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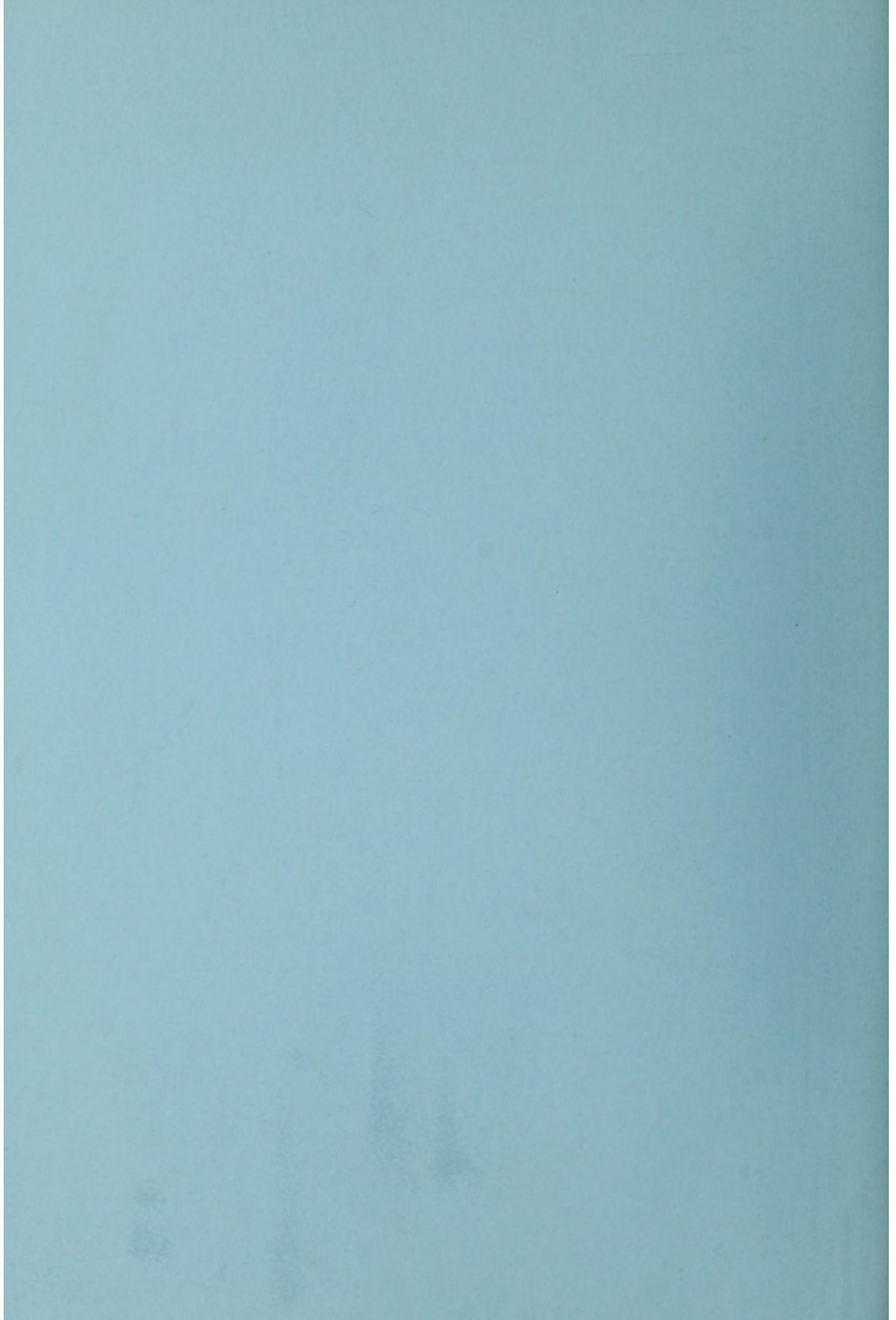
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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1970



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EGHAM

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FOR

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Average for
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1965 - 69

SECTION A

Statistics

	1970	1969	Average for five years 1965 - 69
Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)			
Crude	10.93	11.75	12.24
Corrected	9.93	10.65	-
Area			9,350 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid-year 1970			30,730
Number of inhabited houses on 31st December, 1970			9,501
Rateable Value on 31st December, 1970			£1,803,458
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 12 months ending 31st March, 1971			£7,180

Population Densities Last Five Years

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Population	31,350	31,670	30,820	30,800	30,730
Area, acres	9,350	9,350	9,350	9,350	9,350
Inhabited houses	8,916	9,100	9,250	9,342	9,501
Population Density					
per acre	3.35	3.39	3.30	3.29	3.29
per dwelling	3.52	3.48	3.33	3.30	3.23

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	1970	1969	Average for five years 1965 - 69
Population (Registrar General's estimate at mid year)	30,730	30,800	31,220
Comparability Factors			
Births	0.91	0.91	-
Deaths	0.95	0.99	-
Live Births			
Legitimate	317	334	356.6
Illegitimate	19	28	25.6
Total	336	362	382.2

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Live Births	334	317	328.6
Legitimate	28	19	23.6
Illegitimate	306	298	305.0
Total			

	1970	1969	Average for five years 1965 - 69
Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)			
Crude	10.93	11.75	12.24
Corrected	9.95	10.69	-
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5.65	7.73	6.70
Still Births			
Legitimate	4	3	3.4
Illegitimate	-	1	0.8
Total	4	4	4.2
Total live and still births	340	366	386.4
Rate of still births per 1,000 total live and still births	11.76	10.93	10.87
Deaths	391	344	321.8
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)			
Crude	12.72	11.17	10.31
Corrected	12.09	11.06	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age			
Legitimate	4	7	4.8
Illegitimate	-	-	0.4
Total	4	7	5.2
Death rate of infants under one year of age			
All infants per 1,000 live births	11.90	19.34	13.61
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	12.62	20.96	13.46
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	-	15.63
Deaths of infants under four weeks of age	3	3	4.2
Neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births)	8.93	8.29	10.99
Deaths of infants under one week of age	2	3	4.2
Early neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths under one week per 1,000 live births)	5.95	8.29	10.99
Perinatal mortality rate (Still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	17.65	19.13	21.74
Maternal mortality (including abortion)			
Number of deaths	-	-	0.2
Rate per 1,000 total live and Still births	-	-	0.52

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1970	1969	1965 - 69
10.83	11.75	12.24
9.92	10.69	-
Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)		
Corrected		
Crude		
2.62	7.73	8.70
Estimated live births per cent of total live births		
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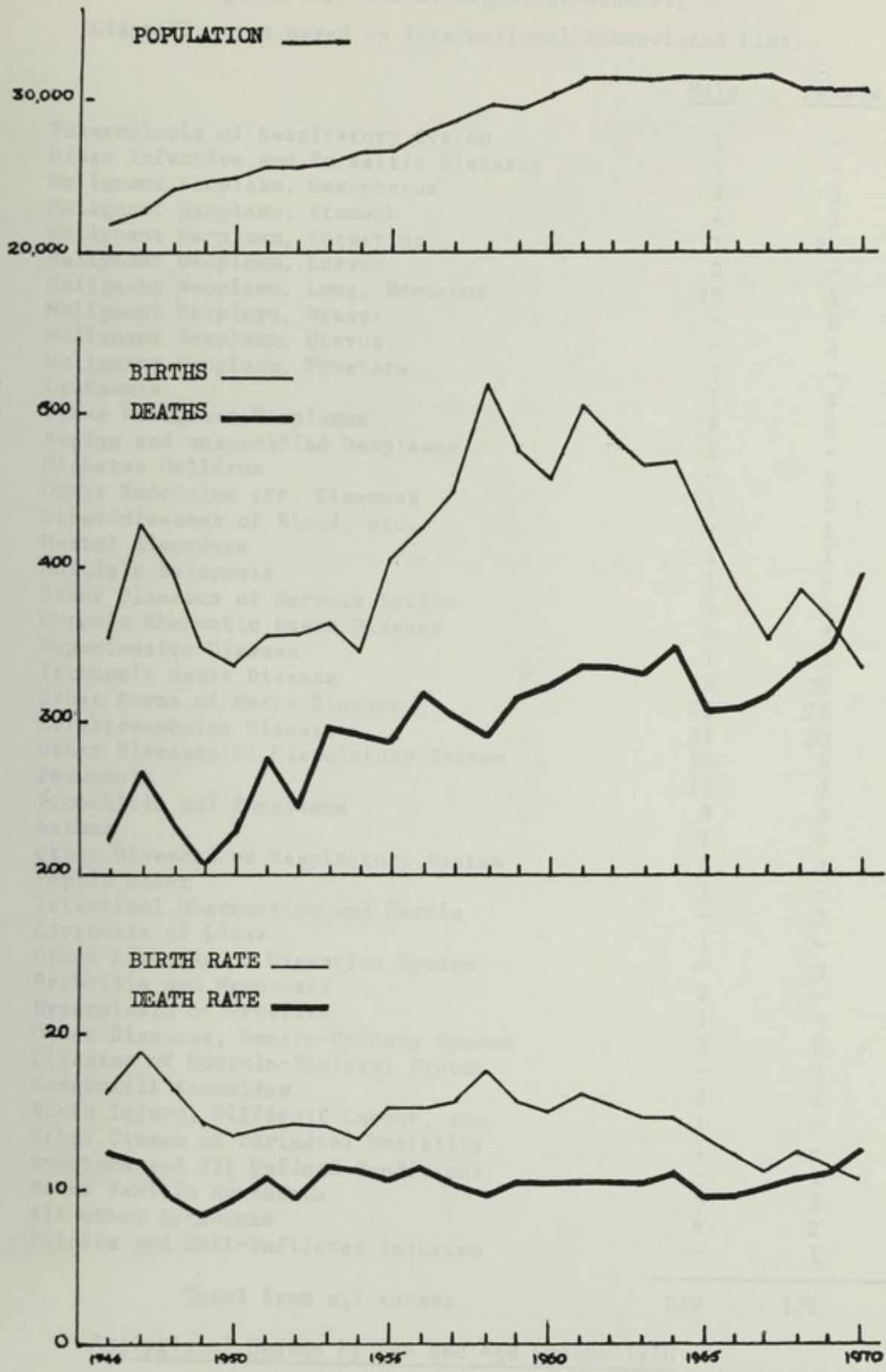
BIRTH RATES AND DEATH RATES DURING THE YEAR 1970

