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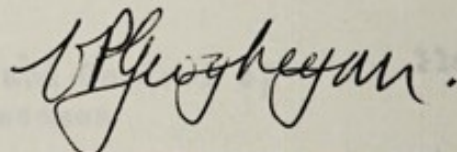
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1961.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to Mr. T. G. Henry and all members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant



Medical Officer of Health.

INTRODUCTION

During 1961 the health of the population continued to be good.

New houses continue to be built in the district. (109 private houses and 12 Council houses were completed in 1961.) In common with other districts on and near the Sussex coast, many of the houses being built are for people who are retiring from their business or profession and whose families have grown up. The Registrar-General in his preliminary report on the 1961 Census comments on the growing migration of elderly and retired people to the South Coast. Clearly this is a situation which must be acknowledged and for which adequate forward provision must be made. Many of these old people will, as they get older, become unable to live independently and will progressively need more community care. Some will need only partial help in their own homes, some will need special housing in which they are partly relieved of the burden of household cleaning, heating and cooking, others will need institutional care as fit but feeble, and yet others will fall ill and become chronic hospital patients needing nursing.

There are at present too few old peoples' bungalows and flats where some care and supervision is arranged, not enough places in welfare homes for present needs, and a shortage of geriatric hospital beds that is a constant worry to everyone in close touch with the problem. These are the simple facts and the future can hold nothing but a progressively increasing gap between the need and the provision.

The fact that three different authorities, the Hospital Boards, the Welfare authority (the County Council) and the Housing authority (the District Council) are each responsible for the provision of accommodation appropriate to their function not only complicates the administration but tempts each authority to blame the others for any resultant defects. Thus a shortage of Welfare accommodation to which recovered hospital patients could be transferred, results in a shortage of hospital beds due to "misuse" by patients who cannot be discharged. Similarly, a deficiency of special old peoples' houses or flats fills the Welfare accommodation with people who could live independently if there were places for them. Each authority can with some truth allege that its own provision would be adequate if only the other two would provide more, and consequently each is liable to feel that any great expansion of its own accommodation is unfairly relieving the others of their responsibilities. Co-ordination of effort in such circumstances is inevitably difficult, and when coupled with the separate authorities' anxiety not to spend more than is necessary, almost impossible.

Making the best use of the accommodation that there is in the area is the best that the various authorities can hope to achieve at present and the Geriatric Assessment Committee which meets monthly

is a co-operative effort which does achieve a little in this direction.

The outbreak of smallpox in the North of England in December reawakened an interest in vaccination throughout the country. Now that air transport has so greatly reduced the travelling time between tropical countries and the British Isles, it is almost impossible to prevent occasional infective cases arriving here. Parents should take seriously their responsibility for ensuring that all their children are vaccinated in the first year of life. If this is done, revaccination in later years is much simpler and the chance of severe reactions greatly reduced.

Section I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The District is an agricultural and residential one occupying the North-Western corner of West Sussex. The Counties of Hampshire and Surrey lie to the West and North respectively, Chichester Rural District to the South, and Petworth to the East.

Apart from agriculture, there are other minor industries providing employment, and holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	.. .. .	67,035
Number of Parishes	.. .. .	25
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population:		
	1960 mid-year	17,150
	1961 mid-year	17,520
Number of Dwellings	.. .. .	5,903
Rateable Value (March 1962)	.. .. .	£244,059
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March 1962)	.. .. .	£ 960

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						Birth Rate per 1,000 Population				
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	Wales
		M	F	Number	%					
1960	229	107	122	14	6.11	13.35	14.41	13.9	15.1	17.1
1961	227	122	105	15	6.60	12.95	13.98	13.8	14.9	17.4

Stillbirths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Rate per 1000 total (live & still) Births		Rate per 1000 population	
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)				Midhurst R. D.	England and Wales	Midhurst R. D.	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F				
1960	3	-	3	12.93	19.8	0.17	0.34
1961	5	2	3	21.55	19.1	0.28	0.33

Vital Statistics (contd)

Total (live and still) Births

<u>1961</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Live Births ..	122	105	227
	Still Births ..	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	TOTAL BIRTHS:	<u>124</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>232</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate.		R.D.'s	U.D.'s.	
		M	F					
1960	5	4	1	1	21.83	18.5	21.2	21.9
1961	5	3	2	1	22.02	16.9	18.6	21.6

Infant Mortality Rates - Midhurst Rural District		
Year	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births
1960	9.30	71.42
1961	18.86	66.6

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Total Deaths	3	3	3	3	8	6
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	13.21	13.10	13.21	13.10		
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births					34.48	25.86

Vital Statistics (contd.)

