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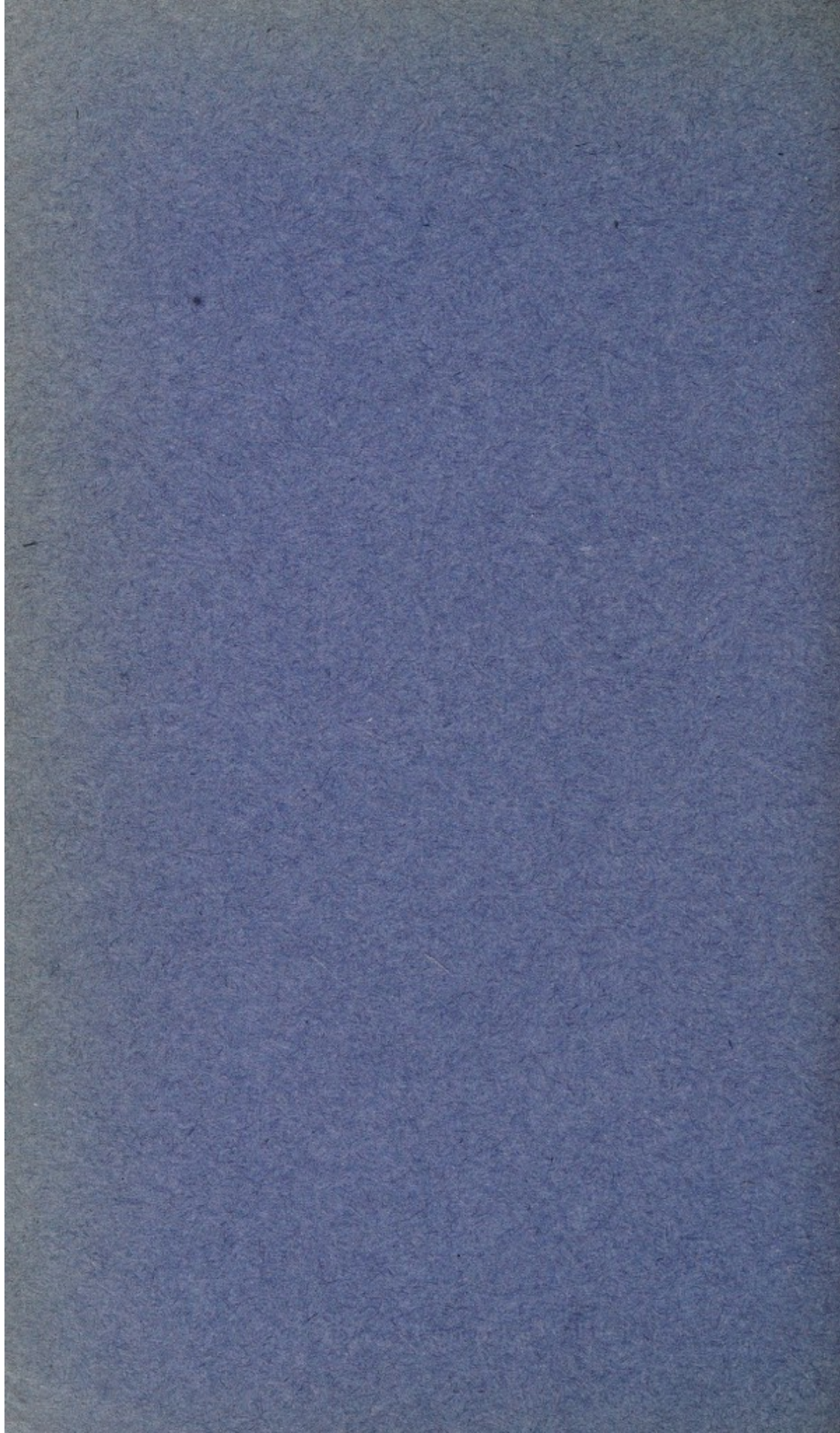
Littlehampton Urban District

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1966

BY

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LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Littlehampton.
May, 1967.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1966.

During 1966 there were fewer births and fewer deaths than the previous year. Neither facts were of any significance. The estimated population increase was much less than the previous year, only 180 compared with 530.

Two improvements were of great importance for the health of the town. Firstly at the Hospital where improved casualty and out-patient facilities were provided due mainly to the efforts of the League of Friends. This was very much needed and local people as well as visitors will benefit greatly by the improved amenities. Secondly the dreadful public conveniences on the West Beach were replaced by a modern block which should be much appreciated by all who use this attractive beach.

