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LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,

LITTLEHAMPTON.

June, 1970.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1969.

Looking through the vital statistics for 1969 and previous years, the most distressing feature I observe is the high percentage (13%) of illegitimate live births. In England and Wales 8% of births were illegitimate. In Littlehampton between 1946 and 1967 the average number of illegitimate births annually was 16 and the highest year was in 1946, soon after the war, with 24. The numbers of illegitimate births then fell, remained reasonably low in the 1950's and then rose in the 60's to 23 in 1967. Then came a big increase to 31 in 1968 and my hopes that this was a freak happening were shattered by the results for 1969 which show 32 illegitimate births, whilst the number of legitimate births has only once been lower since 1946. This would appear to be the result of a permissive society which has hit Littlehampton more than most places. If this trend continues the town will get more than it's fair share of social and health problems in the future.

There is no significant change in the death rate. Heart and vascular diseases accounted for about half the deaths and cancer about a fifth. This is not surprising, especially as the percentage of older people in the town is increasing. The last estimate (1966) was 19.4% over 65 and 7.3% over 75. Hanging, shooting, drowning and falling from a window were the choices of those who ended their lives voluntarily. There were seven other unnecessary deaths in young people by accident or violence and three are worth a particular comment - firstly a child of 2 dying from Aspirin poisoning showing how important it is to keep drugs and poisoning of all kinds away from young children; secondly a baby of 5 days dying from aspiration of it's vomit illustrating the need for close observation of a young baby of this age and particularly of not leaving young babies sucking bottles unattended; and thirdly a child of 2 dying of an abdominal haemorrhage after being trodden on and left without attention. One feels no one, unless their mind was disturbed, could do such a thing.

Inevitably when large numbers of people come to the seaside to enjoy themselves and benefit their health there will be casualties. At the Council's main first aid post the nurse dealt with 836 people during the summer - the number varied with the weather and ranged from 2 to 42 treated in a single day - most were of a minor nature, but 41 had to go to hospital and 10 by ambulance. The post is manned on Sundays and Bank Holidays by volunteers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who treated over 50 cases each day on duty; they report that the majority were due to broken glass on the beach causing cut feet.

Meals-on-Wheels continued to help with the nutrition problems of some of the aged. In order to combat malnutrition even more effectively a five-day instead of a two-day service of meals would be a very beneficial step forward.

I feel it my duty again to refer to the lack of fluoride in the water supply. Many chemicals are added to water to prevent disease and the addition of fluoride would not affect the taste and would be no more harmful than those already added, but would be of great benefit to the dental health of today's children and tomorrow's adults.

Mr. W. Rae left for a similar post in Haverfordwest after several years of loyal service. His place as Chief Public Health Inspector and Port Health Inspector was taken by Mr. A.M. Tanner who had been Inspector at Bognor Regis. The day to day work has gone along very smoothly due to good team work. This has been greatly helped by having an efficient Clerk in Miss J. Aylwin.

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council, the County Medical Officer and others for providing me with the necessary information for compiling this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Frank Corbett

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

SECTION A:

GENERAL STATISTICS

AREA 2,915 Acres

ESTIMATED RESIDENT
POPULATION - 18,200

SUM REPRESENTED BY
A PENNY RATE £3,610

Population - Census 1961 15,699
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1969) . 6,170
Rateable Value £922,712

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS:

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1968	269	118	120	13	18
1969	247	103	112	17	15

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales	
	Crude	Standardised Rate			
			Urban	Rural	
1968	15.3	17.2	15.2	18.7	16.9
1969	13.6	15.4	15.1	18.1	16.3

DEATHS:

Year	Total	Male	Female
1968	290	133	157
1969	280	148	132

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales	
	Crude	Standardised Rate			
			Urban	Rural	
1968	16.0	10.9	10.6	9.5	11.9
1969	15.4	10.6	10.1	9.1	11.9

STILLBIRTHS:

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1968	3	-	3	-	-
1969	2	1	1	-	-

