on the eastern side of the motorway, and should be very suitable for the needs of an expanding town.

4. Public Health Inspections

Details of this work are included in the report of the Engineer & Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector. A considerable amount of time was involved in preliminary inspections and co-operation with the Town Development officials who prepared an Exhibition and Public Meeting from 16th - 19th November on the Newtown General Improvement Area involving some 300 dwellings. It seems likely that this area will be approved in addition to a small Clearance Area adjacent to it.

5. Rodent Control

Since we lost our Rodent Operative in 1969 this work has been carried out on a contract basis under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector and is working quite satisfactorily.

1970	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Domestic and business premises	Agricultural buildings
Number of properties in the District	4,725	5
Total number of properties following notification	132	2
Number infested by (i) Rats	108	1
(ii) Mice	42	1
Total number of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	9	-
Number infested by (i) Rats	3	-
(ii) Mice	3	-
Number of sewers infested by rats during the year	Nil	-

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TYPE OF PROPERTY		1970
Private	Business premises	
2	4,752	Number of properties in the district
2	122	Total number of properties following notification
1	102	Number notified by (i) letter
1	20	(ii) other
		Total number of properties notified for reasons other than notification
-	2	Number notified by (i) letter
-	2	(ii) other
-	2	Number of orders notified by letter during the year

SECTION "D" - HOUSING

The following tables show the work carried out in the town on Housing and Slum Clearance during 1970.

A.	<u>Number of new houses erected:-</u>	<u>1970</u>
	(i) By the Local Authority	379
	(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil
	(iii) By other bodies or persons	53
B.	<u>Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-</u>	
	(i) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act)	133
	(ii) Number of re-inspections	135
	(iii) Under the Housing Acts	
	Number of inspections	173
	Number of re-inspections	-
C.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>	
1.	<u>Under the Public Health Acts</u>	
	(a) Number of notices served	13
	(b) Number of cases in which defects were remedied after the service of such notices	
	(i) By owners	13
	(ii) By Local Authority	Nil
2.	<u>Under the Housing Act, 1957</u>	
	(a) Notices served for repairs (Section 9)	Nil
	(b) Number of notices served (Section 16)	7
	(c) Number of undertakings accepted	Nil
	(d) Number of demolition or closing orders made (Section 17)	7
	(e) Number of houses demolished during the year.	6
D.	<u>Overcrowding (Part IV Housing Act, 1957)</u>	
1.	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
2.	(a) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	3
	(b) Number of persons concerned in such cases	26
	(c) Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved	Nil
3.	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	Nil

End of Section "D"

SECTION "D" - HOUSING

The following tables show the work carried out in the town of
Housing and also elsewhere during 1950.

A. -		Number of new houses erected:-	
132		(i)	By the local authority
133		(ii)	By other local authorities
134		(iii)	By other bodies or persons
B. -			
Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-			
135		(i)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act)
136		(ii)	Number of re-inspections
137		(iii)	Under the Housing Acts
138			Number of inspections
139			Number of re-inspections
C. -			
<u>Colony under temporary powers during the year</u>			
Under the Public Health Acts			
140		(a)	Number of notices served
141		(b)	Number of cases in which orders were made after the service of such notices
142		(i)	By orders
143		(ii)	By local authority
Under the Housing Act, 1925			
144		(a)	Notices served for repairs (Section 9)
145		(b)	Number of notices served (Section 16)
146		(c)	Number of undertakings accepted
147		(d)	Number of demolitions or closures orders made (Section 17)
148		(e)	Number of houses demolished during the year
D. -			
<u>Overcrowding (Part IV Housing Act, 1925)</u>			
149		(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year
150		(b)	Number of families dwelling therein
151		(c)	Number of persons dwelling therein
152		(a)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year
153		(b)	Number of persons reported in such cases
154		(c)	Number of persons again overcrowded after being previously notified
155		(d)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year

SECTION "E" - INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspection of all food premises in the town was carried out during the year. The various categories of premises dealt with are shown below and the number of inspections carried out dealt with in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Licensed Premises	28
Grocers	20
Greengrocers	6
Confectioners	5
Wet Fish Shop	1
Fish & Chip Shops	2
Cafe's	8
Butchers' shops	5
Bakchouses	3
Works Canteens	4
Registered premises for the sale of Ice Cream	28
School Meals Kitchens	10
Institution Kitchens	4
Total number of premises	<u>124</u>