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1960	Nil	-	-	0.17	0.39
1961	Nil	-	0.4	-	0.33

Deaths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES	
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
		M	F					
1960	286	128	158	16.67	10.50	13.8	14.6	11.5
1961	249	119	130	14.21	9.09	14.0	14.9	12.0

When dealing with a small population such as that of this District, a certain random fluctuation from year to year in birth and death rates is to be expected. This is illustrated by the figures for the last ten years shown on Page 11.

Of the total deaths recorded during 1961, 206 or 83% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; 152 or 61% in persons aged 75 years or over, and 62 or 25% in persons aged 85 years or over.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were:-

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
(i) Diseases of heart & circulatory system	92(37%)	104(36%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system	49(20%)	68(24%)
(iii) Neoplasms (growths)	45(18%)	44(15%)
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	28(11%)	24(8%)

These four causes accounted for 214 or 86% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1961.

During the year deaths exceeded births by 22, and the Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid 1961 showed an increase of 370 over the 1960 estimate.

Vital Statistics (contd.)

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0.11	0.11
Tuberculosis (Other Forms) ..	NIL	NIL
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	1.59	1.39
Cancer	2.56	2.56
Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough & Diphtheria)	NIL	NIL
Number of Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years)	NIL	NIL

Table of causes of Death at different periods of Life - 1961

Sl. No.	Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks							Years						
				0-4	4-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75-85	85+		
	ALL CAUSES	M	119	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	4	17	33	37	24	
		F	130	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	3	9	21	53	38		
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	
10	Malignant neoplasms stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	
11	Ditto lung, bronchus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	
12	Ditto breast	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	
13	Ditto uterus	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	1	1	
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	-	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
15	Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
16	Diabetes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	9	8	
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	10	10	
		F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11	4	3	
18	Coronary disease, angina	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	6	9	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
19	Hypertension with heart disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	3	
20	Other heart disease	M	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	5	
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	
21	Other circulatory disease	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	14	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
22	Influenza	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	
		F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	
23	Pneumonia	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
24	Bronchitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31	Congenital malformations	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32	Other defined & ill-defined diseases	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	
33	Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34	All other accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35	Suicide	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

No deaths were recorded as due to:- (2) Tuberculosis, other; (3) Syphilitic disease; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough; (6) Meningococcal infections; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis; (8) Measles; (9) Other infective and parasitic diseases; (28) Nephritis and nephrosis; (29) Hyperplasia of prostate; (30) Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion; (36) Homicide and operations of war.

Table showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1952 - 1961

Year	Estimated Population	Total Live Births			Birth Rate			Total Deaths			Death Rate			Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural increase population
		M	F	Total	Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	M	F	Total	Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	M	F	Total		
		1952.	16,750	106	104	210	12.53	1.10	13.78	105	101	206	12.29	0.78	9.58	4		
1953	16,820	125	109	234	13.91	1.10	15.30	130	117	247	14.68	0.78	11.45	5	1	6	25.64	-13
1954	16,960	121	112	233	13.73	1.09	14.96	141	114	255	15.03	0.73	10.97	2	2	4	17.16	-22
1955	16,980	147	115	262	15.42	1.09	16.80	126	123	249	14.66	0.73	10.70	2	1	3	11.45	13
1956	16,980	114	106	220	12.95	1.09	14.11	149	184	283	16.66	0.58	9.66	-	5	5	22.72	-63
1957	16,990	100	111	211	12.41	1.08	13.40	122	114	236	13.89	0.66	9.16	1	1	2	9.47	-25
1958	16,940	102	115	217	12.80	1.08	13.82	137	124	261	15.40	0.60	9.24	1	2	3	13.82	-44
1959	17,010	130	119	249	14.63	1.08	15.80	151	101	252	14.81	0.59	8.73	-	-	-	-	- 3
1960	17,150	107	122	229	13.35	1.08	14.41	128	158	286	16.67	0.63	10.50	4	1	5	21.83	-57
1961	17,520	122	105	227	12.95	1.08	13.98	119	130	249	14.21	0.64	9.09	3	2	5	21.55	-22