The Public Mass X-ray Session was available on five days this year and 1,365 people were x-rayed as compared with 1,615 in eight days when the Unit last visited the town in 1964. As a result of their visit ten people with pathological conditions were discovered—eight in males and two in females.

I have seen suggestions that the building previously occupied by the police should be used as a play centre for pre-school children by day and for youth activities at night. This I consider an excellent type of suggestion. Play centres are, generally speaking, beneficial for both mother and child. The mother so that she can have a break and, if necessary, do a job of a remunerative nature. The child for companionship and to learn to associate with others from an early age. I feel this is psychologically sound and fits the child better for school and later life. The Group started at Wick has proved very successful.

The incidence of infectious diseases during the year was low. Remarkably there have been no cases of whooping cough notified. It is now rare for an infectious disease case to be admitted to an isolation hospital.

The improvement to the town's sewage disposal system is something which is causing a lot of thought and consideration by the Council, the Council's consulting engineers and the Ministry. Littlehampton's scheme for a 2-mile sea outfall discharging screened and macerated effluent is before the Ministry. The Council is also discussing the possibility of a joint scheme with Worthing Rural District. This is very logical as both authorities require to improve their systems and one disposal system may well prove the best solution. A 2-mile outfall, according to the consulting engineers' survey report, would cause no pollution of the beaches and would not inconvenience normal swimmers. Yachtsmen, however, would be sailing near the vicinity of the outfall and it would be unpleasant to capsize in the vicinity. Littlehampton could become an even more important yachting centre. Yachting folk would feel much happier if the sewage received some form of treatment prior to discharge into the sea. During the year I inspected the experimental process at Portsmouth when the sewage is treated by electrolysis after fine maceration. This produces an effluent which would be generally much more acceptable to everyone. I would like some such process to be used on the local sewage before discharge into the sea.

During the year the Public Health Inspectors did a survey of the sanitary conveniences and washing facilities at the public houses in the town. They found that the general cleanliness was satisfactory in 16 out of 22 inspected. What I felt was most disturbing was the lack of any washing facilities in 10 public houses, only six provided facilities for both sexes and in two of these only cold water was provided. Recommendations were made in every case where necessary.

During the year there was some national publicity regarding dangerous toys. In Littlehampton an imported teddy bear filled with a powdered chemical, which was a potential danger to children, was discovered. A search round the shops failed to reveal any other teddy bears of a similar nature.

Mr. Rae organised the day-to-day running of the Health Department entirely to my satisfaction. We were sorry to lose Mr. Bryning but fortunate to find a replacement without too big an interval.

I am also grateful to the other Officers of the Council who have provided me with help in compiling this report and also to the County Medical Officer for supplying much information on the personal health services.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 2,915.

Resident Population (1966), estimated by Registrar-General—17,770.

Population (1961) Census—15,647.

Rateable value (1966)—£833,709.

Sum represented by Id. rate—£3,260.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1966, according to Rate Book—5,771.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

	Total	M.	F.	
Total live births	266	145	121	Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 14.9. Corrected rate 16.9.
Stillbirths	2	2	—	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) 7.4.
Deaths	229	118	111	Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 12.8. Corrected rate 9.6.

Infant deaths, 4.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 15.0.

“ “ “ “ “ “ “ —legitimate 8.16.

“ “ “ “ “ “ “ —illegitimate 95.2.

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 15.0 (first four weeks).

Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 15.0 (under one week).

Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 live and stillbirths) 22.4.

Illegitimate live births—21.

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births—7.9 %.

Maternal deaths (including abortion)—nil.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births—nil.

Deaths from cancer (all ages)—41.

Comparative Statistics, 1966

	England and Wales	West Sussex		Littlehampton U.D.
		Urban	Rural	
Birth Rate	17.7	14.1	14.2	14.9
Death Rate	11.7	15.4	13.7	12.8
Infantile Death Rate ...	19.0	14.2	14.8	15.0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis				
Death Rate	0.04	0.45	0.006	0.0
Cancer Death Rate ...	2.2	3.1	2.7	2.3
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	0.26	—	—	0.0

Comparative Statistics 1901—1966

	1901	1921	1931	1938	1946	1951	1965	1966
Population	7,363	8,710	9,721	10,178	12,320	13,990	17,590	17,770
Birth Rate	20.9	19.6	15.9	14.8	20.8	15.0	16.2	14.9
Death Rate	13.7	13.5	14.8	11.9	14.7	12.7	14.1	12.8
Infantile Mortality Rate ..	143	88	51	48	47	23.8	14.0	15.0
No. Inhabited Houses ..	1,504	1,785	2,637	3,581	3,479	3,822	5,455	5,771
Average No. of Persons per House	4.9	4.9	3.7	2.8	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.08