Year	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	
	Littlehampton U.D.	England & Wales
1968	11	14
1969	8	13

INFANTILE DEATH RATE:

Year	Rate per 1,000 total live births					
	Littlehampton U.D.			West Sussex		England & Wales
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit:</u>	<u>Illeg:</u>	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1968	22.3	25.2	nil	14.1	14.5	18
1969	8	9	nil	16	14	18

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths & Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
Total Deaths	5	1	5	1	8	3
Rate per 1,000 total live births	18.6	4	18.6	4		
Mortality rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths					29.4	12

DEATHS FROM CANCER:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1968	57	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.3
1969	52	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.3

DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1968	nil	nil	0.02	0.02	0.04
1969	1	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.04

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion):

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex	England & Wales	
			<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1968	nil	nil	nil	0.4	0.24
1969	nil	nil	nil	0.4	0.19

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS - 1901 to 1969:

	1901	1938	1946	1969
Population	7,363	10,178	12,320	18,200
Birth Rate	20.9	14.8	20.8	13.6
Death Rate	13.7	11.9	14.7	15.4
Infantile Mortality Rate	143	48	47	8
Average no. person per house	4.9	2.8	3.5	2.9
No. Inhabited houses	1,504	3,581	3,479	6,170

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of death	Sex	Total	Under 45	45- 64	65- 74	75 & over
Tuberculosis, respiratory	F	1	1	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	M	3	-	1	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	4	-	-	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M	4	-	-	2	2
	F	3	-	-	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung & bronchus	M	13	-	6	5	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	F	4	-	2	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	4	-	1	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	M	1	-	-	-	1
Leukaemia	F	1	-	-	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M	8	1	5	1	1
	F	4	-	2	2	-
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	M	1	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-
Anaemias	F	1	-	-	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system etc.	F	2	-	-	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	2	-	1	1	-
	F	2	-	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	M	3	-	-	1	2
	F	3	-	2	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	M	38	1	5	16	16
	F	28	-	1	11	16
Other forms of heart disease	M	7	-	2	-	5
	F	13	-	2	1	10
Cerebrovascular disease	M	20	-	2	6	12
	F	20	-	2	2	16
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	8	-	2	4	2
	F	8	-	-	2	6
Influenza	M	2	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	1	1	1
Pneumonia	M	5	-	1	-	4
	F	7	-	1	1	5
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	11	-	3	3	5
	F	2	-	-	1	1
Asthma	F	1	-	1	-	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1

Causes of death	Sex	Total	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 & over
Peptic Ulcer	F	2	-	-	1	1
Appendicitis	F	1	-	-	-	1
Intestinal obstruction & hernia	M	2	-	-	-	2
Cirrhosis of liver	M	2	-	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	M	2	-	-	-	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1	-	-	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	F	2	-	-	1	1
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	F	1	-	-	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	F	2	-	-	-	2
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	M	2	-	-	-	2
	F	7	-	-	-	7
Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	1	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	4	3	1	-	-
	F	2	-	1	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	4	2	1	1	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-
All other external causes	M	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>		M = 148 = 280 F = 132	11	49	75	145

SECTION B:

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

SERVICES PROVIDED BY WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL:

(a) Ambulance Service:

The County Council operate the Ambulance Service (including the ambulance 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.

(b) Cervical Cytology:

A session is held each Thursday morning at the Littlehampton Health Clinic for the early detection of cancer in the neck of the womb and also for cancer of the breasts. Invitations are sent systematically to all women whose names appear on the Electoral Registers, but as a matter of public policy, only those who are over the age of 35 years are invited to attend the clinic, or if they prefer for examination at their own doctor's surgery.

(c) Child Health Clinic:

Child Health Clinic is held at Littlehampton Health Centre weekly on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. - a doctor being in attendance on the second and fourth Thursday each month.

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendances at the Child Health Clinic:-

<u>No. of children attending</u>	<u>Total attendances</u>
347	2,300

(d) Chiropody:

This is provided for those of pensionable age.