There is one manufacturer of Ice-cream in the town and 27 retailers. The sale of the Soft-Mix product has increased recently, and there are three different manufacturers operating vehicles in the area. The Grading of this product is generally not so satisfactory as the hard ice-cream. The Gradings of Samples taken during the year are shown below:-

1970	<u>No. of samples taken</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
Hard Ice Cream	57	51	3	2	1
Soft Ice Cream	20	18	2	Nil	Nil

Milk and Dairies are no longer the responsibility of the District Council, Dealers' Licences being issued by the Worcestershire County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority. The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations are under the control of the County Public Health Inspector. Only limited sampling was carried out during the year, but results were satisfactory.

	<u>No. of Samples Taken</u>	<u>Results</u>
Pasteurised Milk	9	Satisfactory
Sterilized Milk (U.H.T.)	4	"
Raw Tuberculin Tested Milk	5	"
Spray Dried Milk	17	"

SECTION IV - INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Health inspection of all food premises in the town was carried out during the year. The various categories of premises dealt with are shown below and the number of inspections carried out is also given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Food Premises (Number) - 1950

28	Licensed Refreshment
30	Greengrocers
5	Butcher's shops
2	Hot Fish Shops
1	Fish & Chip Shops
3	Cafes
3	Butcher's shops
3	Butcher's shops
4	Butcher's shops
20	Refreshment premises for the sale of Ice Cream
10	School Milk Kitchens
1	Industrial Kitchens
131	Total number of premises

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the town and 27 retailers. The sale of the soft-ice product has increased recently and there are three different manufacturers operating vehicles in the town. The grading of this product is generally not satisfactory as the hard ice-cream. The grading of soft-ice during the year was as follows:-

1950	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Hard Ice Cream	21	3	2	1
Soft Ice Cream	18	4	1	1

Milk and Cream are no longer the responsibility of the District Council, Dealers' licences being issued by the Westchester County Council who are the Food and Drug Authority. The Milk (Special District) Regulations are under the control of the County Public Health Inspector. Only limited sampling was carried out during the year, but results were satisfactory.

Sample	No. of Samples Taken	Result
Homogenized Milk	2	Satisfactory
Standard Milk (S.M.T.)	4	"
Raw Homogenized Milk	3	"
Special Milk	1	"

Examinations of Foodstuffs

The following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered voluntarily by the owners:-

400	lbs	of Meat
21	lbs	of Cod Fillets
45	lbs.	of Corned Beef
12	lbs.	of Canned Peaches
6	lbs.	of Ox Tongue

The Imported Food Regulations 1968

The amount of foodstuff examined as conveyed by containerisation vehicles from various ports to Droitwich was as follows:-

291 tons of spray-dried Milk Powder

Bacteriological sampling of the milk powder at regular intervals has on all occasions revealed 'no pathogens'.

Extraneous matter in food

The following complaints were investigated and taken up with the shopkeepers, or manufacturers. It was not found necessary to recommend court proceedings in any of these cases.

Pre-packed part baked loaf	-	Mould
Bottle of Milk	-	Piece of Glass
Bottle of Milk	-	Piece of Plastic
Milk Bottle	-	Mould growth
Pork Pie	-	Cellophane

End of Section "E"

Inventory of Foodstuffs

The following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered voluntarily to the inspector:-

- 100 lbs. of Beans
- 25 lbs. of Red Kidney Beans
- 45 lbs. of Corned Beef
- 15 lbs. of Corned Beef
- 5 lbs. of Canned Beans

The Inspected Foodstuffs 1932

The amount of foodstuffs weighed as conveyed by the inspection vehicles from various parts of Boston was as follows:-

82 tons of spray-dried milk powder

Microbiological sampling of the above foodstuffs at intervals led to all conditions revealed as satisfactory.

Reference made to 1931

The following quantities were investigated and found to be satisfactory on various dates. It was not found necessary to re-examine and report on any of these cases.

- 100 lbs. of Milk
- 100 lbs. of Milk
- 100 lbs. of Milk
- 100 lbs. of Milk
- 100 lbs. of Milk
- 100 lbs. of Milk

End of Section 7

SECTION "F"

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1970Notifiable Diseases

Particulars of cases of infectious disease which occurred during the year are shown in the following table.