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1966

Causes of Death	All Ages	MALES				FEMALES					
		Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	TOTAL	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	TOTAL
Syphilitic disease	1								1	1	
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5			2	1	3			2	2	
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8		1	5	2	8					
Malignant neoplasm, breast	4						1	1	2	4	
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1						1			1	
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	23	2	3	4	3	12	1	1	4	5	11
Diabetes	2			1	1	2					
Vascular lesions of nervous system	29		1	3	4	8	2	8	11	21	
Coronary disease, angina	45	1	7	9	9	26	2	6	11	19	
Hypertension with heart disease	1								1	1	
Other heart disease	23		2	4	6	12	1	1	9	11	
Other circulatory disease	9			3		3	2	1	3	6	
Influenza	1						1			1	
Pneumonia	14			3	6	9		2	3	5	
Bronchitis	13		1	8	3	12			1	1	
Other diseases of respiratory system	5			3	2	5					
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2							1	1	2	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	3	1			2	3					
Nephritis and nephrosis ..	2		1			1			1	1	
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	1				1	1					
Congenital malformations	1						1			1	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	29	2	2	1	5	10	2	2	1	14	19
Motor vehicle accidents ..	2	1	1			2					
All other accidents	4	1				1			3	3	
Homicide and operations of war	1						1			1	
TOTAL	229	8	19	46	45	118	5	13	25	68	111

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Chairman of the Public Health Committee :
COUNCILLOR R. LINDSAY.

Medical Officer of Health :
FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector :
W. P. S. RAE, M.A.P.H.I. (1), (2), and (3).

Public Health Inspector :
F. BRYNING, M.A.P.H.I. (1) (Resigned July 1966).
R. HARDHAM, M.A.P.H.I. (1) (Appointed November 1966).

- (1) Certificate of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board.
- (2) Certificate for Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.
- (3) Smoke Inspector's Diploma of the Royal Society of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Worthing Rural District and Departmental Medical Officer for the County Council.

The Port Health District work is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspectors.

Services provided by West Sussex County Council

(a) *Nursing.*

The general District Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors employed in the area are now attached to general practitioners.

The telephone numbers of Midwives and District Nurses are listed in the telephone directory under 'Nurses—West Sussex County Council'.

(b) *Maternity and Child Welfare:—*

Clinics are held as follows:—

Maternity and Child Welfare	Littlehampton Health Clinic	Monday and Thursdays 2.30 p.m. (weekly).
Ante-Natal and Post-Natal	ditto	Tuesday 10 a.m. (weekly)

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics:—

ANTE-NATAL		POST-NATAL	
No. of Women attending	Total attendances	No. of Women attending	Total attendances
177	1,111	76	87

Child Welfare :

No. of children attending	Total attendances
634	4,424

A Family Planning Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Clinic and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Clinic at Bognor Regis and Worthing.

(c) School Clinics :

Minor Ailments	} Littlehampton Health Clinic.
Eye	
Orthopædic	
Physiotherapy	
Speech Therapy	
Dental	

Expectant and nursing mothers may also receive free treatment at the Dental Clinics. Dental anæsthetics were given by a Consultant Anæsthetist from the Regional Hospital Board on a sessional basis.

(d) Ambulance Service :

The County Council operate the Ambulance Service (including the hospital car service) in the County. Requests are made through the doctor or hospital attending the patient, or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

(e) Health Education :

The County Council is responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors both in the homes and at the Clinics.

(f) Mental Health :

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

(g) Home Help Service :

The County Council is responsible for this service.

Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton. A Mobile Unit is also based at Portsmouth and covers this area and visits Littlehampton every Wednesday for cases referred by General Practitioners.

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital, both of which are available to the residents of Littlehampton.

Venereal Disease

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Nursing Homes

There are three private nursing homes in the district.

Homes for Old People

There are 14 homes registered with the County Welfare Department accommodating 143 people at charges ranging between 5 to 15 guineas, and there is one blind home with accommodation for 24.

General Medical and Dental Service

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 175, Broyle Road, Chichester.

Meals-on-Wheels

Meals are provided and delivered to old people in their homes by the W.R.V.S. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, approximately 300 meals a week being delivered at a cost of 1/6d. per meal to the consumer.

Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:—

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.

The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

Mortuary

The Littlehampton Urban District Council provide a Mortuary which serves the Littlehampton area.

The number of admissions during the year was 62.

Persons in need of care and attention

Action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948 almost had to be taken in the case of two old ladies who required admission to hospital.