(e) Family Planning:

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, Littlehampton and Worthing.

(f) Health Clinic for the Retired:

This is a Screening Clinic held weekly at the Elmgrove Health Clinic.

(g) 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.

(h) Home Help Service:

The County Council is responsible for this service.

(i) 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.

(j) Nursing:

The Home Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors employed in the area are now attached to General Practitioners.

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

(k) School Clinics:

Minor Ailments	}	Littlehampton Health Centre
Eye		
Speech Therapy		
Dental		

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

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.

Chest Clinics:

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

General Medical and Dental Service:

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

Homes for Old People:

There are 14 homes registered with the County Welfare Department accommodating 150 people at charges ranging between 6 to 18 guineas, and there is 1 blind home with accommodation for 24.

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.

Mass Radiography:

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.

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 400 meals a week being delivered - 168 to the Littlehampton area and 248 to the Worthing Rural West area - at a cost of 1s. 6d. per meal to the consumer.

Medical Examination of Staff:

13 examinations were carried out for Superannuation purposes.

Mortuary:

The Littlehampton Urban District Council provide a mortuary which serves the Littlehampton area. The number of admissions during the year was 81; 11 bodies were unable to be accommodated because the Mortuary was full and these were admitted to a local undertaker instead.

Nursing Homes:

There are 3 private nursing homes in the district.

Persons in need of care and attention:

It was not necessary to take any action during the year under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1947.

Venereal Disease:

Residents may attend Clinics at:-

Worthing Hospital

St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester

The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth

Source of water	No. of samples	No. of samples	No. of samples	No. of samples
Raw water	100	100	100	100
Treated water	100	100	100	100
(taken at Worthing)	100	100	100	100
Treated water	100	100	100	100
(taken at Littlehampton)	100	100	100	100

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 water is pumped from Burpham to Batworth Park Reservoirs and from there is distributed to Littlehampton.

The Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Brighton Water Department carry out all the examinations on the water. He has reported that:-

1. The water has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. Continuous chlorination is carried out at Burpham.
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	260	182	182	78
Treated Water (taken at Burpham)	260	1	nil	259
Treated Water (taken at Littlehampton)	251	nil	nil	251

Out of 156 samples of Raw Water in the first 7 months 76 showed an absence of coliform organisms. In the remaining 5 months only 2 out of 102 samples showed an absence of coliform organisms.

3. The water is hard, being all obtained from the chalk. The chemical analysis shows a total hardness of 232 mgm. per litre.
4. No evidence of any plumbo-solvent action has been found.

5. The natural fluoride content of the water lies between 0.07 and 0.08 milligrams per litre.

Drainage and Sewerage:

During the year 2,311 yards of foul sewers and 1,623 of storm water sewers came into use. The provision of main drainage to the Rope Walk area was completed and the Ferry Road treatment plant began operating.

The treatment process is based on an Aerobic Digestion System - compressed air being introduced into the sewage to stimulate organic activity and to keep the solids in suspension for a sufficient time to permit absorption and digestion to take place.

The plant caters for a population of 320 and has a Dry Weather Flow of 10,900 gallons. It is estimated that by 1980 the plant will serve a population of 400 with D.W.F. of 13,500 gallons.

Public Conveniences:

The Council maintain public conveniences for males and females at the following places:-

Church Street
The Promenade
Maltravers Recreation Ground
Norfolk Road
Mewsbrook Park
North Street
Worthing Road Recreation Ground
West Beach
Horsham Road Cemetery

In addition there are male conveniences near the swing bridge and off the High Street; a female's convenience in Beach Road and a male and female convenience in Southfields Road.

This makes a total of 23 conveniences in all - 12 for males and 11 for females.

House Refuse:

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

The public continue to make use of the tipping facilities provided under the Civic Amenities Act 1967 at the Council's site and considerable reduction in the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish throughout the town has been noted.