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Hospitals

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment in the District are as follows:-

King Edward VII Sanatorium, Easebourne.
Chichester Isolation Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester
Midhurst Cottage Hospital
Petworth Cottage Hospital
Haslemere Hospital
Petersfield Hospital
Horsham General Hospital
Worthing Hospital
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea
Sussex Maternity & Women's Hospital, Brighton
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital

Except for the King Edward VII Sanatorium, all the above are administered by the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

Laboratory Service

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1961 were as follows:-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Number Examined</u>
(a) Ice Cream	19
(b) Milk (Pathological) ..	138
(c) Milk (Biological) ..	11
(d) Water	171
TOTAL:	<u>339</u>

Ambulances

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst, Petworth and Haslemere. The Hampshire Ambulance Service provides assistance in the Harting area.

The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

General Provision of Health Services (contd.)

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Ante-Natal Clinics	-	held at Petworth
Infant Welfare Centres	-	held at Camelsdale, Midhurst and Petworth.
Infant Weighing Centres	-	held at Fernhurst, Graffham, Lodsworth, Harting, Heyshott, Northchapel, Rogate and Stedham.
School Clinic (Minor Ailments))	
)	
Orthopaedic Clinic	)	held at Chichester
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	held at Chichester and Midhurst.
Eye Clinic	-	held at Chichester
Chest Clinic	-	held at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

Nursing Homes.

Five Nursing Homes in the District are registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936, providing a total accommodation for 160 patients, mostly for aged chronic cases.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 47.

No action was necessary.

Section 50.

One burial was carried out during the year.

Section III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

During the year all water undertakings under the Midhurst Rural District Council were transferred to the North West Sussex Water Board and this Board are the new undertakers from the 1st April, 1961. Briefly, the North West Sussex Water Board supplies the southern half of the district and the Wey Valley Water Company the northern part. These two Water Undertakers provide main water to all parishes in the district, 4,944 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estates supply water to 866 houses.

Details of the supplies in each of the Parishes as at 31st December, 1961, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

NORTH WEST SUSSEX WATER BOARD UNDERTAKERS

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, Heyshott, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

During the year the Board laid 135 yards of 4" cast iron main in Egmont Road, Easebourne, in connection with Council housing estate development.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,410.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Elsted, Harting, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Treyford, Trotton and Woolbeding.

During the year 60 yards of 4" asbestos cement main was laid at Milland to supply a private housing estate being developed.

1,251 houses are supplied by this scheme.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Easebourne, East Lavington, Graffham, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, South Ambersham and Tillington.

During the year some 3,550 yards of asbestos cement main were laid from Crossways in the Parish of Lurgashall to Parkways, Tillington.

This source supplies 683 houses.

All the above three sources of supply are inter-connected.

At the time of writing this report the North West Sussex Water Board were making arrangements to supply dwellings in the Parishes of Cocking, Heyshott and Bepton now supplied by Private Estates. The number supplied by Private Estate should, therefore, be considerably reduced in the coming year.

Water Supply (contd.)

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Harting, Iping, Linchmere, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, Rogate and Trotton.

During the year 690 yards of 4" asbestos cement main was laid in the Durford Wood area of the Parish of Rogate.

The total number of houses supplied is 1,558.

Water Analyses.