In one case at the last minute it was found possible to get her admitted without legal procedure and in the second case the lady, when I saw her, was so confused and semicomatose her will to resist had gone and she went to hospital without objecting and died the day after admission.

Medical Examination of Staff

Twelve examinations were carried out for Superannuation purposes.

Cervical Cytology

Every Wednesday afternoon and evening a Clinic is held at Worthing Hospital for the early detection and prevention of cancer in the neck of the womb. Women between 35 and 55 are eligible to attend the Clinic.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

Worthing Corporation Water Department supply Littlehampton with water from the Downs at Burpham via borehole no. 2. The chemical and bacteriological examinations are carried out by Brighton Corporation Water Department. Their chemist reports as follows:—

1. The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. Chlorination is practised continuously.
2. Results of bacteriological sampling were:—

	No. of Samples	No. showing coliform organism in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Cols. present in 100 ml.	No. showing absence of coliform organism in 100 ml.
Raw Water	355	187	140	168
Treated (taken at Burpham)	355	2	1	353
Treated (taken at L'ton) ...	336	0	0	336

The correct amount of chlorine was present in each of the treated samples taken at Burpham. In view of this it is believed that the results showing the presence of organisms in the treated water were due possibly to faulty sampling or examination technique.

The bacteriological pollution of the raw waters varied in coincidence with the tide height in the river Arun.

The chemical character of the water also showed a similar correlation between the river and the borehole.

The highest pollution of the raw water was on September 16. This coincided with a very high tide. The chlorine content of the water was very high at this time.

3. The water is hard, being all obtained from the chalk and there is little likelihood of any plumbo-solvent action.
4. Complaints received from residents related to either a chlorinous taste or a discoloured scale in kettles. On one occasion the taste was shown to be due to a residual of 0.07 mgh./lt. of pure chlorine. The discolouration was due to traces of copper mixed with calcium carbonate.
5. The fluoride content of the water was less than 0.1 mgm./litre. This means that the water provides no protection against dental caries.

Your Health Department took 10 samples from wells and boreholes. Six were satisfactory and four were unsatisfactory. Two samples were taken from houseboats and all were satisfactory. Only 10 houses are not supplied with water from public mains.

Drainage and Sewerage

The extension to the sewerage system of the area has been 402 yards of soil sewers and 70 yards of surface water sewers.

The sewage was still discharged untreated at a point about 80 yards beyond the wooden pier on the eastern bank of the River Arun.

The Council submitted a scheme to the Ministry for a 2-mile sea outfall for disposal of the town's sewage. The Council also started consultations with Worthing Rural District Council for providing a joint sewage outfall with that Authority.

There are 62 properties on cesspool drainage.

Public Conveniences

The Council maintain public conveniences for ladies and gentlemen at the following places: Near the Council Offices, the Pier; Maltravers Recreation Ground; Norfolk Road; Mewsbrook Park; North Street; Worthing Road; West Beach and Horsham Road Cemetery. In addition, there are male conveniences near the Bridge and off the High Street, and a ladies' convenience in Beach Road. This makes a total of 21 conveniences in all, 10 for males and 11 for females.

The hut containing the unsatisfactory pail closets on the West Beach was used for the last time. The new conveniences are attractively designed and include hot water washing facilities as well as very adequate sanitary fittings.

House Refuse

The refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's disposal site in Ferry Road.

Swimming Baths

Two swimming baths in the district were sampled. Five samples were taken. Four were satisfactory and one was unsatisfactory.

Schools

There are seven Primary and Secondary Schools in the district, but one school had to operate in two separate premises.

Sanitary arrangements were satisfactory at the independent schools and at the modern buildings of the County Schools. At the older ones, such as Lyminster and St. Catherine's Schools, the arrangements for the children are not satisfactory by modern standards.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963

The initial task of registration and inspection of existing premises falling within the scope of the Act has been completed so that future work will involve inspection of newly registered premises and routine re-inspections.

The Act and Regulations were drafted in such detail and accompanied by such a flood of advisory circulars from the Ministry that one would have thought that every possible contingency

had been covered. However, as with all new legislation, unforeseen snags arise in practical administration. An example of this being the requirement of the maintenance of a temperature of 60.8°F. The Act gives an exemption from this to shops where such a temperature would "cause deterioration of goods" and it was thought that the only trades which could take advantage of this would be fishmongers and possibly butchers. On this basis, a Local Authority took proceedings against a greengrocer where the temperature in the shop was only 49°F. The bench ruled, however, that deterioration of stock could take place and ruled that the shopkeeper was entitled to the exemption from the reasonable temperature requirements of the Act. On the basis of this decision, it would seem impossible to enforce the heating requirements in any food shop, although in the vast majority of cases locally the requirement of this temperature has not been opposed.