Age Group	Measles	Whooping Cough	Dysentery	Polio-myelitis	Scarlet Fever	Food Poisoning	Infective Jaundice
Under 1 year	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years	21	-	1	-	-	1	-
3 - 4 years	26	-	-	-	-	1	-
5 years +	41	-	-	-	1	-	-
10 years +	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
20 years +	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 years +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Totals	96	-	1	-	3	2	2

The number of cases of tuberculosis on the Register during 1970 are shown below:-

	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Number of cases of Tuberculosis on register at 1st January, 1970	3	1	-	1
Additions to register during the year				
- new cases	-	-	-	-
- transfers	1	1	-	-
	4	2	-	1
Deductions from register during the year	-	1	-	-
Number of cases on register at 31st December, 1970	4	1	-	-

The After Care Committee for South Worcestershire met on two occasions during 1970. The word "Tuberculosis" has been omitted from the title of this Committee and its constitution amended in order to cover the After Care of illness generally, but few applications for assistance are being received.

END OF SECTION "F"

SECTION 7
IN SUMMARY OF THE REPORT ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF

Hospital Discharge

Particulars of cases of infectious diseases which occurred during the year are shown in the following table.

Age Group	Number	Throat	Scarlet	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet	Throat	Discharge
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 4 years	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 years +	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 years +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 years +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 years +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Totals	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

The number of cases of infectious diseases on the register during 1930 are shown below:-

For	Scarlet	Throat	Discharge
Number of cases of infectious diseases on register at the beginning 1930	2	1	1
Additional to register during the year	-	-	-
- diphtheria	1	1	-
- throat	-	-	-
- scarlet	4	2	1
Discharge from register during the year	-	1	-
Number of cases on register at the beginning, 1931	4	1	-

The other case Committee for South Kensington and the committee during 1930. The word "infectious" has been omitted from the title of this Committee and the committee has been asked in order to cover the title of illness occurring but for application for registration and being recorded.

SECTION "G"

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health were made as follows during 1970:-

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
1. Factories in which Sec.1,2,3, 4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority	61	20	3
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers Premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	64	23	3

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Factory Inspector	No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
1. Want of Cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-
2. Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
3. Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
4. Inadequate Ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
5. Ineffective drainage of Floors	-	-	-	-	-
6. Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

Number of outworkers - NIL

End of Section "G"

SECTION 10
ADMINISTRATIVE OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1947

Inspection for the purpose of provisions as to health are made as follows during 1954

Written Notices	Inspections	No. on Register	Factories
-	2	2	1. Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 are to be enforced by local authorities
2	20	61	2. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by local authority
111	111	111	3. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-waters premises)
1	23	6	TOTAL

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Rectified	Not rectified	Number of cases in which defects were found
1. Lack of cleanliness	2	2	-	-
2. Improvements required	-	-	-	-
3. Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
4. Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-
5. Inadequate drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
6. Defective machinery	-	-	-	-
(a) Defective machinery	-	-	-	-
(b) Defective machinery or accessories	-	-	-	-
(c) Defective machinery for tests	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-

August, 1971.

To: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and
Members of the Droitwich Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for my 26th year of service with your Council. I have noted several interesting matters of development which have taken place during the year such as:-

1. The formation of a Preservation Trust, given the task of preserving and bringing back into useful life the older and or more historic buildings in the town, in particular Priory House.
2. The setting up of the St. Peter's Fields Sports Association to develop St. Peter's Fields for the use of various Sports Clubs.
3. The study with a view to designation as a General Improvement Area that part of the town known as Newtown.

All these matters are of great importance to the life of the town and I have no doubt will be looked back upon with satisfaction in years to come.

The problem of brine, which at one time seemed might completely stifle further growth, has been overcome and one looks forward to renewed development.

Many are the problems which the Department has met during the year but with the support of your Council, help of my staff and co-operation of the other officers it has been possible to meet them.

Visits of Inspection

Inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors are listed below:-

	<u>1970</u>
Accumulations found	12
Visits under Pet Animals Act	7
Visits to Piggeries	8
<u>Drainage</u>	
Drains found choked	7
Drains tested	6
Drains found defective	5
Visits to Works in Progress	14
<u>Dwelling Houses</u>	
Visits re: Improvement Grants	89
Repairs and Public Health Conditions	133
Re-inspections re above	135
Housing Act inspections	173
Visits to Factories re Trade Effluents Sampling	-
Houses in Multiple occupation	66

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3. The study with a view to designation as a National Laboratory
from that part of the town known as Hudson.