A total of 171 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination and the following table gives details of the results obtained:-

Source	No. of Samples Taken	E x a m i n a t i o n			
		Bacteriological		Chemical	
		S	U	S	U
Midhurst R.D.C. Mains Wey Valley Water Company Mains	48	39	6	3	-
Private Estate Supplies	34	24	2	8	-
Individual Private Supplies	81	61	20	-	-
	8	3	5	-	-
TOTALS:	171	127	33	11	-

Note: S = Satisfactory. U = Unsatisfactory

Drainage and Sewerage

Stedham Sewerage

During the year main drainage schemes to serve Stedham and Iping Village were approved by the Ministry and work on the schemes was commenced early in 1962.

State of Household Sanitation in the District:

Houses with water closets drained to sewers	-	3,063 (51.9%)
Houses with water closets drained to septic tanks and cesspools	-	2,254 (38.2%)
Houses with earth, pail or chemical closets	-	586 (9.9%)

Total Dwellings: 5,903

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Houses drained to the Council's Sewers:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Drainage Scheme</u>	<u>Houses Drained to sewer</u>	<u>Number of Houses in Parish</u>
Chithurst	Chorley Common	4)	81
	Cartersland Corner	12)	
Cocking	Cocking	98	163
Heyshott	Cocking	1)	126
	Austens and Bakersfield	17)	
Elsted	Hill View	14	64
Graffham	Woodcote	10)	200
	Guillods	22)	
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	469	569
Midhurst	- ditto -	719	728
West Lavington	- ditto -	80	160
Woolbeding	- ditto -	2)	70
	Claypit	4)	
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	333)	788
	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	211)	
Linchmere	- ditto -	392	514
North Ambersham	- ditto -	16	63
Lodsworth	Berryfield	2)	201
	Barnfield	6)	
	Beechfield	6)	
Lurgashall	Lurgashall Village	34	194
Harting	Harting	234)	449
	Furze Meadow	12)	
	Knightsfield	4)	
	Nyewood	26)	
Rogate	Knowles Meadow	18)	503
	Rogate Village	149)	
Trotton	Mill Lane	30	173
Stedham	Great House Farm	31	208
Tillington	Tillington	135	232
TOTALS:		<u>3,091</u>	<u>5,486</u>

In addition to the drainage schemes carried out in the Parishes mentioned in the table above, drainage schemes are required at North Bepton, the Cocking Causeway area of the Parishes of Cocking and West Lavington, Selham Road and Church Lane in the Parish of West Lavington, Lodsworth Village, Graffham, Heyshott, Hill Brow, Rake and Elsted.

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

The refuse collection service provided by the Council is as follows:-

<u>ONCE WEEKLY:</u>	Midhurst; Easebourne (Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School only, and Dodsley); West Lavington (Chichester Road - South Pond to Station only).
<u>FORTNIGHTLY:</u>	Bepton; Chithurst; Cocking; Easebourne (except Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School, and Dodsley); East Lavington; Elsted; Fernhurst; Graffham; Harting; Heyshott; Iping; Linch; Linchmere; Lodsworth; Lurgashall; North Ambersham; Rogate; South Ambersham; Stedham; Tillington; Treyford; Trotton; West Lavington (except Chichester Road - South Pond to Station); Woolbeding.

All refuse is deposited on the tip at Holmbush. Room for tipping at Holmbush, however, is coming to an end and the Council are arranging for a new refuse tip at the sand pit at Pendean in the Parish of West Lavington.

During the year a new Chaseside Loadmaster Tractor Shovel was purchased in connection with controlled tipping at the Midhurst refuse tip, and a new 12 cub. yd. Gibson Pendulum Compression refuse collection vehicle was acquired.

Cesspool Emptying Service.

This work is carried out by the Council's own vehicle and where required four free emptyings a year are given. During the year 925 cesspools were emptied giving a total of 1,236 loads.

Shops Act, 1950

Forty-seven visits were made to shops and offices.

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the area.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Licences were granted under this Act in respect of thirteen sites. The sites were generally for individual caravans with the exception of two where the maximum number of caravans stationable were 150 and 10 respectively, during the summer months.

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959 - Part I

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	16	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	48	53	10	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises.	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	66	69	12	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Reme- died. (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp. (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate vent. (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences(S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	4	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or def.	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	12	10	-	-	-

Factories Acts (contd.)