Five cases of accidents to employees were reported to the Local Authority.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses registered in the district.

Camping and Caravan Sites

Thirteen sites are licensed under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. Six of these sites have been licensed without time limitation and seven subject to time limits varying with individual sites. All the sites are for permanent caravans. There are no facilities for mobile caravans.

In three cases caravans used for human habitation were found on unlicensed sites. These were moved after warning letters were sent to the owners of the land.

There is one camping site licensed for 210 tents alongside the River Arun. During the year a sewage disposal unit and drainage system were installed, enabling the unsatisfactory pail closets to be replaced by water closets.

Clear Air Act

Notifications were received from four premises in accordance with Section 3 of the Clean Air Act relating to the installation of new furnaces. Three were oil fired and one gas fired.

Noise Nuisance

Thirteen complaints of alleged nuisance were received. In some few cases the noise is of a transient nature and the situation is resolved without any action being taken by the Local Authority. An example of this being a complaint of noise from a ship berthed in the harbour which had sailed before the complaint was received.

Investigations of complaints often tend to be time consuming and observations are sometimes necessary outside office hours, but in instances where it has been possible to bring about a reduction of the nuisance this is obviously time well spent. Six complaints related to industrial premises—one to a building site, one to noise from a vessel in port and four to noise from domestic premises.

No statutory proceedings were taken under the Noise Abatement Act.

Disinfection

During the year one room has been disinfected.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

228 infestations, 204 in respect of rats and 24 in respect of mice, were dealt with during the year. In each case visits were paid until the rats or mice were exterminated. In all 2,250 visits were made.

Permanent baits are maintained at selected points on the Council's tip to ensure that no infestations arise.

A free service is given in respect of private dwelling-houses, but charges are made for business premises.

The following table shows statistics in respect of works carried out during the year 1966:—

Amount of Warfarin poison bait used during the year—
814lbs.

No. of properties treated—

(a) for rats 228; (b) for mice 24.

<i>Class of Property</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
Agricultural Premises	2	—
Commercial and Industrial Premises ...	127	13
Domestic Property	75	11

One Statutory Notice under the provisions of Section 4 of the above Act was served and complied with, and four informal notices were served and complied with.

Treatment of the sewers in the south-west area of the town was carried out. Only minor infestations were found.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year inspections have been as follows:—

Public Health Acts

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	74
Houses: re-visits	...	...	...	145
Animals, keeping of	...	...	...	14
Drainage inspections and tests	...	...	...	113
Ditches, streams and river	...	...	...	16
Infectious disease and disinfection	...	...	...	18
Movable dwellings (other than caravans)	...	...	...	6
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	24
Dirty and verminous premises	...	...	...	47
Port Health: ship inspections	...	...	...	76
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...	28
Workplaces	...	...	...	—
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	231
Interviews	...	...	...	124
Houseboats inspections	...	...	...	5
Hairdressers' premises	...	...	...	2
Schools	...	...	...	—

Housing Acts

Houses: initial inspections	25
Houses: re-visits	37
Houses in multiple occupation	13
Improvement grants	23
Overcrowding	10

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Confectioners	59
Bakehouses	9
Butchers' shops	41
Dairies and milk shops	28
Fishmongers including shellfish	13
Food kiosks	9
Fried fish shops	14
Greengrocers and fruiterers	41
Grocers and other food premises	113
Ice cream premises	43
Licensed premises	71
Restaurants and cafes	70
Canteens	29
Hotels other than licensed	1
Boarding and guest houses	17
Mobile shops	11
Old People's Homes	12
Other food premises	1

Factories Act, 1961

Factories with power	98
Factories without power	4
Outworkers' premises	4
Building operations (Section 7)	6

Visits under other Acts

National Assistance Act, 1948	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1948	2,337
Shops Act, 1950	—
Clean Air Act, 1956	56
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	25
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1964	126
Town Police Clauses Act, 1847	15
Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952	—
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	26
Agriculture (Safety Health and Welfare Provisions Act, 1956	—
Pet Animals Act, 1951	2

Sampling

Ice cream	37
Milk	25
Water—main	5
Water—well	10
Water—swimming bath	5

Notices Served						Served	Completed
Housing Acts—Informal	...	...	...	...	—	2
Public Health Acts—Informal	...	...	...	...	127	116
Public Health Acts—Statutory	...	...	...	...	8	8
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	...	...	...	...	137	125
Agriculture (Safety Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	—	—
Factories Act	...	...	...	...	16	23
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	10	16
Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act	...	...	...	...	11	41
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	4	4
Town Police Clauses Act	...	...	...	...	5	5
Shops Act	—	—	
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act	2	2	
Noise Abatement Act	5	5	
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					325	347	
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Complaints