	Rates per 1,000 Home Population		Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
	Live Births	Deaths All Causes		
England and Wales	16.0	11.7	13.0	18.2
Egham - Crude rates	10.9	12.7	11.8	11.9
Corrected rates	10.0	12.1		

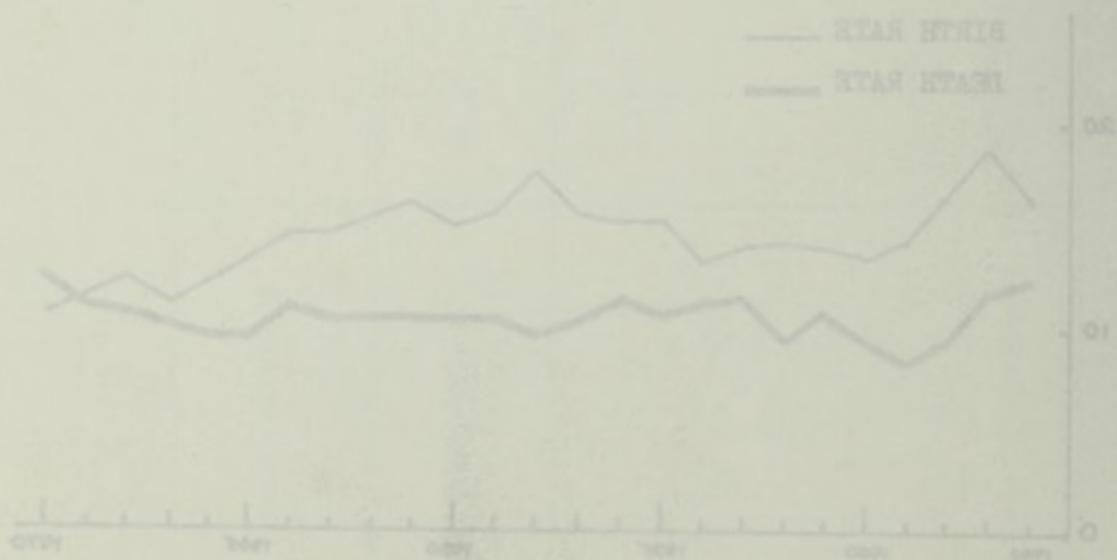
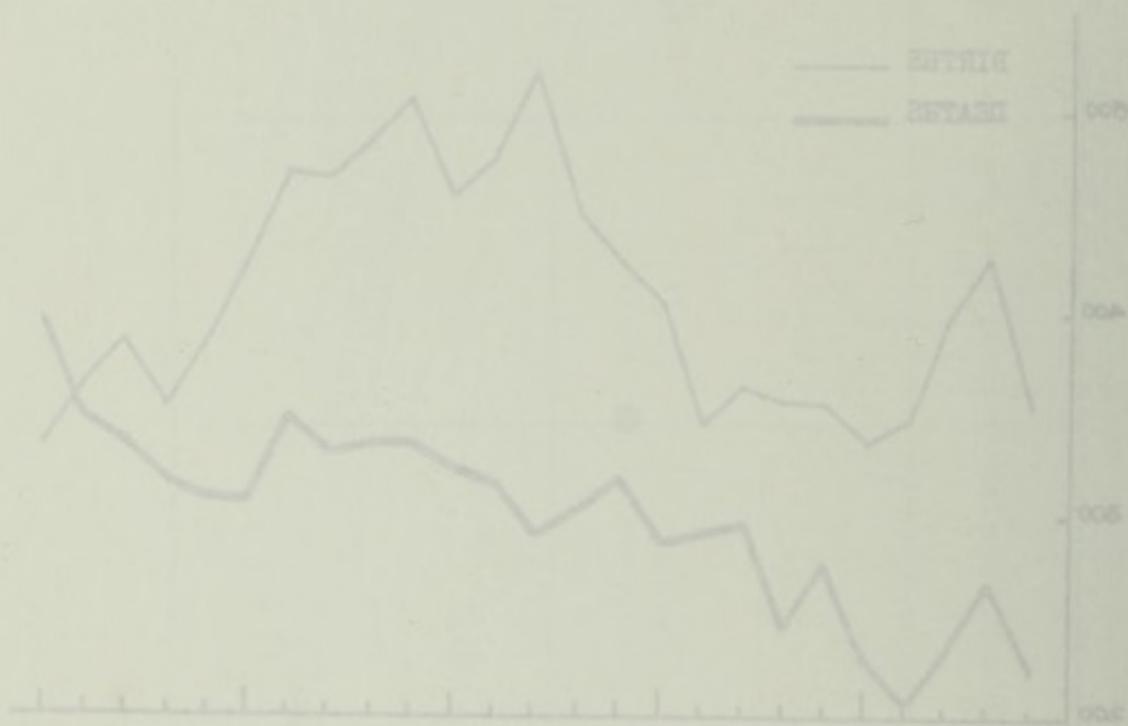
Collected data	10.0	13.1			
Urban - Claude Jones	10.0	13.1	11.8	11.0	11.0
Working and Jones	10.0	13.1	13.0	16.3	16.3
	Urban Place	VII Census Districts	District 24111	one level District number	
	Urban for 1900 from population		Urban Data for 1900	Urban Data for 1900	

URBAN AND RURAL DATA DURING THE YEARS 1910

(Figures supplied by Registrar-General)



POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS, BIRTH AND DEATH RATES,
 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS 1946-1970



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CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

(Figures supplied by Registrar-General)

(Classification based on International Abbreviated List)

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
B5	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	1
B18	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	3	5
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	2	6
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	7	10	17
B19(5)	Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	2	-	2
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	28	5	33
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	8	8
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	4	4
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
B19(10)	Leukaemia	1	4	5
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	4	13
B20	Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	2	-	2
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
B46(1)	Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	2	3
B46(2)	Other diseases of Blood, etc.	-	1	1
B46(3)	Mental disorders	1	1	2
B46(4)	Multiple Sclerosis	1	-	1
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	3	4	7
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	3	5
B27	Hypertensive Disease	1	5	6
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	48	39	87
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	22	18	40
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	21	20	41
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	4	14
B32	Pneumonia	17	7	24
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	3	12
B33(2)	Asthma	1	-	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	2	4
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	2	2
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	3	3
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	2
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	6	8
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	3	3
B42	Congenital Anomalies	2	1	3
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	1
B45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	2	2
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	2	7
BE48	All other Accidents	6	2	8
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
Total from all causes		219	172	391

Analysis of Deaths by Sex and Age Groups 1970

	Under 4 wks	4 Wks to lyr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over	Total all ages
Male	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	18	37	72	79	219
Female	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	9	16	31	111	172
Total	3	1	2	1	4	2	5	27	53	103	190	391

(Classification based on International Approximate List)
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Code	Description	Males	Females	Total
W00	Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
W01	All other accidents	8	2	10
W02	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	3
W03	Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	1	2
W04	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
W05	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	1	2
W06	Congenital Anomalies	2	1	3
W07	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1	2
W08	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	1	3
W09	Hypertrophy of Prostate	1	1	2
W10	Hepatitis and Nephrosis	2	1	3
W11	Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	2
W12	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	2
W13	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
W14	Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
W15	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
W16	Asthma	2	2	4
W17	Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	3	12
W18	Pneumonia	17	7	24
W19	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	4	14
W20	Cardiovascular Disease	21	20	41
W21	Other Forms of Heart Disease	12	18	30
W22	Ischaemic Heart Disease	48	29	77
W23	Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
W24	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2	4
W25	Other Diseases of Nervous System	3	4	7
W26	Multiple Sclerosis	1	1	2
W27	Mental Disorders	1	1	2
W28	Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	1	1	2
W29	Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	1	2
W30	Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
W31	Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	2	1	3
W32	Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	4	13
W33	Leukaemia	1	4	5
W34	Malignant Neoplasms, Prostate	1	1	2
W35	Malignant Neoplasms, Uterus	1	1	2
W36	Malignant Neoplasms, Breast	1	8	9
W37	Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus	18	2	20
W38	Malignant Neoplasms, Larynx	3	1	4
W39	Malignant Neoplasms, Intestine	7	10	17
W40	Malignant Neoplasms, Stomach	4	2	6
W41	Malignant Neoplasms, Oesophagus	2	2	4
W42	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1	2
W43	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	2

Total from all causes

Analysis of Deaths by Sex and Age Group 1970

Sex	Under 4 yrs	4-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over	Total
Males	3	1	1	2	2	18	27	22	79	119
Females	1	1	1	1	1	9	18	21	111	152
Total	4	2	2	3	3	27	45	43	190	271

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The Surrey County Council as the Local Health Authority is responsible for the Ambulance and Medical Transport Services.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations of milk, ice cream and water are undertaken at the Public Health Laboratory at Guildford, together with such other specimens as need examination from time to time.