All these matters are of great importance in the life of the
town and I have no doubt will be looked back upon with satisfaction
in years to come.

The problem of water, which at one time seemed almost completely
settled for the town, has now become an acute problem and
remains a development.

Many are the problems which the Department has met during the
year but with the support of your Council, help of my staff and
co-operation of the other officers it has been possible to meet them.

Visits of Inspection

Inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors are listed below:-

1210	Inspection of Town
12	Visits under Part 146 of the Act
7	Visits to Factories
8	Inspection
7	Public Health Notices
6	Public Health Notices
5	Public Health Notices
4	Visits to works in progress
	<u>Public Health</u>
8	Visits for Improvement of Sewer
125	Reports and Public Health Conditions
125	Inspection of Factories
125	Inspection of Factories
	Visits to Factories for Public Health Notices
8	Reports on Public Health

<u>Rodent Control</u>	1970
Primary visits	18
Re-visits	21
Factory Act Visits	20
<u>Food Hygiene</u>	
Visits to:	
Butchers' shops	22
Bakchouses	17
Confectioners' shops	13
Grocers	86
Greengrocers	19
Fried Fish & Chip Shops	31
Ice Cream shops and Manufacturers	86
Restaurants, Cafes, Hotel & School Kitchens	28
Factory Canteens	14
Licensed Premises	23
<u>Visits:-</u>	
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	156
Clean Air Act	77
Caravans	46
Lido	8
Sewage Works	6
Miscellaneous visits	125
Food Vending and Delivery Vehicles	9
Noise Abatement visits	3
Sewage Works samples taken	181
County Analyst	3
Public Health Laboratory	31
Visits Imported Food Regulations 1968	32

Clearance Areas

Five houses were represented for clearance during the year which included the following groups:-

Nos. 36, 38 and 40, Albert Street - Demolition Orders

Nos. 22 and 24, Albert Street - Demolition Orders

In addition the two following premises were made the subject of Closing Orders:-

No. 22, Hanbury Road

No. 33C, Tagwell Road

Nos. 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, and 64, Worcester Road, forming the Worcester Road No. 1 Clearance Area were acquired and negotiations were in progress for resale to a Developer. This will enable a difficult piece of redevelopment to take place.

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Improvement Grants

Improvement Grants have been paid to the Trustees of the Coventry Charity Almshouses, for oil fired central heating and the provision of hot water to the domestic washing facilities of 28 units of living accommodation, the amount of Grant being £2,229.

A Standard Improvement Grant of £124 was paid to the owner/occupier of No. 16, St. Mary's Road.

Improvements to Council owned property

No. 9, Ombersley Road.

Flats Nos. 9, 9A, 13, 13A, 21, 22, 32, 32A, Norbury House.

Vines Lane, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 124, and 126.

St. Richard's Gardens Nos. 1, 2, 10, 12, 20, 22, and 24.

Your Council will note that you have now completed the improvement of all your pre-war Council houses; (Owing to the uncertain life of the Vines Lane houses, these were not improved to the same standard as the remainder). It is an achievement for a comparatively small authority to have completed the modernisation of all their pre-war council houses by this date. I think there is no doubt that there are not many authorities who can meet this record.

Comments on the Newtown General Improvement Area are made elsewhere. If this Scheme can be undertaken, it will certainly rank as a major achievement of redevelopment within the Borough.

A further addition in the form of the demolition of an old brick outhouse and its replacement with a red cedar playroom was made to The Firs, Ombersley Road at the request of the tenants, which gave improved conditions at the house where Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have a number of foster children under their care.

The following dwellings were handed over:-

Steynors Avenue	-	14 Old Persons' Bungalows.
Lullov Field House	-	8 Old Persons' Flats out of a total of 33

Town Development

Work of development continued apace, the major building of the Boycott Estate moving to its close, and proposals were in hand for the development of Westacre. This entailed the construction of part of the Distributor Road which will in due course relieve traffic going under the two railway bridges in Kidderminster Road, and also allow a much better footpath system for the residents of Boycott to move to the Town Centre in safer and more attractive ways.