During the year a total of 417 complaints were received in respect of the following matters:—

Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	131
Insect pests other than rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	77
Housing defects	...	...	...	...	...	39
Accumulation of rubbish	...	...	...	...	...	7
Unsound food and food hygiene	...	...	...	...	...	27
Atmospheric pollution	...	...	...	...	...	16
Drainage defects	...	...	...	...	...	51
Noise	...	...	...	...	...	13
Offensive odours	...	...	...	...	...	1
Keeping of animals	...	...	...	...	...	7
Offices and shops	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dirty conditions	...	...	...	...	...	10
Caravan sites	...	...	...	...	...	2
Unsatisfactory holiday accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	9
Houses in multiple occupation	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	2
Refuse collection or disposal	...	...	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	10
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	2
Town Police Clauses Act	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ditches, streams, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

The following improvements have resulted from action taken by the Public Health Department:—

House repairs completed	...	...	...	...	82
Rooms cleansed or decorated	...	...	...	...	1
Drains repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	30

Other improvements	...	...	...	...	9
Water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	2
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	—
Offensive accumulations removed...	...	...	...	...	7
Movable Dwellings					
Additional sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	23
Drainage improved	...	...	...	...	1
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	1
Food Premises					
Premises cleaned and redecorated	...	...	...	...	214
Tables, counters, etc., covered	...	...	...	...	7
Washing facilities provided, or improved	...	...	...	...	11
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	5
Refuse disposal improved	...	...	...	...	6
Equipment, utensils, etc., cleansed	...	...	...	...	5
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved...	...	...	...	...	5
Clothing accommodation provided or improved...	...	...	...	...	4
Structural repairs and alterations	...	...	...	...	7
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	8
Screens for food provided	...	...	...	...	3
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	27
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	3
Cold storage provided	...	...	...	...	1
Shops and Offices					
Sanitary accommodation repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	8
Additional sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	6
Indicating notices to a sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	—
Provision for disposal of sanitary dressings provided	...	...	...	...	—
Additional washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	3
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	7
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	2
Thermometers provided	...	...	...	...	—
First-aid boxes provided	...	...	...	...	7
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	3
Heating improved	...	...	...	...	3
Clothing accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	5
Additional lighting provided	...	...	...	...	6
Seating facilities provided	...	...	...	...	4
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	—
Defective floor, etc., repaired	...	...	...	...	11
Abstract of Act provided	...	...	...	...	2
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	8
Factories					
Premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	1
Extra sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	2
Defective sanitary accommodation remedied	...	...	...	...	5
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	5

Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections :

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	66	98	16	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	69	102	16	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	2	1	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	1	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	12	15	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences	—	5	1	—	—
Total ...	16	23	2	—	—

3. Outworkers :

The following numbers of outworkers are employed in the area:—

Making, etc., of wearing apparel ...	2
Making of curtains and furnishing hangings ...	3
Making of stuffed toys ...	8

SECTION D

HOUSING

The Council made two Closing Orders in respect of houses unfit for human habitation, and cancelled one Undertaking on an unfit house being made fit by the owner. One statutory notice served under the provisions of Section 78 of the Housing Act, 1957, requiring the abatement of overcrowding was complied with and one was served under Section 90 limiting the number of persons who could occupy a house let in lodgings.

The Council reconsidered the question of using their permissive powers to declare Improvement Areas under the Housing Act, 1964, and it was resolved to include the whole of Stanhope Road in an Improvement Area. The preliminary work to give effect to this is now well advanced.

It is obvious that insufficient publicity has been given to the powers under the Housing Act, 1964, whereby tenants of sound houses which lack the five standard amenities, i.e. bath, wash basin, hot water supply, internal w.c., and ventilated food store, can request the Council to require owners to provide these amenities. Only two such requests have been received since the Act came into force in April 1965.

Number of private houses built since 1948—1,450.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1966

	Pre-war	Post-war	Total
Bed-sitting room Flats ...	—	59	59
One-bedroom Flats ...	—	41	41
Two-bedroom Flats ...	—	182	182
Three-bedroom Flats ...	—	66	66
Bed-sitting room Bungalows ...	—	3	3
One-bedroom Bungalows ...	6	7	13
Two-bedroom Bungalows ...	15	25	40
Two-bedroom Houses ...	1	90	91
Three-bedroom Houses ...	208	244	452
Four-bedroom Houses ...	5	14	19
Five-bedroom Houses ...	3	—	3
Other properties ...	45	—	45
	283	731	1,014

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1966 ...	296
Total number of applications received during 1966 ...	101
Total number of families rehoused during 1966	63

Nineteen new flats were completed in the early part of the year, four were filled by transferring tenants from larger properties and fifteen filled with applicants from the Housing Waiting List. No further properties excepting for three Guildway industrialized houses are likely to be completed before December 1967; this means that for practically one year any rehousing that takes place will have to be from the normal movement of families out of Council houses.