Swabs and other clinical specimens are examined at the Public Health Laboratories at either Epsom, Guildford or Reading or at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.

General Hospitals

The following General Hospitals are mainly used by the general public in the district:

	Bed Complement
Holloway Sanatorium	520
King Edward VII (including Windsor and Old Windsor Units)	332
Ashford Hospital, Middlesex	465
St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey (including Maternity Unit)	494
Egham Cottage Hospital	20
Northcroft Hospital, Englefield Green	14
Ottershaw Hospital (Chronic Sick)	51
Ellesmere Hospital (Geriatric)	130
Woking Victoria	60
Rowley Bristow	150
Botleys	1,340

Infectious Disease Cases

The Isolation Hospital, Ottershaw (telephone number: Ottershaw 2000) is responsible for admitting cases of infectious disease from the district. It has a bed complement of eleven.

Miniature Radiography

The South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board continue to arrange for the attendance of a mobile unit at the Council Office car park, attendances now being every Monday from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. These visits are intended primarily for patients referred by their own general practitioner, but attention is also given to any member of the general public who wishes to have a chest X-ray.

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491	St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey (including Matercity Unit)
20	Egham Cottage Hospital
12	Northcott Hospital, Bagfield Green
21	Oxted Hospital (Chronic Sick)
130	Elmwood Hospital (Geriatric)
60	Woking Victoria
150	Worley Bristol
1,340	Bolton

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The Hospital Board supply the following analysis of the examinations carried out and their findings.

	Number Examined	Significant Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Primary Lung Cancer	
		M	F	M	F
General Practitioner Referrals	405	-	-	5	2
General Public Attendances	922	-	-	-	-

Home Nursing and Midwifery

The Surrey County Council with the good services of the District Nursing Association maintains six trained nurses who perform combined duties in the area. Their addresses are as follows:-

Miss M. Thake	2 Maple Court, Ashwood Road, Englefield Green.	Egham 4282
Miss A. Christie (died April, 1971)	Wayside, Green Road, Thorpe.	Chertsey 62330
Miss A.J. Buley	43 Harpesford Avenue, Virginia Water.	Wentworth 2645
Miss J. Thomas	6 Spring Rise, Egham.	Egham 2306
Mrs. C. Bolton	9 Knowle Park Avenue, Staines.	Staines 56001
Miss K. Hall	1 Wapshott Road, Egham Hythe.	Staines 53456

The following Male Nurses cover the nursing of Male Patients, particularly the heavy cases which require extra attention and lifting within the area

Mr. J.F. Reilly	Nurses Cottage, Old Palace Road, Weybridge.	(for Egham district) Weybridge 43157
Mr. C.W. Sara	Flat Welfare Centre, Blackdown Camp, Nr. Aldershot, Hants.	(for Sunningdale district) Deepcut 5661

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Home Help Service

The County Council maintains from its Divisional Offices in Woking, a service for the provision of home helps in maternity cases, and for the purpose of giving assistance in homes when illness is present.

The "Neighbourly" Home Help Service scheme continued to expand during the year and undoubtedly proved to be of much assistance to all concerned and in some measure relieved the demand for the ordinary Home Help.

Clinic and other Treatment Centres

The Surrey County Council maintains school medical, maternity and child welfare, immunisation, dental, remedial exercises and speech defect clinics. These, in the main, are operated from the Drill Hall, Kings Road, Egham.

The Regional Hospital Board provides services for the Chest Physician whose Chest Clinic is held at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, and for Psychiatry at the Kings Road Clinic.

Clinic sessions are as follows:-

Clinic, Kings Road, Egham
(Telephones: Main Clinic Egham 2341
Dental Clinic Egham 2446)

School Dental		
Fillings and Inspections (by appointment only)	Monday to Friday	9.30 a.m. - 12 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Gas Dental (by appointment only)	1st Monday in the month	9.30 a.m. - 12
Immunisation and Toddler Clinic (by appointment only)	3rd Wednesday in the month	9.30 a.m. - 12
School Medical Clinic	Every Friday	9.30 a.m. - 12
Infant Welfare Centre	Every Friday	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Eye Clinic (by reference from A.M.O.)	1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays in the month	1.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.
Speech Defect Class (by reference from A.M.O.)	Every Monday	9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Remedial Exercises Class (by reference from A.M.O.)	Every Wednesday	1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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 Dental Clinic Egham 1448)

Time	Frequency	Location	Service
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Monday to Friday	School Dental	Fillings and Inspections (by appointment only)
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	1st Monday in the month	Gas Dental	(by appointment only)
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	2nd Wednesday in the month	Immunisation and Toddler Clinic	(by appointment only)
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Every Friday	School Medical Clinic	
2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Every Friday	Infant Welfare Centre	
1.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays in the month	Eye Clinic	(by reference from A.M.O.)
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1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Every Wednesday	Remedial Exercises Class	(by reference from A.M.O.)

Mothercraft Clinic	Every Monday	10.00 a.m. - 12
Well Women Clinic (Cervical Smear)	1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month	1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Geriatric Clinic	2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday in the month	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Psychiatry (Holloway Sanatorium)	Every Tuesday	9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hythe Social Centre, Thorpe Road, Staines

Remedial Exercises Class (by reference from A.M.O.)	Every Wednesday	9.30 a.m. - 12
Infant Welfare Centre and School Medical Clinic	Every Tuesday	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Speech Defect Class (by reference from A.M.O.)	Every Wednesday	9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Trotsworth Hall, Station Approach, Virginia Water

Infant Welfare Centre and School Medical Clinic	1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Methodist Hall, Victoria Street, Englefield Green

Infant Welfare Centre and School Medical Clinic	Every Wednesday	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Immunisation and Toddler Clinic	1st Wednesday in the month	10.00 a.m. - 12

Village Hall, Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe

Infant Welfare Centre and School Medical Clinic	2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month	2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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The Divisional Medical Officer is responsible for the Divisionalised County Council services which are administered from 15, The Grove, Horsell, Woking. (Telephone No. Woking 3021).

10.00 a.m. - 12	Every Monday	Metabolic Clinic
1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month	Well Woman Clinic (Cervical Smear)
2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.	2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday in the month	Gastro Clinic
9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Every Tuesday	Psychiatry (Holway Sanatorium)

Hyde Social Centre, Thorpe Road, Steins

9.30 a.m. - 11	Every Wednesday	Remedial Exercises Class (by reference from A.M.D.)
1.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Every Tuesday	Infant Welfare Centre and School Medical Clinic
9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Every Wednesday	Speech Defect Class (by reference from A.M.D.)

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10.00 a.m. - 12	1st Wednesday in the month	Immunisation and Tubercle Clinic
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Village Hall, Goldharbour Lane, Thorpe

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Old People's Welfare Committee Chiropody Service

Sessions are now held as follows:-

Clinic, Kings Road, Egham

2nd and 4th Thursdays in month 2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.

5th Thursday in month when applicable

Social Hall, Englefield Green

1st Thursday in month 2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Hythe Social Centre, Thorpe Road, Staines

3rd and 4th Thursdays in month 2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Aldwyn Court, Englefield Green

2nd Tuesday in month 2.00 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Applications for assistance and details regarding this scheme may be obtained from the Local Information Centre, Council Offices, High Street, Egham.

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National Assistance Act, 1948 Section 47

No cases were dealt with formally under this section during the year.

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SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supply

The South West Suburban Water Company supplies the greater part of the area and this supply has proved satisfactory during the year, both in quality and quantity. The supply is drawn from the River Thames; routine bacteriological examinations of the raw water are carried out three times per week. Routine examinations at three treatment points of the treated water are made daily, and samples from each of the Company's service reservoirs are examined weekly. The average results of the routine chemical examinations of treated water are as follows:-

CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Colour (Hazen Units)	2.9
Turbidity	0.27
Oxygen absorbed from $KMnO_4$ (p.p.m.)	1.07
Total hardness (p.p.m. as $CaCO_3$)	289
Alkalinity	195
pH	7.8
Ammoniacal Ammonia	0.09
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.10
Chloride	40
Fluoride	0.2

Bacteriological Examinations

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1.2	Colour (Bazen Units)
0.12	Turbidity
1.07	Oxygen absorbed from 1000 (p.p.m.)
189	Total hardness (p.p.m. as Ca CO ₃)
182	Alkalinity
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At the request of the occupier who suspected the quality of the supply at his premises three samples were taken for bacteriological examination from a house served by the mains supply. All were of excellent quality. Fourteen samples were taken from thirteen properties of their well water supply. Twelve were reported as of excellent quality, the other two being unsatisfactory in that there was a high coliform count, though E. coli Type 1 was absent.

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Drainage and Sewerage Scheme

Sewage Disposal Works

All sewage from the district is treated at the Chertsey Sewage Disposal Works, under an agreement whereby this Council contributes fifty per cent of the cost.

Drainage and Sewerage

The general sewerage system of the district functioned reasonably well throughout the year with only occasional localised difficulties.