Schools and Day Nurseries:

There are 7 County Primary and Secondary Schools, 3 Independent Schools and 3 Day Nurseries in the district.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963:

87 routine inspections have been carried out at premises where the Local Authority are responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act. 14 Informal Notices were served regarding contraventions. No special problems have arisen and no statutory action was necessary, 20 defects being remedied informally.

There were no cases of accidents to employees reported to the Local Authority.

Common Lodging Houses:

There are no common lodging houses registered in the district.

Clean Air Act 1968:

3 notifications in accordance with Section 6 of the Clean Air Act 1968 of the installation of new oil-fired furnaces were received.

Camping and Caravan Sites:

9 sites are licenced under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. All the sites are for residential caravans and there are no facilities for touring caravans.

On 4 occasions, caravans used for human habitation, were discovered on unauthorised sites. In all cases the caravans were moved on request, but in the fourth case the problem was not resolved until a council house was made available for the family concerned.

There is one camping site licensed for tents adjoining the east bank of the River Arun, which was extended during the year and will now accommodate 310 tents.

Noise Abatement Act 1960:

Complaints were received regarding 18 alleged noise nuisances, all of which were remedied informally.

Disinfection and Disinfestation:

Number of premises disinfected	39
Number of domestic premises where disinfestation was carried out	28
Number of other premises where disinfestation was carried out	11
Number of treatments to destroy wasps' nests	37

The 50% increase in complaints of wasps nests is directly attributable to the good summer experienced.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949:

430 infestations in respect of rats and 40 in respect of mice were dealt with during the year. In each case visits were made until the rats or mice were exterminated. In all 2,110 visits were made.

Permanent baits are maintained at selected points on the Council's refuse tip and in other areas where reinfestations are found to arise.

A free service is provided in respect of dwelling houses, but the cost of treatment is recovered where infestations occur on business premises.

Amount of poison bait used during the year = 1,182 lbs.

One Statutory Notice and one Informal Notice under the provisions of Section 4 of the above Act were served on occupiers.

Hairdressing Establishments:

In view of the increasing number of accidents which are reported as occurring in hairdressing establishments an Advisory Circular was prepared in conjunction with the West Sussex Fire Authority and sent to all such establishments within the Urban District.

The Circular explained the dangers associated with the use of hair lacquers with a highly inflammable petroleum alcohol or methylated spirit base and set out recommendations for the general guidance of hairdressing staff.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year inspections have been as follows:-

Public Health Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	40
Houses: revisits	49
Animals, keeping of	1
Drainage inspections and tests	141
Dirty or verminous premises	8
Ditches, streams and river	8
Infectious disease	23
Moveable dwellings (other than caravans)	16
Offensive accumulations	26
Port Health - ship inspections	67
Refuse collection and disposal	23
Workplaces	2
Miscellaneous visits	423
Interviews	106

Housing Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	91
Houses: revisits	55
Houses in multiple occupation	16
Improvement areas	191

Food and Drugs Act 1955:

Bakehouses	2
Bakers shops	1
Butchers shops	18
Dairies and milk shops	2
Fishmongers	3
Fried fish shops	13
Confectioners	28
Greengrocers and fruiterers	35
Grocers	76
Licensed premises	11
Restaurants and cafes	126
Canteens	16
Hotels (other than licensed)	4
Boarding and guest houses	91
Old Peoples Homes	15
Food stalls	30
Delivery vehicles	5
Other food premises	15

Factories Act 1961:

Factories with power	. . .	48
Factories without power	. . .	3
Outworkers premises	. . .	9

Visits under other Acts:

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	87
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	1,848
Clean Air Act 1956	48
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act	
1960	17
Noise Abatement Act 1960	48
Pet Animals Act 1951	2
National Assistance Act 1948	1

Sampling:

Ice-cream	. . .	35
Milk	. . .	27

Notices served:

	<u>Served</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Public Health Acts - informal	49	34
Public Health Acts - formal . .	2	4
Housing Acts - informal . . .	14	7
Housing Acts - statutory . . .	3	1
Food & Drugs Act 1955	117	94
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions Act 1956)	1	1
Factories Act 1961	7	10
Clean Air Act 1956	1	1
Offices, Shops & Railways Premises Act 1963	14	20
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960 . . .	4	1
Noise Abatement Act 1960 . . .	5	4
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - formal	1	-
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - informal	1	1
	<u>219</u>	<u>178</u>

Complaints:

Clean Air Act	. . .	15
Drainage	. . .	47
Accumulations	. . .	13
Rats and Mice	. . .	110

Sanitary accommodation	. . .	2
Housing Defects	. . .	42
Unsound food	. . .	21
Insect pests	. . .	57
Water supply	. . .	3
Noise	. . .	18
Refuse collection	. . .	9
Wasps	. . .	37
Miscellaneous	. . .	10
Offensive smells	. . .	17
Working conditions	. . .	1
Overcrowding	. . .	2
Milk & Dairies Regulations	. . .	1

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

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

Houses:

Housing repairs completed	. . .	20
Drains repaired or renewed	. . .	17
Drains tested	. . .	3
W.C.s repaired or improved	. . .	12
New dustbins provided	. . .	2
Offensive accumulations removed	. . .	6
Rooms cleansed or redecorated	. . .	3
Other improvements	. . .	22
Ventilation improved	. . .	1

Moveable Dwellings:-

Moveable dwellings removed	. . .	4
Drainage improved	. . .	1

Agricultural Holdings:

Sanitary accommodation improved	. . .	1
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Food Premises:

New premises built	. . .	1
Structural repairs or alterations	. . .	2
Premises cleansed or redecorated	. . .	46
Hot water supply provided	. . .	6
Washing facilities provided or improved	. . .	9
Tables, counters etc. covered	. . .	6
Equipment, utensils etc. cleansed	. . .	15
Screens for food provided	. . .	2

Refuse disposal improved	21
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	7
Clothing accommodation provided	4
First Aid materials provided	4
Other improvements	62

Factories:

Cleanliness improved	3
Accommodation cleansed/repaired	4
Lighting improved	1
Other improvements	3

Offices and Shops:

Additional sanitary accommodation provided	1
Sanitary accommodation repaired or cleansed	2
Washing facilities provided	1
Hot water supply provided	1
First Aid equipment provided	6
Abstract of Act provided	7
Ventilation improved	2
Cleanliness improved	2
Lighting provided or improved	3
Heating provided or improved	1
Other improvements	11

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	4	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	74	48	7	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	2	-	-
TOTAL	84	53	7	-

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	3	3	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	3	3	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	11	-	1	-

3. Outworkers:

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

Assembling British Legion Poppies	1
Making of curtains	1
Embroidery work	1
Sewing and making toys	15

Housing Act 1957

No action was taken in relation to Clearance Areas, Demolition Orders, or Closing Orders during the year.

One unfit house was made fit after formal action under Section 9 of the Act and seven were made fit after the service of informal notices.

Housing Act 1969

The main purpose of the Act, which received the Royal Assent on July 25, 1969, is to encourage improvements and repairs to older houses by introducing a more generous, more flexible and simpler improvement grant scheme. Discretionary grants are increased from a maximum of £400 to one of £1,000 and grants for the conversion of three-storey buildings go up from a maximum of £500 per flat obtained to £1,200. The grant which housing authorities must pay for the provision of the standard amenities goes up from £155 to £200. The Act also introduced a new Special Grant for the provision of standard amenities in houses in multiple occupation.

For the first time, Improvement Grants can now extend to assist with the cost of repairs and replacements needed for the purpose of making fully effective other improvements carried out at the same time.