The Council has been successful in securing the completion of 19 new flats in the early part of the year. These flats were completed in the early part of the year and were filled by transferring tenants from larger properties and fifteen filled with applicants from the Housing Waiting List. No further properties excepting for three Guildway industrialized houses are likely to be completed before December 1967; this means that for practically one year any rehousing that takes place will have to be from the normal movement of families out of Council houses.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROPERTY AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1966

Property	Number of Units	Number of Units Available	Number of Units Occupied
One-bedroom flats	10	10	10
Two-bedroom flats	15	15	15
Three-bedroom flats	5	5	5
Four-bedroom flats	2	2	2
Five-bedroom flats	1	1	1
Other properties	1	1	1
Total	34	34	34

Total number of families rehoused during 1966: 101
 Total number of applications received during 1966: 101
 Number of flats for housing allocation: 101
 Number of flats for housing allocation: 101

SECTION E

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspection of Premises

582 visits were made during the year to food premises in the district.

The number of food premises in the district is as follows:—

Restaurants, Cafes, Snack Bars and Canteens	...	...	...	...	70
Licensed Premises (including shops)	...	...	...	...	43
Hotels and Guest Houses	...	...	...	...	65
Grocers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	64
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	10
Butchers	...	...	...	...	12
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	3
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	3
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	83
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	2

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1960, is as follows:—

Sale and Storage of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	82
Manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	7
Sale of Prepared Meats and Sausages	...	...	...	...	15
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	3

In general, occupiers of food premises recognise the need to comply with the standards laid down by the Food Hygiene Regulations, and regular routine inspections ensure that the standards are maintained. The enforceable minimum standards are not high, however, and a comparison between the best run establishments and those which just keep on the right side of the law shows that there can be no room for complacency in this field of work. Regular routine inspections by a Public Health Inspector is in my opinion the only effective way of maintaining adequate standards of food hygiene which the public has a right to expect.

It is particularly unfortunate that in the only instance during the year when the Council instituted proceedings for contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations the case was dismissed by the Magistrates. Resolutions to prosecute are not lightly taken and every effort is made to ensure compliance by advice and persuasion.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Nineteen complaints regarding the sale of unsound food, or food containing foreign bodies, were received during the year.

In 6 cases the complaints were not justified or it was considered that no offence had taken place. In 11 instances the Council sent warning letters to the firms concerned, and 2 prosecutions were brought against cafe proprietors under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of unfit food. Both pleaded guilty and fines of £25 and £10 with 5 guineas costs were made on conviction. Both prosecutions related to meat pies produced

by nationally known manufacturers who take every precaution to see that their products reach the purchasers in satisfactory condition. It is hoped that the publicity obtained will impress on retailers that such products have a very limited safe storage life and that it is essential to operate efficient methods of stock control when dealing with highly perishable food.

Milk and Dairies

There are 4 registered dairies in the district. The number of distributors under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959, is 15.

The number of visits made to dairies and distributors during the year was 28.

2 of the above dairies are pasteurising and boiling plants and as such are licensed by the Food and Drugs authority, which is the West Sussex County Council. Frequent samples of the milk and the empty bottles prior to filling are taken by the County Public Health Inspector who forwards copies of the results of these samples.

25 samples were taken from the remaining 2 dairies and all were satisfactory.

Ice Cream Premises

There are 82 premises registered for the sale and storage of ice cream in the district. 7 establishments are registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

During the year 37 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for grading. 29 samples were classified as Grade I, 3 as Grade II, 2 as Grade III, and 3 as Grade IV.

Inspection of Food

The following items were inspected during the year and found to be unfit for human consumption:—

197 tins of meat.	133 lbs. meat.
634 tins of fruit.	12 lbs. lard.
542 ins of vegetables.	1 cwt. potatoes.
1,512 other pre-packed articles.	25 lbs. liver.
196 lbs. fish.	18 lbs. sausages.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Under 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	1	5	9	—	—	—	15
Measles ...	13	142	89	4	1	1	250
Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	3

There were no cases of the following diseases, which are also notifiable:—

Anthrax	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Cholera	Plague
Diphtheria	Pneumonia
Dysentery	Poliomyelitis
Enteric Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia
Food Poisoning	Relapsing Fever
Leprosy	Smallpox
Malaria	Typhus
Membranous Croup	Whooping Cough
Meningococcal Infection	

Notifications 1956-1966

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Measles	13	23	637	55	19	110	20	908	37	412	250
Whooping Cough	14	132	18	8	94	9	1	5	32	11	—
Scarlet Fever	4	8	16	13	8	5	14	1	7	6	15
Poliomyelitis	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 38 cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of the year. There were no new cases notified during 1966 and no deaths.