In Thorpe the new sewerage scheme was finally completed. After due notice the cesspool emptying service was withdrawn progressively from the four main sections, a total period of at least twelve months from the time the new service first became available being allowed to each. The impending withdrawal of the cesspool emptying service put pressure upon those who had not already re drained their properties, and during the year another ninety-five had been re drained leaving only twenty-nine from which the cesspool emptying service had been finally withdrawn but which had still not been connected to the new sewer. The development of two small private housing schemes which had been held up because of lack of adequate drainage facilities was at last able to proceed, and together with a few single units this resulted in another seventy connections to the new Thorpe sewers during the year. A few complaints were again received of foul odours emitted from these new sewers at certain points but the trouble was less pronounced than in the previous year, it is thought because of the increased flow, and again faded out with the onset of winter.

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The bonus scheme continued unchanged though the average rate calculated to a forty hour week dropped still further from 58s.3d. in 1969 to 32.11d. in 1970. As the average bonus has been about halved by the effects of the Thorpe Sewerage Scheme there would seem to be a good case for a revision of its terms, but this must now wait for a full work study to be undertaken of this and other services.

Rivers and Streams

A few isolated cases of seepage of septic tank effluent into ditches or onto open land again arose, and were dealt with informally. As mentioned in my previous report these problems tend to increase, and short of main drainage schemes become increasingly difficult to resolve.

A small tributary to the River Bourne became badly obstructed during its passage through a residential estate. The obstruction was partly as a natural consequence to neglect, but also in part due to the construction of a dam by one of the residents to improve the scenic value of his grounds. However as the obstruction caused nuisance to others, by impeding natural drainage and by increasing mosquito breeding, the responsible persons had to be asked to clear it, and after considerable delays this was eventually done.

Closet Accommodation

The weekly service for the emptying of pail closets in the Thorpe Ward continued to about thirty-five properties, including some caravans. From 31st March the charge to caravan dwellers for this service of one shilling per container emptied was discontinued. It is hoped that with the advent of main drainage facilities in this Ward the eventual replacement of most of these pail closets by waterclosets will be possible.

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Street Accommodation

The weekly service for the emptying of all closets in the Thorne Ward continued to about thirty-five properties, including some cesspits. From 1st March the charge to caravan dwellers for this service of one shilling per container emptied was discontinued. It is hoped that with the advent of new drainage facilities in this Ward the eventual replacement of most of these pit closets by waterclosets will be possible.

Refuse Disposal 1970
(Report of the Engineer and Surveyor)

Refuse Collection

Approximate number of bins	13,800
Approximate weekly quantity of refuse (excluding trade refuse)	200 tons
Number of lorries	7
Number of collectors (excluding drivers)	25

This service continued to operate satisfactorily on a weekly collection basis, with special arrangements for the collection of bulky items which both facilitates the smooth running of the main service, and to some extent reduces the objectionable practice of fly tipping on waste land and on roadside verges and hedgerows. Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, provision is made at the Callow Hill pit for the public to deposit unwanted articles themselves.

The scheme of using plastic bags as liners in standard dustbins on the Forest Estate continued. The scheme was introduced partly as an expedient to meet the increased flow of refuse from this estate, and partly as a pilot scheme to assess the merits of this type of refuse storage, and continues to operate very satisfactorily.

The total collection for the year amounted to some 10,000 tons.

Refuse Disposal

Dry tipping continued during the year at the Callow Hill sandpit, and apart from occasional difficulties with fly breeding which necessitated treatment with insecticide, disposal created no nuisance. Tipping at Callow Hill sandpit is now restricted to refuse from this district only, that from two adjoining districts no longer being accepted.

Privately Operated Refuse Tips

In addition to any necessary planning consent, the operation of these tips is controlled by consents issued by both this Council and by the Surrey County Council under Section 94 of the Surrey County Council Act, 1931. Standard consent conditions have been agreed between the two Councils, and supervision and enforcement is carried out jointly by the County Health Inspector and this Council's own public health inspectors, though as the local men much of this work falls to the latter. Five tips are now operated in this district, consents being renewed annually. All are worked out gravel pits, and tipping is initially into water. For this reason the consents allow nominally clean fill only, but there was considerable difficulty in enforcing this particular condition, so great is the pressure from commercial operators for tipping facilities for general industrial waste.

Even so most of the tips operated fairly satisfactorily, though repeated warnings had to be given in one case where materials being accepted were often very far from clean fill, and where tip fires occurred from time to time, always it was claimed by accident or through the activities of vandals.

Refuse Collection

13,800	Approximate number of bins
300 tons	Approximate weekly quantity of refuse (excluding trade refuse)
7	Number of lorries
25	Number of collectors (excluding drivers)

This service continued to operate satisfactorily on a weekly collection basis, with special arrangements for the collection of bulky items which both facilitated the smooth running of the main service, and to some extent reduced the objectionable practice of fly tipping on waste land and on roadside verges and hedgerows. Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, provision is made at the Calton Hill pit for the public to deposit unwanted articles themselves.

The scheme of using plastic bags as liners in standard dustbins on the Forest Estate continued. The scheme was introduced partly as an expedient to meet the increased flow of refuse from this estate, and partly as a pilot scheme to assess the merits of this type of refuse storage, and continues to operate very satisfactorily.

The total collection for the year amounted to some 10,000 tons.

Refuse Disposal

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Inspections

The following visits or inspections were made during the year:-

Public Health Acts, etc.	
Dwelling Houses	147
Moveable Dwellings	39
Infestations	422
Infectious Disease	64
Water Supply	106
Drainage and Sewerage	382
Refuse	155
Watercourses, etc.	24
Keeping of Animals	50
Noise Abatement	184
Miscellaneous	197
Clean Air Act	93
Housing Acts	
Dwelling Houses	460
Miscellaneous	74
Food and Drugs Act, etc.	
Food Premises	457
Stalls and Vehicles	38
Food Sampling	132
Meat Inspection	560
Other Food Inspection	198
Factories Act	
Factories	90
Works of Eng. Const.	10
Outworkers	7
Egham U.D.C. Act	
Hairdressers	13
Food Hawkers	20
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	164
Shops Act	41
Agriculture (Safety Health & Welfare Provisions) Act	5
Petroleum Acts	218
Hackney Carriages	30
Rodent Control	2,811
Miscellaneous	163
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90	Factories Act
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7	Works of Eng. Const.
	Outworks
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20	Hydrants
	Food Markets
164	
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163	Robbery Control
	Miscellaneous

7,324

Action Taken

Control of Other Pests

215 Informal Notices were served and 115 were complied with during the year.

2 Statutory Notices were served and 5 complied with during the year.

Rodent Control

This work continued to be carried out by one rodent operator who also performed other miscellaneous duties in connection with disinfection and disinfestation.

The slow decline in the numbers of requests for assistance, of infestations found and of treatments carried out mentioned in previous years continued, and the one man engaged would have been able, with the working of an occasional few hours overtime as necessary, to maintain a satisfactory service. He was, however, seriously embarrassed by an infestation by black rats which developed in a food warehouse. The Divisional Pests Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was informed, and his officers subsequently confirmed the diagnosis and gave considerable assistance and support in dealing with the very serious problems which arose. This was the first occasion on which black rats had been encountered in this district and by reason of their agility, unpredictability and the very size of the warehouse and its food stocks, treatment of this infestation presented great difficulties. By the end of the year it had been substantially reduced though not entirely eliminated, and there remained of course the ever present hazard of the introduction of further rats in the bulk packs of goods commonly received at these premises, the mode by which almost certainly the infestation had first arisen. For the first time since its inception in 1965 the Council's current policy of offering free treatment to all classes of premises was called in question, but as the policy has undoubted merit it is not proposed that any departure should be made from it.

A summary of the year's work is set out below.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties inspected following notification	544	15
Number infested by		
Rats	335	10
Mice	57	3
Number of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	28	26
Number infested by		
Rats	7	19
Mice	-	1
Number of infestations in sewers	NIL	
Total number of infested properties treated	387	30

Control of Other Pests

During the year no infestations by bed bugs were reported but three infestations by fleas in private houses were treated by spraying with a proprietary residual insecticide. Assistance was also given in dealing with an infestation by crickets and another of an unusual beetle.

Assistance continued to be given upon request at a nominal charge in the destruction of the nests of wasps or bees which were causing difficulty to the occupiers of the premises affected. There was a further very substantial increase in the demand for such assistance and in all two hundred and seventy-eight were dealt with during the year. This again put a temporary strain upon the capacity of the one man involved, and for a short period during the "season" he had to work a considerable amount of overtime. The treatment given is that considered to be the most suitable in each individual case, but included the use of insecticides in powder, liquid or smoke form, with the removal and burning of the nest or comb wherever possible.

The Factories Act, 1961

One hundred and twenty-three premises are on the register, viz:-

Garages and motor repairers	41
Engineers other than above	43
Bakehouses	3
Builders	11
Miscellaneous Trades	25

Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	123	89	-	-
Factories without mechanical power	-	1	-	-
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers premises.)	10	10	-	-
TOTAL	133	100	-	-

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Builders		11			
Workshops		3			
Engineers other than above		43			
Garages and motor repairers		41			
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including cutwaters premises.)		10	10	-	-
Factories without mechanical power		-	1	-	-
Factories with mechanical power		133	82	-	-
TOTAL		133	100	-	-

Defects Found

	Number of Cases in which Defects were found			Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including Offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

Clean Air Acts 1956 and 1968

Complaints of atmospheric pollution continued to be associated principally with garden bonfires, incinerators, and vertical boilers for the raising of steam for the cooking of pigswill. All were dealt with informally, though as reported in previous years there continued to be no real answer to the last mentioned. There continues to be a very slow decline in this method of pig feeding, but the holdings still employing it, surrounded as most of them are by residential development, present a very real problem.