Area of Special Consideration - Newtown General Improvement Area

The Borough Council set up a Working Party under the direction of the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Alderman R. D. N. Fabricius, to prepare reports for presentation to the Borough Council upon the desirability or otherwise of the Newtown Area being made a General Improvement Area. Many meetings took place and a great deal of study was given to this purpose, and eventually an area was recommended which included Miller Street, Burrish Street, Albert Street, West Street, St. Nicholas Street, St. Richard's Gardens and the northern side of Stalls Farm Road. The Borough Council accepted this recommendation informally, and authorised that all the residents should be circulated, intimating the proposals and an Exhibition of the proposals prepared by the Chief Planner/Architect should be staged, followed by a Public Meeting at which questions could be asked and the matter discussed.

The Working Party proceeded on these lines, which culminated in an Exhibition and Public Meeting, both of which were well attended. The Public Meeting was most successful when practically every household in the Area was represented and very helpful discussions took place between the public and the Working Party on the platform.

Arising from this, the Borough Council felt confident that the wishes of the Residents were that some improvements should proceed, and the Working Party was again instructed to go ahead and finalise the proposals, and cost them, with a view to a formal Resolution and application to the Minister for the making of a General Improvement Area in respect of the Newtown Area.

Private Housing Building

The building of private houses during 1970 was in a somewhat stagnant condition, primarily due to the problems related to salt subsidence. A small measure of development did continue, with houses being built in Tagwell Road, Orchard Rise, York Avenue and Rye Close.

Informal discussions continued with Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries concerning wild brine pumping at Stoke Prior and the problems of subsidence concerning the Borough Council both with regard to new building and existing houses. These discussions resulted in I.C.I. deciding to remove their brine pumping from Stoke Prior to alternative sites in other areas of the country where controlled pumping would take place. I.C.I. advised that their pumping operations would cease in 1973. This immediately tended to ease the situation, and it was possible for a conclusion of the problem to be seen.

At the same time, the Borough Council had appointed their own Consultant Geologist to report upon the situation, whilst two private developers had appointed their own Consultant Geologist who was examining and reporting on sites east of Tagwell Road and The Holloway. Such reports inevitably take quite a long time, and it is hoped that 1971 will see the recommencement of private building in the south eastern part of the town.

Because of the uncertainty of private development, the Development Committee were requested to make land available for sponsored private housing as soon as possible, and the County Planning Committee were asked to investigate whether further areas to the west and north west outside the present Borough boundaries could be made available for residential private development.

Nos. 6 and 8, High Street, Droitwich

These two shop properties which front on to the public pavement in High Street gave concern to the Borough Council regarding safety of pedestrians in High Street. The owner of the properties decided to demolish and rebuild. The County Planning Authority, however, decided that the front and the side wall bounding Tower Hill should remain intact, as the building formed part of a group, all of which were scheduled as of architectural interest. Protracted negotiations and discussions took place, and eventually the owner agreed to retain these two particular walls. Approval was given to the demolition of the remainder of the property, and work upon restoration and rebuilding was in progress.

Droitwich Preservation Trust

For many years, the Borough Council have been concerned and have had before them the question of the future of Priory House. This old building, of considerable historic and architectural interest, situated in Friar Street has been empty for some years and fell into a dilapidated state. Whilst first aid repairs have been carried out, the property has become a target for vandals, and could easily deteriorate into such a condition as to be incapable of satisfactory repair. The Borough Council found themselves faced with the difficulty of knowing how to raise the necessary funds to fully restore the property, and further, as to the future use of the building. This was probably the most important, but only one of a number of similar buildings in the town. After careful consideration, the Council decided to sponsor the setting up of a voluntary Trust made up of interested local people who would accept responsibility for the restoration of all the old worth-while buildings in the Borough.

To this end, Droitwich Preservation Trust came into being, and decided as their first priority that steps should be taken to restore Priory House, and to find a suitable use for the building in the future.

Norbury House

During the year, your Council gave a great deal of thought to the use of the first floor of Norbury House as Council offices, together with the development of the ground floor and the incorporation of a heating system which could eventually be extended to cover the whole building. It was decided to proceed with this proposal, and it is hoped that 1971 will see the departments of the Town Clerk, Borough Treasurer and Housing Manager moved into the Norbury.

Highways

30,000 sq. yds. of surface dressing were undertaken during the year.