It remains to be seen whether the Government's hope, that the new legislation will be taken as the occasion for a new effort to tackle the problem of $4\frac{1}{2}$ million houses needing repairs and lacking amenities, will be fulfilled.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES AS AT
31st DECEMBER 1969

	<u>Pre-war</u>	<u>Post-war</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bed-sitting room flats	-	56	56
One bedroom flats	-	43	43
Two bedroom flats	-	220	220
Three bedroom flats	-	149	149
Bed-sitting room bungalows	-	3	3
One bedroom bungalows	6	7	13
Two bedroom bungalows	15	25	40
Two bedroom houses	2	90	92
Three bedroom houses	207	298	505
Four bedroom houses	5	14	19
Five bedroom houses	3	-	3
Other properties	67	-	67
	<u>305</u>	<u>905</u>	<u>1,210</u>

In addition to this summary, 62 properties are managed on behalf of the Greater London Council.

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses @ 31.12.69.	388
Total number of applications received during 1969	128
Total number of families rehoused from the list during 1969	105

During 1969, 37 three bedroomed houses and 12 two bedroomed flats were completed. Under construction, and which should be largely completed during 1970, are 56 three bedroomed houses. In addition the Council are proposing to erect 40 one bedroomed flats and bed-sitters and a further 25 three bedroomed houses.

The policy of encouraging tenants from cheaper accommodation to transfer to dearer properties has continued with success, thus releasing decent homes for the lower paid workers. It has been possible on several occasions during the year to persuade tenants of under occupied property to transfer to smaller accommodation, thus enabling families to be rehoused from flats.

Private Houses

The total number of private houses completed since 1948 = 1,695.

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SECTION E:

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspection of Premises

530 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	68
Licensed Premises (including shops)	41
Hotels and Guest Houses	84
Grocers	29
Confectioners	25
Greengrocers	10
Butchers	10
Wet Fish Shops	3
Fried Fish Shops	3
Bakehouses	2
Ice Cream Premises	87

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1960 are as follows:-

Sale and storage of Ice Cream	87
Manufacture of Ice Cream	6
Manufacture of Sausages etc.	13
Fried Fish Shops	3

The routine inspections of food premises show a considerable variation of the attention paid to food hygiene. Many traders work to standards higher than the minimum legally enforceable by the Food Hygiene Regulations, but in some cases much persuasion is necessary to obtain satisfactory standards.

Regular inspections coupled with advice and persuasion followed by informal notices are the methods relied on to secure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations and 117 informal notices were sent during the year.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

22 complaints were received regarding the sale of unsound food, or food containing extraneous matter. In each case a careful investigation was carried out, firstly to ascertain if the complaint was justified and then when this was confirmed, to find out whether the fault lay with the manufacturer or the retailer. In 10 instances it was decided that the complaints were not justified, or there was insufficient evidence that an offence had taken place. The Council sent warning letters regarding 11 of the complaints and took 1 prosecution.

A high proportion of the complaints related to food affected with moulds. This was usually traced to poor storage or bad rotation of stock by retailers who sometimes take a too optimistic view of the time which frozen food cabinets will extend the life of such highly perishable commodities as meat pies and sausages.

Milk and Dairies

There are 5 registered dairies in the district. One of these is a pasteurizing and bottling plant and as such is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority which is the West Sussex County Council. Frequent samples of milk and the empty bottles prior to filling are taken by the County Public Health Inspectors.

The number of distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1958 = 20.

27 samples of milk were taken from retailers. All passed the phosphatase test and 2 failed the methylene blue test.

Ice Cream Premises

There are 87 premises registered for the sale and storage of ice cream and 6 for the sale, storage and manufacture of ice cream.

During the year 35 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton: 11 samples were classified as Grade I: 20 as Grade II: 2 as Grade III and 2 as Grade IV.

It is found that, almost without exception, the samples of wrapped ice cream from the manufacturers operating on a large scale are satisfactory, and samples taken predominantly from retailers where the ice cream is manufactured on the premises. Where unsatisfactory results were obtained the methods of manufacture and handling were investigated and further samples taken until satisfactory results were achieved.