The Council have so far not embarked upon any schemes for the setting up of Smoke Control Areas. So far as visible pollution of the atmosphere is concerned undoubtedly the major source lies in domestic chimneys and the use of bituminous coal. Here there is a definite trend towards the fitting of more modern appliances, including full central heating, and a change to different fuels which are themselves virtually smoke free. While many of the house-holders making these changes may not be directly motivated by any desire for a cleaner atmosphere, their action is nevertheless making a welcome contribution to this end.

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Swimming Baths and Pools

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Advice continued to be offered by the public health inspectors to the owners of private pools, and if desired occasional samples were taken for bacteriological examination, a service which is generally well received. During the year ten samples were taken from five of these pools, in four of them with satisfactory results, though in six both samples proved to be unsatisfactory.

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Schools

There are ten primary, two secondary and four private schools. All these schools are served with the South West Suburban Water Company's main supply.

Sites for Moveable Dwellings

During the year licences were in force covering a total of twenty-five sites housing nominally one hundred and forty-one caravans with no restriction as to occupation. All remained in use at the end of the year. Conditions remained tolerable, though on the one where the licence has only a limited period to run with further renewal in doubt because of pending major road schemes standards are still tending to decline. A certain amount of difficulty over spacing arises on these sites from the replacement of older and smaller caravans by the new much larger mobile homes which have become available in recent years.

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The following statistics are extracted from the annual return required by the Department of Employment:-

TABLE A
Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Rgd. during the Year	Total No. of Regd. Premises at end of Year	No. of Regd. Premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	6	82	15
Retail shops	6	168	53
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	6	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5	36	6
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL	18	292	75

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Fuel storage depots	18	192	18	192	18
Caravans	3	3	3	3	3
Open to the public	5	5	5	5	5
Outgoing establishments	1	1	1	1	1
Warehouses	1	1	1	1	1
Wholesale shops	1	1	1	1	1
Retail shops	6	188	6	188	6
Offices	6	61	6	61	6
TOTAL	41	297	41	297	41

TABLE B

Housing

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises 147

TABLE C

Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	1,118
Retail Shops	668
Wholesale departments, warehouses	176
Catering establishments open to the public	250
Canteens	85
Fuel storage depots	-
Total	2,295
Total Males	1,132
Total Females	1,163

TABLE D

Exemptions

NIL

TABLE E

Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

NIL

TABLA 2

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises

TABLA 3

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Post storage depots	52
Canteens	250
Catering establishments open to the public	178
Wholesale departments, warehouses	868
Retail shops	1,118
Offices	1,167
Total	3,392
Total Males	1,132
Total Females	1,167

TABLA 4

Exemptions

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TABLA 5

Prosecutions

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SECTION D

Housing

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The final demolition of four more dwellings took place. Two families totalling three persons were rehoused from unfit properties and as the year closed apart from the cottage mentioned above only three families comprising eight persons remained awaiting rehousing from accommodation which was unfit and had been formally dealt with by the Council at that time. The rehousing by the Council of tenants from unfit properties becomes increasingly difficult as no additional accommodation has been built for some years and as pressure continues from various other priority classes, and once again I would acknowledge the support of the Housing Manager in facilitating the clearance of the few unfit houses which come to light from time to time.

A summary is given in the following table of the general housing position during 1970:-

1.	Clearance of unfit houses	
	Unfit houses demolished	4
	Unfit houses closed, but not demolished by end of year	-
	Families displaced from unfit houses	2
	Persons displaced from unfit houses	3
2.	Repair of unfit houses	
	Unfit houses made fit after formal notice	
	Under Housing Act, 1957	-
	Under Public Health Acts	1
	Unfit houses made fit after informal action	45
	Other houses in which the remedying of defects was secured by:	
	(a) informal action	-
	(b) formal action	6
3.	Unfit houses remaining temporarily in occupation	
	Unfit houses retained by local authority in temporary use	-
	Unfit houses still occupied pending re-housing of tenants	4

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A summary is given in the following table of the general housing position during 1970:-

	1. Clearance of unit houses	2. Repair of unit houses	3. Unit houses remaining temporarily in occupation
4	Unit houses demolished	Unit houses made fit after formal notice	Unit houses retained by local authority in temporary use
-	Unit houses closed, but not demolished by end of year	Under Housing Act, 1957	Unit houses still occupied pending re-housing of tenants
2	Families displaced from unit houses	Under Public Health Act	
2	Persons displaced from unit houses	Other houses in which the remedying of defects was secured by:	
		(a) informal action	
		(b) formal action	
42			
1			
-			
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4. Progress in housing

(1) Dwellings erected during the year:

(a) By local authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	122

(2) Dwellings in the course of construction at the end of the year:

(a) By local authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	148

5. Application for accommodation

At 31st March 1971, the most convenient date for which figures are readily available, there was a total of 755 applications for housing accommodation remaining on the waiting lists, made up as follows:-

Main Pointed List	48
Main List	171
Registered List	536
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TOTAL	755
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As twenty-five years have now elapsed since the resumption after the 1939/45 war of action to deal with unfit houses, a summary of the outcome of such action taken during that period, involving in all 151 dwellings, may be of interest, and is shown in the accompanying table.

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HOUSING ACTS 1936 to 1957

SUMMARY OF ACTION CONCERNING DWELLINGS REPRESENTED AS UNFIT DURING PERIOD OF 25 YEARS 1946-1970

Action	Original Numbers	Demolished	Repaired or Re-developed	Vacated but still standing			Not Yet vacated	Rehousing etc.			
				Pending Demolition	Pending Rehabilitation	In use for other purposes		Family Units		Total Persons	
								By E.U.D.C.	Otherwise	By E.U.D.C.	Otherwise
Demolition Orders	63	50	6	-	-	1	40	8	115	16	
Closing Orders	24	17	1	1	1	-	23	1	73	3	
Undertakings to Repair	10	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	4	
Undertakings not to re-occupy	18	7	2	1	5	-	14	2 +12 single men	36	16	
Council property demolished (including on MOH Cert. and acquired for demolition)	32	32	-	-	-	-	31	1	81	1	
Council property held for temporary purposes (including acquired in lieu of other action)	3	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	
Repaired by owner after action initiated but before finalised	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
TOTAL:-	151	107	10	2	7	2	111	14 +12	313	41	

Improvement Areas

No progress towards the setting up of any improvement areas under the Housing Act, 1969 was made during the year, and as at the present time no parts of the district appear to lend themselves to treatment under these new provisions it is unlikely any such improvement areas will be set up in the foreseeable future.

Improvement of Individual Dwellings

The growing, though still small, interest shown by tenants in the powers given in Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1964 for the Council, upon the tenant's application, to require the landlord to provide the standard amenities continued. Seven more applications were received during the year. In three cases Undertakings were accepted from the landlord to provide standard amenities within twelve months. In one case early on in the lengthy procedure laid down in the Act the elderly landlord asked the Council to acquire the property at that stage, to which the Council agreed. The tenant was subsequently rehoused and the property will now be improved and either relet or sold. In one case as soon as the landlord became aware of the tenant's application he asked that the house and another adjoining should be treated as individual unfit houses, with the outcome that both were eventually made the subject of Demolition Orders. In one case an Undertaking was anticipated from the landlord who unfortunately died before it could be completed, and at the end of the year the case was still in suspense pending the final settlement of the deceased owner's estate. In the last case the preliminary action extended into 1971 when the service of an Immediate Improvement Notice was authorised.

Qualification Certificates

I mentioned in my last report new measures introduced in the Housing Act, 1969 for the conversion of controlled tenancies of dwellings to regulated tenancies, with the fixing of a fair rent by the Rent Officer. Action is initiated by the landlord's application for a Qualification Certificate, which the Council can grant only if the dwelling (a) has already been provided with the standard amenities or (b) will be so provided on completion of an agreed schedule of works and (c) in either case is in a reasonable state of repair. Applications under (b) are usually made in conjunction with applications for grants towards the cost of providing the lacking amenities.