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

No outworkers were notified.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

During the year 1,207 infestations were dealt with and some 9,332 rats and 2,170 mice were destroyed.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district at which rag flock is used or sold.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district licensed under this Act.

Schools

All the schools in the district have waterborne sanitation and 17 visits were made to school premises.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Visits made:

Housing - first visits	..	..	..	735
Housing - re-visits	..	..	..	1,310
Housing applications	..	..	..	219
Overcrowding	..	..	..	136
Drainage and sanitary conveniences	..	..	..	1,038
Water supplies	..	..	..	253
Privies, ditches and cesspools	..	..	..	283
Refuse and accumulations	..	..	..	32
Verminous premises	..	..	..	8
Rats and Mice Destruction	..	..	..	6,631
Schools	..	..	..	17
Moveable Dwellings	..	..	..	96
Factories Act	..	..	..	69
Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	10
Shops Act	..	..	..	47
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops and Other				
Food Premises	..	..	..	504
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..	..	..	116
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	64
TOTAL VISITS				<u>11,568</u>

Sanitary Inspection of the Area (contd.)

Complaints received	62
Informal Notices served	237
Informal Notices Complied with	263
Statutory Notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936	5
Statutory Notices served under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936	3
Statutory Notices complied with	9

Summary of Sanitary Work and Improvements under Public Health and Housing Acts

Baths provided	93
Ceilings repaired or renewed	66
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	46
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed	49
Damp walls remedied	62
Doors repaired or renewed	37
Drainage systems cleared or repaired	41
Drainage systems provided	91
Firegrates repaired or renewed	56
Food Stores provided or repaired	54
Foul accumulations removed	1
Floors repaired or renewed	78
Fuel Stores provided or repaired	33
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	72
Hot and cold water systems provided	93
Houses cleansed and redecorated	55
Plaster repaired or renewed	59
Refuse bins provided	22
Roofs repaired or renewed	92
Sinks provided	70
Stairs repaired or renewed	24
Verminous premises disinfected	8
Water supplies laid on into dwellings	40
Water closets provided or repaired	118
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired	62
Walls repaired	49
Wash-hand basins provided	91
Yard paving provided or repaired	28

Midhurst Rural District - Water Supplies, 1961

Parish	Area (Acres)	Estim- ated Popul- ation	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs or Rainwater Tanks
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bpton	1910	270	101	51	49	1
Chithurst	1200	230	81	71	6	4
Cocking	2596	490	163	84	78	1
Easebourne	4214	1780	569	372	197	-
East Lavington	1977	330	85	29	55	1
Elsted	1840	200	64	59	3	2
Fernhurst	4950	2330	788	749	33	6
Graffham	2137	480	200	113	85	2
Harting	7946	1280	449	390	48	11
Heyshott	2184	330	126	6	118	2
Iping	2235	390	136	122	12	2
Linch	850	70	27	13	11	3
Linchmere	2066	1510	514	502	10	2
Lodsworth	2441	540	201	196	3	2
Lurgashall	4815	520	194	132	45	17
Midhurst	669	2230	728	728	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	310	63	46	17	-
Rogate	5692	1570	503	486	8	9
South Ambersham	1502	110	32	11	18	3
Stedham	2493	640	208	169	36	3
Tillington	3816	630	232	222	4	6
Treyford	2098	100	36	30	2	4
Trotton	3707	490	173	154	14	5
West Lavington	678	480	160	157	3	-
Woolbeding	1851	210	70	52	11	7
TOTALS	67035	17520	5903	4944	866	93
Percentage of Total Dwellings				83%	15%	2%
				98%		

Estimated population deriving water from:

(a) Public Mains	..	..	..	..	14,675
(b) Private Estate Mains	..	..	..	..	2,570
(c) Other Sources	..	..	..	..	275

Section IV

HOUSING

At the close of 1961, the Council's list of housing applicants showed 391 outstanding cases as compared with 349 in 1960.

New houses completed during the year totalled 121 (109 private, 12 Council).

Housing Act, 1957.

Action was taken under Section 16 of this Act which resulted in one Undertaking being accepted, and five Closing Orders and ten Demolition Orders being made.