It was at last found possible to re-surface the very pitted concrete carriageways of Stalls Farm Road and Nunnery Avenue and this much needed improvement was undertaken.

Sewage Disposal

A major development was realised with the opening of the new Sewage Works at Ladywood, (now called Ladywood Water Pollution Control Works) by the Right Honourable Peter Walker, M.B.E., M.P., This modern plant marks a great step forward from the old Sewage Works which had been in operation for many years in Kidderminster Road. It should, however, be borne in mind that the old Works did in fact produce a good effluent, up until the rapid development of the town began.

For the best part of 100 years, sewage disposal for Droitwich had been on land between Kidderminster Road and Ombersley Road, in the first instance consisting of some small sedimentation tanks from which sewage was pumped into a series of ditches, and after treatment by land irrigation, entering the River Salwarpe. In 1931 a new bacteriological plant was built on the same site, land irrigation ceased, but some part of the old farm was still used for sludge disposal.

By the end of 1970, the old Sewage Disposal Works were being dismantled and the site will, in 1971, be levelled and brought into use as playing fields.

The Briar Hill Pumping Station came into operation. This pumped sewage from the Boycott area into the trunk sewer.

With the introduction of Ladywood, the old pumping stations at Princes Avenue and Falsam Pits became redundant and were dismantled. Also the new temporary pumping stations at Wheelers Bridge and Chawson became redundant, and were dismantled.

A new Pumping Station at Prinsland was constructed, in conjunction with the private development of this area of the town, the cost being borne by the developers. Some sewer works were carried out in conjunction with the Prinsland station.

The trunk sewer laid at Ladywood was completed, and has now been in operation for some months.

In this connection, the laying of the new sewer up to the bottom of Winnetts Lane has ceased the flow along the sewer through Queen Street Car Park, which has much reduced flooding in the yards of properties in Queen Street.

The Borough Council acting on the advice of their Consultants decided that the 'consent to discharge' issued by the Severn River Authority in respect of Ladywood Works was too stringent, particularly in relationship to the discharge of metals. A meeting was held with the Severn River Authority to discuss the matter, when the Authority indicated that they were unable to make any variation. As a result, the Borough Council have appealed to the Minister.

The Ladywood plant came into operation without particular trouble, and with only minor difficulties being encountered. Prior to operation, the 'Pasveer' Ditch had been in use for about a year at Ladywood, producing a satisfactory effluent. With the major plant in operation, and with only some 50% of flow being received at this stage, the 'Pasveer' Ditch was moth-balled and will not return into operation until the discharge has reached 1,200,000 gallons per day.

A major development was realized with the opening of the new
General Motors at Lakewood. (Now called Lakewood Motor Plant)
Central (now) by the plant manager, Peter L. ...
This modern plant marks a great step forward from the old
works which had been in operation for many years in
Lakewood. It should, however, be noted in this regard that
the first production of good quality up with the rapid development of the
new plant.

For the past part of 1937, some changes were made for
the plant on Lakewood. The new plant on Lakewood Road, in
the first instance, was a small building which was built
which was used for a number of purposes, including the
by hand inspection, including the new plant, and
mechanical plant was built at the same time, and
process, but some part of the old plant was still used for
the plant.

By the end of 1937, the old Lakewood plant was being
dismantled and the site left, in 1937, as levelled and
plant site.

The Lakewood Plant Station was into operation. This
change from the Lakewood was into the new plant.

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Also the new railway carrying station at Lakewood and
became redundant, and was dismantled.

A new railway station at Lakewood was constructed, in
with the private development of the site of the old
change by the development. Some new works were carried out in
connection with the Lakewood station.

The track now left at Lakewood was dismantled, and the
in operation for some time.

In this connection, the laying of the new road up to the
of Lakewood has been the road along the new Lakewood
for Lakewood, which has been reduced following in the
Queen Street.

The Lakewood Council notice in the notice of their
that the Council to Lakewood, named by the Lakewood
purpose of Lakewood works was not strategic, particularly
to the Lakewood site. A meeting was held at the
authority to discuss the matter, when the Lakewood
were made to make any variation. It is noted, the
reported to the Council.

The Lakewood plant was into operation without
with only minor difficulties being met. It is
'Lakewood' plant had been in use for about a year at
industrial purposes. With the new plant in operation, and
some 500 of the plant were used at this stage, the
dismantled and all new works into operation until the
received 1,200,000 gallons per day.