At the end of 1969 applications had only just begun to come in but during 1970 ninety were received and a summary of the outcome to the end of the year is as follows:-

<u>Applications for Qualification Certificates</u>	<u>Dwellings where standard amenities</u>	
	<u>Already provided (Section 44 (1))</u>	<u>To be provided (Section 44 (2))</u>
Carried over from 1969	2	3
Received during year	53	37
Approved directly for issue of Qualification Certificate	2	-
Referred back to landlord for repairs	40	-
Approved for issue of Certificate of Provisional Approval	-	36

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Applications for Qualification Certificates		Dwellings where standard amenities already provided to be provided (Section 14 (1)) (Section 14 (2))	
Approved for issue of Certificate	40	1	3
Referred back to landlord for repairs	1	23	30
Approved directly for issue of Qualification Certificate	2		
Received during year			
Carried over from 1959			

Applications for Qualification
Certificates

Dwellings where standard amenities
Already provided To be provided
(Section 44 (1)) (Section 44 (2))

Rejected and/or withdrawn	4	4
Formally refused	3	-
Finally approved for issue of Qualification Certificate	9	4

Improvement Grants

The introduction of Qualification Certificates and the landlord/tenant relationship associated therewith provided new duties which clearly fell to the public health inspectors. Combined applications for both Qualification Certificate and Grant, usually Standard Grant, are now received and in the interests of uniformity the processing of applications for improvement grants previously shared between the departments of the Clerk and the Engineer and Surveyor has now been extended to my department, the public health inspectors being responsible for deciding what works are necessary, if any, to bring the property up to an acceptable standard of repair. A summary of the outcome of such applications received during the year is as follows:-

	Standard Grant	Improvement Grant (Discretionary)
<u>Applications for combined Qualification Certificate and Grant</u>		
Received	37	1
Approved, no repairs required	1	-
Approved subject to certain repairs	33	1
Approved upon completion of repairs	2 (plus 2 brought forward from 1969)	1
Rejected as all amenities already available	3	-
<u>Applications for Grant only</u>		
Received	42	7
Approved, no repairs required	2	-
Conditionally approved subject to certain repairs	40	7
Approved upon completion of repairs	12	-
Withdrawn and resubmitted for Standard Grant	-	2

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-	2	Received
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-	12	Conditionally approved subject to certain repairs
2	-	Approved upon completion of repairs
-	-	Withdrawn and resubmitted for Standard Grant

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SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Premises

The food premises in the district may be analysed into the following categories:-

Agricultural (packing or storing)	4
Bakehouses	5
Bread and cake shops	10
Bulk frozen food	1
Butchers	14
Cafes	16
Canteens	30
Chemists	8
Clubs and Halls	10
Confectionery	25
Dairy	1
Fried fish	4
Grocers, General Stores, Supermarkets	40
Greengrocers, Fruiterers	19
Hotels, Restaurants	15
Nursing Homes	4
Off Licences	11
Public houses	32
Warehouses	3
Wet fish, poultry	3
Food Hawker storage premises	5
Miscellaneous	3

A number of these are registered for special purposes in accordance with Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as follows:-

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream -	
Restaurants	1
Storage and/or Sale of Ice Cream -	
Grocers, General Stores, Supermarkets	42
Greengrocers, Fruiterers	6
Bread and cake shops	1
Confectionery	20
Off Licences	2
Cafes	6
Butchers	1
Fried fish	1
Petrol Filling Station	1
Launderette	1
Manufacture of Sausages	2
Manufacture of Sausages and	
Pickled Food	2
Manufacture of Sausages and	
Preserved Food	1
Manufacture of Sausages and Potted,	
Pressed, Pickled and Preserved Foods	7
Manufacture of Preserved Food	4

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2	Miscellaneous
2	Food storage premises
2	Wet fish, poultry
3	Warehouses
3	Public houses
11	Off licences
11	Nursing homes
4	Hotels, Restaurants
12	Grocers, Fruitlers
19	Grocers, General Stores, Supermarkets
40	Fried fish
4	Dairy
1	Contactories
22	Clubs and Halls
10	Chemists
8	Canteens
30	Cafes
16	Butchers
14	Bulk frozen food
1	Bread and cake shops
10	Bakery
2	Agricultural (packing or storing)

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1	Grocers, Fruitlers
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2	Contactories
6	Off licences
1	Cafes
1	Butchers
1	Fried fish
1	Petrol Filling Station
1	Lauderette
2	Manufacturer of Sausages
1	Manufacturer of Sausages and
1	Pickled Food
1	Manufacturer of Sausages and
1	Preserved Food
7	Manufacturer of Sausages and Pickled
4	Preserved, Pickled and Preserved Foods
1	Manufacturer of Preserved Food

Ice Cream

As previously reported almost all ice cream is now made by a few large concerns, and a large part of retail sales is in prepacked form. Given proper storage at the retail outlet the condition of the product is usually very satisfactory. Some ice cream is supplied in bulk containers for use in catering establishments where its dispensing into retail portions can introduce a risk of contamination. Eight samples were taken from such establishments, with results as tabulated below. It was unfortunate that half of the samples taken could not be examined by the laboratory because of their colour; coloured ice cream is quite a popular food in cafes and restaurants.

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Unexamined because of colouring
Passed					
Failed	2	-	1	1	4
	(50%)	-	(25%)	(25%)	

Milk

Only one registered dairy now remains, the local delivery depot of a large company. Small quantities of "Untreated" milk, bottled or cartoned at two local farms, continue to be sold, but by far the larger part of the local milk supplies is imported from processing plants in other districts. Most is retailed by a few large companies, though small quantities are sold from shops such as grocers or general stores. The Chief Public Health Inspector continued to act as agent for the County Medical Officer of Health for the general supervision of and taking of routine samples from the holders of licences to use special designations, numbering during the year thirty, principally retail shops. These licences may be summarised as follows:-

Special Designation	No. of Licences
Pasteurised	23
Ultra Heat Treated	6
Sterilised	8
Untreated	4

Samples were taken as follows:-

	Pasteurised	Ultra Heat Treated	Sterilised	Untreated	Total
No. of samples tested	44	4	8	14	70
Methylene Blue Test:					
Passed	40	-	-	10	50
Failed	2	-	-	1	3
Void	2	-	-	3	5

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Pasteurized	11
Ultra Heat Treated	6
Sterilized	8
Untreated	4

Samples were taken as follows:-

Methylene Blue Test:	No. of samples tested				Total
	Passed	Failed	Void	Untreated	
Passed	40	1	1	14	56
Failed	1	1	1	1	4
Void	1	1	1	1	4

	Pasteurised	Ultra Heat Treated	Sterilised	Untreated	Total
Phosphatase Test:					
Passed	44	-	-	-	44
Failed	-	-	-	-	-
Turbidity Test:					
Passed	-	-	8	-	8
Failed	-	-	-	-	-
Colony Count:					
Passed	-	4	-	-	4
Failed	-	-	-	-	-

Though it could not be definitely established, the cause of failure of three samples to satisfy the methylene blue test for keeping quality was possibly poor stock rotation leading to overlong storage in the refrigerators. Two of these samples were from small general shops where sales are small, though the third was of farm bottled untreated milk sold by a large dairy.

Monthly samples for the ring test for the detection of brucellosis continued to be taken from the three farms from which milk is supplied untreated for consumption by the public. All gave negative findings.

Sampling of Food for Bacteriological Examination

At the request of the Director of the Public Health Laboratory at Guildford, who was making a special study of the subject, thirty-seven samples of poultry offal were obtained from various catering establishments. Salmonella was found in six of these samples the types being Montevideo (4) Kiambu and Typhimurium type 3A. Efforts were made to establish the source of origin of the infected birds so that work done at the Guildford Laboratory could be linked to that at other Laboratories engaged on the same project.

Meat Inspection

The smaller of the two private slaughterhouses was closed for the first few weeks of the year because of lack of a slaughterman. A new part-time slaughterman was found in mid-February and from then to the end of the year a small number of pigs was killed on two days in each week. Though conditions were not ideal, for the small throughput involved they remained tolerable.

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Category	Untreated	Sanitized	Untreated	Sanitized	Total
Coliform Count:					
Failed	-	-	-	-	-
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calves and to phase out pigs continued and after August the handling of pigs ceased altogether. For most of the final quarter of the year the slaughterhouse was closed for major works and over the whole year the numbers of both calves and pigs were substantially less than in 1969. The total fees for meat inspection at both slaughterhouses amounted to £778.19s.3d. as against £1159.10s.0d. in the previous year.

The decline in the incidence of tuberculosis in pigs reported on in recent years received a set back, the figure rising to 1.6%. As the total number slaughtered was little more than half that of the previous year too much importance must not be attached to this higher rate, but there may very well be some link with the fact that in phasing out the slaughter of pigs at the larger slaughterhouse less care was taken over the source of supply than previously.

The trade in calves upon which the larger slaughterhouse has now concentrated involves almost entirely bobby calves. Some of these are of poor quality and most are transported over very long distances to the slaughterhouse. Concern was felt about the numbers which did not survive the journey and others which died in the lairs before slaughter and still others which upon inspection had to be entirely rejected. The Council have no power of control over the treatment of animals before their delivery to the slaughterhouse but the interest of the Veterinary Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was aroused and as a result of their enquiries supplies from the most distant source, Scotland, were for a time suspended.

As in the previous year this trade in bobby calves gave rise to problems of lairing and feeding the animals when held over night. It is generally accepted that such young animals should be slaughtered on the day of arrival, but despite all efforts there were still a few occasions when this was not possible and overnight lairing had to be undertaken, and a very firm line had to be taken to ensure that this was done reasonably humanely.

As mentioned in my previous report the larger slaughterhouse had become rather run-down in its state of repair and in renewing the licence for 1970 the Council informed the proprietors that unless the premises were redrained to the public sewer and all other necessary repairs completed they would be unlikely to grant a further renewal at the end of the year. Under pressure of this situation lengthy discussions took place with the proprietors and their various advisers and plans were drawn up for the rehabilitation of the premises in stages. The first of these and the most essential was the redraining of the premises to the sewer and the resurfacing of the yard and approaches. To enable this work to be carried out the slaughterhouse was closed from early in October until almost the end of the year. Attention was also given to the most urgent of the other repairs but as the next proposed stage involved a very considerable rearrangement of the interior of the slaughterhouse certain other works which would inevitably be disturbed were allowed to stand over a little longer. The main aim of the next stage is so to rearrange operations as to allow calves to be dressed entirely on the rails and to dispense with the less satisfactory practice of skinning them on cratches. Considerable delay in finalising the plans for this next stage arose from protracted efforts, all without success, to find another slaughterhouse using such a system, and eventually a temporary system was developed in the slaughterhouse by experimenting with simple equipment devised by the public health inspectors. Experiments were also carried out to devise better means of retaining guts in strict rotation until inspected. The results of both experiments, suitably adapted, will be incorporated in the next stage of the rehabilitation of these premises. Further improvements and developments also took place in the facilities for processing the products of the slaughterhouse,

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the rehabilitation of these premises. Further improvements and developments also
took place in the facilities for processing the products of the slaughterhouse.