Inspection of Food

The following articles were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

Cooked meats and meat products . . .	46 lbs.
Canned meats	128 lbs.
Other canned foods	1,400 lbs.
Fish - fresh	84 lbs.
Fruit and vegetables - fresh	1,080 lbs.
Other food	70 lbs.

SECTION F:

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	4	3	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	6	70	59	3	-	-	138
Infective Jaundice	-	-	7	8	-	3	18
TOTAL = 164							

There were no cases notified in 1969 of the following diseases:-

Acute encephalitis
Acute meningitis
Acute poliomyelitis
Anthrax
Cholera
Diphtheria
Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)
Food Poisoning
Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Paratyphoid Fever
Plague
Relapsing Fever
Smallpox
Tetanus
Tuberculosis
Typhoid Fever
Typhus
Yellow Fever

Notifications 1960 - 1969

Disease	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Scarlet Fever	8	5	14	1	7	6	15	5	5	7
Whooping Cough	94	9	1	5	32	11	-	3	6	1
Measles	19	110	20	908	37	412	250	55	30	138
Pneumonia	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	13	-	1	8	1	-	-	1	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	3	4	1	4	3	2	3	2	2	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	18
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Non.Pul.	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pul.	3	5	5	1	-	3	-	2	-	-
TOTALS =	143	135	44	931	81	436	269	68	50	164

INFLUENZA

The Council offered vaccination against influenza to its staff:
65 out of 174 took advantage of the Council's offer.

IMMUNISATION

The following immunisations were carried out, on children under 16 years of age, during the year:-

Diphtheria and Tetanus:

Primary Injections	3
Reinforcing Injections	355

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough:

Primary Injections	83
Reinforcing Injections	287

Measles:

Primary Vaccination	136
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Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Initial vaccination of 2 injections or 3 doses of oral vaccine	91
Reinforcing procedures	577

Smallpox Vaccination:

Primary Vaccination	174
Re-vaccination	549

B.C.G.:

County Schools -

Andrew Cairns	No.vaccinated	152
Maude Allan	No.vaccinated	167

Private Schools;

Convent of the Holy Family	No. vaccinated	13
Rosemead	No. vaccinated	28

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Cases on Register @ 1.1.69.	26	7	1	2	36
Removals from the Register during 1969	4	1	-	-	4
Cases on Register @ 31.12.69.	22	6	1	2	31

There were no primary notifications, transfers to the district, or deaths during 1969.

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1969

SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL STATISTICS

Month	Sunshine		Rainfall	
	1969 hours	Average hours for 55 years	1969 mm.	Average mm. for 55 years
January	40.7	65.5	73.6	75.7
February	92.9	82.1	55.7	52.6
March	83.7	138.2	71.8	46.2
April	220.8	176.2	34.7	47.2
May	195.0	226.9	77.1	47.0
June	287.2	238.7	18.8	40.9
July	257.8	221.0	51.2	52.8
August	198.5	208.4	50.8	58.0
September	144.1	164.8	10.0	59.9
October	141.6	125.7	1.2	75.2
November	90.7	74.4	148.6	84.0
December	27.9	59.9	78.6	78.0
TOTAL	1780.9	1781.8	672.1	717.5
AVERAGE	148.4	148.4	56.0	59.7

The Meteorological Office publish annually an official ranking list of sunshine recorded at 369 stations in the United Kingdom. In the 1969 list Littlehampton was placed 17th with a total of 1780.5 hours of sunshine.

SUNSHINERAINFALL

	No. of hours	Daily Average	No. of days on which sun was recorded	No. of inches	No. of day 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
1967	1882.5	5.2	310	30.14	158
1968	1656.0	4.5	282	28.11	149
1969	1780.9	4.8	284	26.50	154

TEMPERATURE STATISTICS

Month	Highest Max. Temperature	Lowest Min. Temperature
January	51	28
February	53	21
March	53	25
April	64	31
May	70	35
June	76	41
July	82	47
August	78	49
September	71	41
October	71	34
November	62	24
December	53	24