The appointment of an Effluent Control Officer/Chemist, Mr.K. Kingham has allowed much closer attention to be given to trade waste. All the old Trade Effluent Agreements were cancelled and a process of 'Consents' brought into operation with appropriate trade waste charges for treatment. It is hoped that a much tighter control will result, which is important in view of the stringent requirements of the consent issued by the Severn River Authority authorising the Borough Council to discharge effluent from Ladywood into the River Salwarpe.

Refuse Collection

A weekly system of collection has continued without particular trouble during the year. Following a detailed work study, a bonus scheme was introduced and this has resulted in a much better use of labour together with some increase in wages and shorter hours for the men concerned.

The use of bulk containers for the larger premises in the town has continued and now almost all have the large 1.1/4 cu.yd. bulk containers in operation. This is a much easier and cleaner means of storage and has the great advantage that emptying can be carried out mechanically in much quicker time.

Salvage

Salvage was collected as follows during the year.

	£	.	d
Mixed Waste Paper	258	.	47
Scrap Metal	90	.	35
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	348	.	82
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Refuse Disposal

Refuse collected from the town is, by agreement with the Rural District Council, taken to a tip in the old brick pit at Hanbury Wharf controlled by the Rural District Council. This is much more satisfactory than the tip at Fernhill Heath which has now been closed.

The Hanbury Wharf pit is an excellent site for the disposal of refuse, and some thought during the year was given to the extension of the life of the pit by either pulverisation of refuse, which was considered by the Rural District Council, or by incineration, which was considered by the Borough Council.

The Rural District Council decided not to proceed with pulverisation, basically on the grounds of cost.

A somewhat special circumstance exists in the Borough in connection with incineration, because with the rapid growth of new estates, it could be possible to introduce district heating, with heat from an incinerator being used as a supplementary source of heat. Some discussions with various bodies upon such a proposal took place, but at the end of the year, no decision had been reached. In view of the forthcoming Local Government reorganisation under which refuse disposal will become a matter for the County Council, it would seem unlikely that any decisions or variations in mode of tipping will take place before reorganisation.

The appointment of an Efficient Control Officer (C/O) Mr. K. M. M. has been given attention to be given to this work. All the other efficient appointments were cancelled and a process of 'Control' brought into operation with immediate effect. It is hoped that a much better control will be maintained in view of the important importance of the account handed by the Board River Authority maintaining the Borough Council to discharge efficient from the River.

Actual Collection

A weekly system of collection has continued with particular results during the year. Following a detailed work study, a scheme was introduced and this has resulted in a much better use of labour to collect with some increase in wages and shorter hours for the non-collectors.

The use of half containers for the larger houses in the town has continued and now about 40% of the large (1 1/2 ton) half containers in operation. This is a much better and cleaner way of service and has the great advantage that emptying can be carried out separately in each other's time.

Summary

Summary as collected as follows during the year:

Group Total	200
Actual Waste Paper	200
.....	200
Total	200

Actual Disposal

Actual disposal was the same as the year, by agreement with the Rural District Council, taken to a tip in the old brick pit at Newbury. This is a much better tip than the tip at North Hill which has now been closed.

The Newbury Road pit is an excellent site for the disposal of refuse and was brought during the year to the attention of the Council. It is a much better tip than the tip at North Hill which has now been closed.

The Rural District Council decided not to proceed with privatisation, mainly on the grounds of cost.

A number of special circumstances exist in the Borough in connection with privatisation because with the rapid growth of new houses, it would be possible to have a better service than at present. This is a much better tip than the tip at North Hill which has now been closed.

Itinerant Vendors - Queen Street Car Park

Caravans are being parked from time to time on this car park and there is no doubt that if action was not taken to require them to move, a caravan colony would quickly assemble. The general objection to this form of dwelling is that many of them have no sanitary accommodation and a most offensive local nuisance quickly results. A great deal of rubbish is spread about, and general annoyance caused to the residents of the neighbourhood. These are not gypsies in the true sense of the word, but are itinerant vendors who collect scrap metal and carry out tarmac work. Their removal from the car park is always an unpleasant business, and it will be a considerable relief when a number of recognised parking areas for these caravans are provided by the County Council.

Brine Baths Chimney

A number of complaints were received concerning the dust and grit which was deposited upon properties in the neighbourhood of the brine baths allegedly from this chimney. The Medical Trust disputed that this was in fact so, and tests were being taken to try and determine from whence the material came.