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CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1	-	18,257	3	2,510	-
Number inspected	1	-	18,257	3	2,510	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	736	-	6	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	863	1	537	-
Percentages of the number inspected affected with the disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	-	-	8.76%	33.3%	21.63%	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	40	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.59%	-
Cysticercosis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-

All condemned lots are disposed of by burning at the Council's refuse disposal pit under the supervision of the public health inspector.

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Horses	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Calves	Cows	Cattle Excluding Cows	
-	1,210	3	18,227	-	1	Number killed (11 known)
-	1,210	3	18,227	-	1	Number inspected
-	-	-	-	-	-	If disease except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis
-	6	-	736	-	-	Whole carcasses condemned
-	231	1	882	-	-	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
-	21,632	23.32	8,767	-	-	Percentage of the number inspected affected with the disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis
-	-	-	-	-	-	Tuberculosis only:
-	-	-	-	-	-	Whole carcasses condemned
-	40	-	-	-	-	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
-	1,291	-	-	-	-	Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis
-	-	-	-	-	-	Tuberculosis:
-	-	-	-	-	-	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
-	-	-	-	-	-	Carcasses subjected to treatment by refrigeration
-	-	-	-	-	-	Generalised and locally condemned
-	-	-	-	-	-	Percentage of the number inspected affected with Cysticercosis

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Under this Act licences were issued to slaughtermen as follows:-

Full licences, all animals	8
Full licences, smalls only	3
Conditional licences, all animals	1
Conditional licences, smalls only	3

Food Inspection

Inspection of foodstuffs at shops and other premises continued as usual during the year, and certificates were issued in respect of the following items which were found to be unfit, and which were surrendered to the public health inspectors for destruction or salvage. The list does not include meat or offal rejected as unfit at the slaughterhouses.

Although the list includes small quantities of foods from many different premises, some very large amounts were derived from serious fire damage at a bakery and at a small general store, from rodent contamination at large warehouses, and from several stores or shops where there were failures of the refrigerated cabinets.

	lbs.	oz.
Beverages	126	10
Butter & Cheese	77	0
Cakes, Pastries, Bread & Flour	36,588	15½
Cereals	349	11
Confectionery	134	5½
Cream - canned	12	2
Custard Powder etc.	30	10
Dried Fruit	109	9
Eggs	6	12
Fish - canned	81	5¼
Fish inc. frozen	198	14½
Fruit - canned	1,434	15½
Fruit Juice	832	4½
Ice Cream & other frozen confections	850	8¼
Meat - canned	751	14
Meat inc. frozen	1,729	10
Milk - dried or condensed	39	1
Preserves	132	10
Sauces & Pickles	107	14½
Soup	110	15
Spices & Condiments	126	0½
Sugar	96	12
Soft Drinks	9,025	10½
Tea & Coffee	53	5
Vegetables - canned	605	1
Vegetables - frozen	279	14

All condemned food is disposed of by burying at the Council's refuse disposal pit under the supervision of the public health inspectors.

Under this Act licenses were issued to slaughterhouses as follows:-

8	Full licenses, all animals
3	Full licenses, animals only
1	Conditional licenses, all animals
3	Conditional licenses, animals only

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lbs.	oz.	
126	18	Vegetables - frozen
77	0	Vegetables - canned
28,288	154	Tea & Coffee
349	41	Cakes, Pastries, Bread & Flour
134	15	Cereals
11	2	Confectionery
30	10	Cream - canned
109	9	Mustard Powder etc.
6	12	Dried Fruit
81	25	Eggs
198	141	Fish - canned
1,452	151	Fish inc. frozen
872	21	Fruit - canned
850	81	Fruit Joints
731	14	Ice Cream & other frozen confections
1,729	10	Meat - canned
30	1	Meat inc. frozen
132	10	Milk - dried or condensed
107	141	Preserves
110	15	Sauces & Pickles
128	04	Soup
96	12	Spices & Condiments
9,012	104	Sugar
23	2	Soft Drinks
602	1	Tea & Coffee
179	14	Vegetables - frozen

All condemned food is disposed of by burning at the Council's refuse disposal pit under the supervision of the public health inspectors.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The Food and Drugs authority for this district is the Surrey County Council. The following is a summary of food sampling done by that authority during the year:-

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or irregular			Prosecutions	Convictions
	Frml.	Infrml.	Total	Frml.	Infrml.	Total		
Food:								
Almonds, cheese flavoured	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Butter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese	6	2	8	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery, flour	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery, sugar	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cornish pasties	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Fish paste	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fish, tinned	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-
Ice cream, confectionery	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-
Meat, cooked and prepared	3	2	5	2	2	4	-	-
Milk	17	1	18	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches, tinned	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Peanuts, salted	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Peas, tinned	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Prawn cocktail	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sausage rolls	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	30	27	57	3	2	5	-	-

Food Hawkers

Under Section 65 of the Egham Urban District Council Act, 1948, all hawkers of food within the district are required to register themselves, and the premises used by them as storage accommodation for food, with the Council. Many originally registered have ceased trading in the area and the Register was extensively revised during the year. There remain as effective or possibly effective entries five with premises within the district and fifteen who operate from premises in other districts. Now that more specific powers for the ensurance of adequate standards of hygiene on such vehicles are available in the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966, the value of the registration requirements of the local Act has tended to fade.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 and 1962

Food Hygiene (Docks, Carriers, etc.) Regulations, 1960

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

The public health inspectors continued to endeavour by informal means to maintain a reasonable standard of hygiene wherever food is stored, prepared or sold. Conditions found in one or two restaurants were such that serious consideration to prosecution had to be given, but as the managements concerned made determined efforts to rectify the shortcomings, were not carried through.

The Food and Drugs Authority for this district is the Surrey County Council. The following is a summary of food sampling done by that authority during the year:

Articles	Yearly	Quarterly	Annual	Number of Inspectors	Number of Samples	Number of Offences	Number of Convictions
Food:							
Almonds, cheese	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Flavoured	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Butter	6	1	7	-	-	-	-
Cheese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornish pasties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish paste	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish, tinned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ice cream	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat, cooked and prepared	3	2	5	2	2	4	-
Milk	17	1	18	-	-	-	-
Pasties, tinned	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
Peanuts, salted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peanuts, tinned	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prawn cocktail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sausage rolls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	30	27	57	3	2	4	-

Food Hygiene

Under Section 82 of the Food and Drug Act, 1952, all hawkers of food within the district are required to register themselves, and the premises used by them as storage accommodation for food, with the Council. Many hawkers registered have ceased trading in the area and the register was extensively revised during the year. There remain as effective or partially effective entries five hawkers within the district and fifteen who operate from premises in other districts. Now that more specific powers for the enforcement of standards of hygiene on such vehicles are available in the Food Hygiene (Trucks, Trailers and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1955, the value of the registration requirements of the local Act has tended to fall.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1955 and 1952
 Food Hygiene (Trucks, Trailers, etc.) Regulations, 1955
 Food Hygiene (Trucks, Trailers and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1955

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Two prosecutions were taken under the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations. The first concerned the delivery, packed in a very dirty plastic tray, of dressed ducks by a firm of butchers from another district to a local hotel. The second involved the use, by an ice cream vendor, of a van in a filthy and defective condition. The vendor had started with the firm supplying the van only the day previously, when he had been accompanied and instructed by a representative of the firm. Proceedings were taken on various counts against both the firm supplying the van and the driver personally, but as at the hearing the firm accepted full responsibility charges against the driver, who was to some extent a victim of circumstances, were withdrawn. More details of these cases are given under the heading Legal Proceedings.

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970 were published in August, and while they do not take effect until 1st March 1971, attention where appropriate was drawn to the extended requirements of these Regulations.

Legal Proceedings

Many complaints were, as in previous years, received of dirty milk bottles, foreign bodies in food and food out of condition. Most cases were dealt with informally, often because the complainant did not wish to be involved in court proceedings, but in four cases the Council decided upon formal action. Two were taken under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and two under this section in association with Section 113(3). Details are set out below:-

Food	Complaint	Results
Milk (2 bottles)	Glass fragments	Guilty pleas entered. Fined £50 on each of two charges with £10.10.0d. costs.
Fruit Pie	Snail embedded in pie filling	Manufacturers pleaded guilty. Fined £25 with £5 costs.
Wrapped sliced loaf	Mouldy	Manufacturers pleaded guilty. Fined £20 with £10 costs.
Currant bun	Contamination by copper deposits	Bakery pleaded guilty. Fined £45 with £5 costs.