IMMUNISATION

The following immunisations were carried out during the year:—

Diphtheria and Tetanus					
Primary Injections	...	...	...	...	5
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	...	...	420
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough					
Primary Injections	...	...	...	...	256
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	...	...	290

The following table shows the decline in notifications of Diphtheria and deaths from the disease since the beginning of the century:—

	1901—10	1911—20	1921—30	1931—40	1941—50	1951—66
No. of cases notified	182	211	89	73	17	0
No. of deaths	31	10	6	9	0	0

The last case of Diphtheria was notified in 1949.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination :

Initial vaccination of three doses of oral vaccine...	360
Reinforcing procedures	569

Smallpox Vaccination :

Primary vaccination	292
Re-vaccination	145

Influenza

The Council offered vaccination against influenza to its staff. 66 out of 178 took advantage of the Council's offer.

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1966

SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL STATISTICS				
Month	SUNSHINE		RAINFALL	
	Average hours for 52 years	Average inches for 52 years	Average hours for 52 years	Average inches for 52 years
January	38.0	2.98	65.8	1.89
February	36.0	2.07	81.6	4.37
March	149.2	1.82	138.0	.79
April	115.1	1.87	174.5	4.25
May	257.5	1.78	228.1	1.86
June	262.5	1.61	238.4	3.13
July	186.3	2.09	219.7	2.13
August	220.5	2.35	209.5	2.93
September	201.8	2.37	165.6	1.18
October	107.0	2.97	126.3	5.66
November	69.6	3.35	73.9	1.89
December	43.6	3.09	56.7	2.43

SUNSHINE				RAINFALL		
		No. of hours	Daily Average	No. of days on which sun was recorded	No. of inches	No. of days on which rain was recorded
1925	...	1915.2	5.25	326	33.30	159
1926	...	1681.8	4.61	296	28.70	175
1927	...	1691.4	4.63	312	33.90	190
1928	...	1945.5	5.32	311	31.50	179
1929	...	2068.1	5.67	316	30.04	152
1930	...	1808.1	4.95	319	31.43	183
1931	...	1633.4	4.48	300	24.42	216
1932	...	1558.5	4.29	315	27.09	194
1933	...	2062.8	5.65	318	23.08	155
1934	...	1758.5	4.82	297	28.09	166
1935	...	1771.8	4.85	311	36.01	182
1936	...	1679.9	4.59	304	28.63	182
1937	...	1691.6	4.63	304	33.51	176
1938	...	1809.7	4.96	311	24.51	183
1939	...	1828.9	5.01	203	34.89	211
1940	...	1876.8	5.12	309	29.46	164
1941	...	1641.3	4.49	296	25.06	160
1942	...	1647.9	4.51	294	27.03	137
1943	...	1818.0	4.97	294	25.21	175
1944	...	1665.1	4.54	296	23.54	169
1945	...	1672.2	4.58	301	28.72	173
1946	...	1692.8	4.63	297	32.11	211
1947	...	1812.9	4.96	287	26.74	175
1948	...	1873.5	5.09	299	26.22	137
1949	...	2041.3	5.59	319	23.83	91
1950	...	1738.4	4.76	303	27.79	166
1951	...	1819.2	4.98	294	38.22	190
1952	...	1864.8	5.09	314	29.02	166
1953	...	1813.1	4.96	300	22.55	135
1954	...	1583.0	4.33	292	32.05	177
1955	...	1903.2	5.22	305	24.39	146
1956	...	1726.3	4.72	304	24.92	147
1957	...	1866.9	5.11	306	26.49	150
1958	...	1626.3	4.46	299	33.31	162
1959	...	2146.1	5.88	312	25.08	134
1960	...	1658.3	4.54	292	45.00	185
1961	...	1911.1	5.2	310	31.86	137
1962	...	1805.2	4.9	307	25.61	143
1963	...	1708.3	4.6	277	29.07	158
1964	...	1743.1	4.8	247	25.59	135
1965	...	1725.9	4.7	311	30.68	156
1966	..	1687.1	4.6	296	32.87	171



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