Parks and Open Spaces

These are becoming very much more numerous with the development of the town, and the amount of grass to be cut regularly amounts to approximately 120,000 sq. yds. This is a very considerable undertaking both from the point of view of labour and even more particularly the supply of machines. Many of the grassed areas are used for play areas and all kinds of objects are left upon them, many of which cannot be easily seen with the result that maintenance work required to mowers is very considerable. In the early part of the Summer the Work Study Officer made a study of grass cutting, and before the end of the year, a Bonus Scheme was introduced which worked well, and as a result, a complete regular cutting programme was undertaken and maintained.

Generally, the Parks and Open Spaces were well maintained with the labour and funds available, and a small improvement made by turfing the wide grass verge beside the service road to houses in Hanbury Road.

A much needed extension of playing fields in the Salwarpe Valley on the site of the old refuse tip was undertaken by the Town Development Committee, and it is hoped that the 1971/72 football season will see this area brought into use. The playing field area concerned was widened by the straightening out of the River.

With the old Sewage Works being taken out of use, it is hoped that 1971 will see this area of the Valley also reclaimed.

St. Peter's Fields

These fields, which had been a gift to the town and had for many years been let upon an agricultural tenancy, came before the Council's attention when the tenant indicated that he was proposing to give up the tenancy, and at the same time it was made known that St. Peter's Farm was to be sold.

Discussions took place with the late Alderman Dr. Shirley Jones who had given the greater part of the land to the Council, as to its future use, and he willingly agreed to it being used for suitable local sporting activities. A scheme was then prepared to incorporate the farm, which was being purchased by the County Council in conjunction with the proposals they had for building a Primary School on the site of the Old Rectory.

Somewhat prolonged negotiations took place between the Education Committee and the Borough Council and eventually it was agreed that an exchange of land by lease should take place making part of St. Peter's Fields available beside the new school for use as a playground and the farm and adjoining land available to the Borough Council for sporting purposes. At this point it became known that St. Peter's Manor was also on the market for sale, and the Borough Council decided to endeavour to acquire the property with a view to its general incorporation with the fields and farm to make a Sports Centre.

Discussions also took place with the Secretary of the Regional Sports Council who was most helpful in his advice, particularly relating to the attraction of Grants for the future development. As a result it was decided to set up a Sports Association known as Droitwich (St. Peter's Fields) Sports Association which would be made up of representatives of various sports clubs, together with members of the Borough Council with terms of reference to undertake and manage the development. By the end of the year, the formation of an Association had been tentatively agreed upon and the Borough Council were negotiating plans for approval. The first application for grant had been made to the Regional Sports Council by the Cricket Club, a member of the Sports Association.

This is a great move forward, and in due course should be a wonderful asset to the Borough.

Lido

Various minor improvements were carried out. The season was relatively successful bearing in mind the somewhat indifferent weather, and a minimum of complaints were received.

Further improvements were carried out to the Lido Cafe with the provision of equipment and new flooring, which added greatly to the attraction and enabled a better service to the public.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

GRAHAM L. ROBINSON.

Borough Engineer & Surveyor.

Should be changed according to the plan. The Executive
Committee and the Borough Council are currently in agreement that
an increase of land by lease should take place during year of 34.
The Borough Council has also the authority to lease for a term of
years and the land is available for use in the Borough
Council for a long period. At this point it is agreed that
St. Peter's Church should be the main building in the Borough
Council should be able to acquire the property with a view
to its general reconstruction with the Parish and land to make
Sports Centre.

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a result it was decided to set up a Sports Association which will be made
up of representatives of all the sports clubs, together with members
of the Borough Council with terms of reference to undertake and manage
the development. At the end of the year, the Executive and
Council should be able to submit a plan to the Borough Council
and also to the National Sports Council by the District Club, a
member of the Sports Association.

There is a great need for a sports centre, and in the course should be a
substantial part to the Borough.

Yours

Various other improvements are being carried out. The action was
relatively successful during the year. The school building was
and a number of other improvements were completed.

Further improvements were carried out to the main hall with the
provision of equipment and new flooring, which added greatly to the
atmosphere and enabled a better service to be given.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
CARRIE J. WILSON,
Borough Engineer & Surveyor.