Two other offences involving food handling discovered by a public health inspector during his routine duties were also the subject of prosecution, action being taken under the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966. Details are as below:-

Offence	Result
Dressed ducks delivered in dirty tray	Butcher pleaded guilty to charge under Regulation 6 (1); three further summonses withdrawn. Fined £10 with £1 costs.
Ice cream van in filthy and defective condition	Proprietors of van accepted full responsibility and pleaded guilty to each of four charges. Fined a total of £70 with £10.10s.0d. costs. Two summonses against driver, who at time of offence was only in his second day in this employment, withdrawn.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following tables show the incidence of notifiable diseases in the area during the year, with details of hospital admissions, deaths, comparisons with previous years and age and Ward analyses

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Anthrax	-	-	-
Cholera	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)	7	-	-
Infective jaundice	2	-	-
Leprosy	-	-	-
Leptospirosis	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Measles	23	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Relapsing Fever	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Typhus Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Yellow Fever	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - Classified in Wards

Ward	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Pul. T.B.	Dysentery	Infective Jaundice
Town	-	1	-	1	1	1
Egham Hythe	1	3	-	-	1	1
Englefield Green	1	11	1	-	3	-
Virginia Water	-	5	-	-	-	-
Thorpe	-	3	-	-	2	-
TOTALS	2	23	1	1	7	2

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OF, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following tables show the incidence of notifiable diseases in the area during the year, with details of hospital admissions, deaths, notifications with previous years and age and sex analysis.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Acute Bacterial Meningitis	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Anthrax	-	-	-
Cholera	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-
Leprosy	-	-	-
Leptospirosis	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Measles	13	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Rabies	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Schistosomiasis	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Typhus Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Yellow Fever	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - Classified by Ward

Ward	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Pol. T.S.	Dysentery	Infective Jaundice
Tom	-	1	-	1	1	1
Eden	1	2	-	-	1	1
Englefield Green	1	11	1	-	1	-
Virginia Water	-	2	-	-	-	-
Thorp	-	2	-	-	1	-
TOTALS	2	13	1	1	3	2

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES DURING 1970 UNDER AGE GROUPS

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-34	35-44	45-64	65 & over	TOTAL
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery Amoebic or bacillary	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	7
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	1	7	1	2	4	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	23
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	7	1	2	4	11	1	2	1	2	4	-	36

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TABLE OF 10-YEAR CYCLES BEGINS 1930 UNDER YCF CODES

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE. The numbers of cases during the past five years are as follows:-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	13	1	12	5	7
Infective Jaundice	-	-	4	7	2
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	45	414	35	81	23
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	11	4	7	2
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	2	4	4	4	1
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	6	5	10	3	1
Food Poisoning	161	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	232	437	72	107	36

Scarlet Fever

Two cases were notified during the year. It is not nowadays generally necessary to admit such infections to a fever hospital and apart from the mildness of the condition itself it responds very satisfactorily to antibiotics such as penicillin.

Diphtheria

No cases were notified during the year.

Measles

Twenty-three cases only were notified which is a relatively low figure. It is customary to admit this disease to hospital only when complications are present, or when there are poor home conditions. It is desirable practice to have a chest X-ray taken after an attack in a child with any degree of severity and this is invariably done in a hospital, as a routine. With the use of sulphonamides or antibiotics, complications in this disease are very rarely seen.

Food Poisoning

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	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
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Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	15	1	15	2	2
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	45	414	32	81	22
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	11	4	7	2
Shingles	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	2	4	4	4	1
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Food Poisoning

No cases were notified during the year.

Acute Encephalitis

No cases were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough

One case of this disease was notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year.

Enteric Fever

No cases of enteric fever were notified during the year.

Dysentery

Seven cases of this disease were notified during the year.

Meningococcal Infection

No cases were notified during the year.

Infective Jaundice

Two cases were notified during the year.

Other Diseases

The following cases were admitted to the Ottershaw Isolation Hospital, both being transferred from a general hospital to which they had been admitted initially:-

Gastro-enteritis	1
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	1

Information from Schools

During the year the following cases were brought to my notice by the Head Teachers:-

	Age Group	Total
Chicken Pox	77	
German Measles	4	
Measles	3	
Mumps	57	
Scabies	2	
Scarlet Fever	4	
Tonsillitis	1	
Whooping Cough	2	
Pharyngitis	256	382
Diphtheria	353	284
Parotitis	351	360
Tetanus	360	316
Shingles	226	237
T.A.S.	9	34
Parasites	222	121
Scabies	1	1
Cholera	1	6

Whooping Cough

One case of this disease was notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever

No cases of scarlet fever were notified during the year.

Dysentery

Seven cases of this disease were notified during the year.

Meningococcal Infection

No cases were notified during the year.

Intoxic Jaundice

Two cases were notified during the year.

Other Diseases

The following cases were admitted to the German Isolation Hospital, each being transferred from a general hospital to which they had been admitted initially:-

1	Gastro-enteritis
1	Diarrhoea and Vomiting

Information from Schools

During the year the following cases were brought to my notice by the Head Teachers:-

25	Chicken Pox
4	German Measles
3	Whooping Cough
27	Scarlet Fever
2	Measles
2	Scarlet Fever
1	Whooping Cough
2	Scarlet Fever

Tuberculosis

Only one case was added to the register during the year, a newly notified case. Twenty-two were removed from the register, 15 as recovered cases and 7 upon removal out of the district. There remained on the register at the end of the year a total of 95 cases, a reduction of twenty-two from the 1969 figure. These were made up of 90 pulmonary and 5 non-pulmonary, and comprised 53 males and 42 females.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1970

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

During the year the B.C.G. vaccination scheme was pursued in the County Maintained and Independent Schools and some 340 children were involved. About 86 per cent of parents agreed and after the preliminary Mantoux skin testing was completed it was found that 98 per cent of the children were Mantoux negative and therefore in need of vaccination. 255 vaccinations consequently were given to children during their thirteenth year of age.

In addition some 13 children over the age of 13 years, who for one reason or other had previously missed vaccinations, were also included.

Immunisation and Vaccination

Courses given during the year	Age Group 0 - 4 yrs.	Age Group 4 - 15 yrs.	Total 0 - 15 yrs.
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PRIMARY

Poliomyelitis	356	26	382
Diphtheria	353	31	384
Pertussis	351	9	360
Tetanus	360	56	416
Smallpox	226	11	237
T.A.B.	3	91	94
Measles	222	123	345
Rubella	-	1	1
Cholera	1	5	6

Only one case was added to the register during the year, a newly notified case. Twenty-two were removed from the register, 12 as recovered cases and 10 upon removal out of the district. There remained on the register at the end of the year a total of 95 cases, a reduction of twenty-two from 1933 figure. These were made up of 50 pulmonary and 45 non-pulmonary, and comprised 53 males and 42 females.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1938

Deaths	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-4	-	-	-	-
5-9	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-
15-19	-	-	-	-
20-24	-	-	-	-
25-29	-	-	-	-
30-34	-	-	-	-
35-39	-	-	-	-
40-44	-	-	-	-
45-49	-	-	-	-
50-54	1	-	-	-
55 and upwards	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-

During the year the S.C.G. vaccination scheme was pursued in the County. Maintained and independent schools and some 340 children were involved. About 86 per cent of parents agreed and after the preliminary Mantoux skin testing was completed it was found that 98 per cent of the children were Mantoux negative and therefore in need of vaccination. 122 vaccinations consequently were given to children during their thirteenth year of age.

In addition some 13 children over the age of 15 years, who for one reason or other had previously missed vaccinations, were also included.

Immunisation and Vaccination

Courses given during the year

Age Group	Age Group	Total
0 - 4 yrs.	5 - 15 yrs.	0 - 15 yrs.

PRIMARY		
Polio-myelitis	156	26
Diphtheria	150	21
Tetanus	101	9
Typhoid	166	26
T.B. B.C.G.	124	11
T.A.S.	1	0
Malaria	122	12
Scarlet	-	1
Cholera	1	0

RE-INFORCING	Age Group 0 - 4 yrs.	Age Group 4 - 15 yrs.	Total 0 - 15 yrs.
Poliomyelitis	78	655	733
Diphtheria	133	608	741
Pertussis	70	35	105
Tetanus	107	702	809
Smallpox	2	52	54
T.A.B.	-	39	39

Cancer

Ninety-four cases died from cancer during the year, 54 males and 40 females, being twenty more cases than last year.

The age incidence in these 94 cases is as follows:-

	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Males	-	-	-	-	-	6	11	26	11
Females	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	10	21

Prevention of Blindness

The Surrey County Council is responsible, in conjunction with the District Welfare Committee, for all matters relating to services provided under Section 29 and Section 30 of the National Assistance Act. Provisions are made for the registration of the blind and for such persons the services of education, home employment, the provision of books, the provision of homes and hostels, and the provision of financial payments are maintained. Much of the work in connection with the blind is carried out by the Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind in co-operation with the County Council. In addition the Council has extended the services to certain classes of partially sighted persons.

Age Group	Age Group	Total
0 - 4 yrs.	4 - 15 yrs.	0 - 15 yrs.
78	532	133
132	408	141
70	32	102
101	101	809
2	22	24
-	39	39

Cancer

Twenty-four cases died from cancer during the year, 24 males and 40 females, being twenty more cases than last year.

The age incidence in these 64 cases is as follows:

Age Group	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Males	-	-	-	-	-	5	11	26	12
Females	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	10	21

Prevention of Blindness

The Barry County Council is responsible, in conjunction with the District Welfare Committee, for all matters relating to services provided under Section 29 and Section 30 of the National Assistance Act. Provisions are made for the registration of the blind and for such persons the services of education, home employment, the provision of books, the provision of houses and hostels, and the provision of financial payments are maintained. Much of the work in connection with the blind is carried out by the Barry Voluntary Association for the Blind in co-operation with the County Council. In addition the Council has extended the services to certain classes of partially sighted persons.