Ten houses were demolished during the year.

Improvement Grants

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Discretionary Grants

Under the "Discretionary" Grant Scheme grant can be obtained up to one-half of the cost of carrying out the improvements subject to a maximum of £400, the dwelling on completion of the works being brought up to a definite standard laid down. As its name implies, the giving of grant under this scheme is entirely at the discretion of the Council, but in the case of a refusal the Council must give its reasons.

During the year applications were received for the improvement of 54 dwellings. Of these, 51 were approved, and 3 were under consideration.

The number of houses reconditioned during 1961 with the aid of this grant was 64. Since the Act came into force the number of houses completed is 386.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

Under the "Standard" Grant Scheme it is compulsory for the Council to give grants not exceeding one-half of the cost and up to a maximum of £155 for the provision of bath, water closet, washhand basin, hot and cold water system and larder, the maximum to be reduced by £25 if there is a bath in existence, by £40 if there is a water closet, by £5 if there is a washhand basin, by £75 if there is a hot and cold water system, and by £10 if there is a larder, subject to the dwelling in question being fit after the above amenities have been provided.

During the year applications were received in respect of 13 dwellings, and improvements have been carried out with the aid of this grant at 12 dwellings. Since the Act came into force the total number of houses completed is 21.

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were received during the year for Certificates of Disrepair.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise

The 109 houses built privately during 1961 are situated in the following parishes:-

Chithurst	1	Linch	2
Cocking	1	Linchmere	7
Easebourne	4	Lodsworth	1
East Lavington	2	Lurgashall	1
Fernhurst	11	Midhurst	47
Graffham	7	Rogate	6
Harting	2	Stedham	5
Heyshott	2	Trotton	1
Iping	7	West Lavington	2

Requisitioned Premises

There were no properties under requisition during 1961.

Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 735

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 2,045

(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation 211

2. Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority 207

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 8

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:

(a) By owners 9

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

(b) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 10

Action under Statutory Powers (contd.)

	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	10
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that works will be carried out to render the house fit for human habitation	1
	(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	5
4.	<u>Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding</u>	
	(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	3
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ..	5
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ..	21
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1961	4
	(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1961	1
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	10
	(d) Particulars of any such case in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding	Nil

Houses Erected by the Local Authority

Parish and Address	Pre-War	1947 1960	1961	Former Hsg.Soc.	Grand Total
CHITHURST - Chorley Common Cottages	4	-	-	-	
Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	-	16
COCKING - Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	-	-
The Croft	-	43	-	-	51
EASEBOURNE - Canada Cottages	12	-	-	-	
Cowdray Road	-	34	-	-	
Fox Road	-	20	-	-	
Montague Road	-	32	-	-	
Egmont Road	-	12	-	6	116
ELSTED - Hill View Cottages	4	8	-	-	12
FERNHURST - Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	-	
Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	-	
Nappers Wood	-	110	-	-	156
GRAFFHAM - Woodcote Cottages	5	2	-	-	
Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	-	29
Totals c/fwd.	39	335	-	6	380

Parish and Address		Pre-War	1947-1960	1961	Former Hsg.Soc.	Grand Total
	Total b/fwd.	39	335	-	6	380
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Wellfield Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	62	-	-	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	12	-	-	90
HEYSHOTT	- Austens Cottages	4	4	-	-	
	Leggatts Cottages	-	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	16
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- The Spinney	-	6	-	-	
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	82	-	-	88
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	-	
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	-	12
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	4	12	-	20
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	-	
	June Meadow	-	12	-	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	-	
	June Rise	-	-	-	8	54
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	36	-	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	18	-	-	
	Terwick Rise	-	18	-	-	76
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	-	10
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cotts.	4	-	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	28	-	-	32
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	12	18	-	-	30
WEST LAVINGTON	Taylor's Field Cottages	-	48	-	-	
	Taylor's Rise	-	-	-	8	56
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
TOTALS:		113	725	12	22	872

Houses Purchased by the Local Authority:

1 Austens Cottages, Heyshott (formerly C.278, Heyshott)	1
Foundry Cottages, Heyshott.	8
1, 2 and 3 Gibbs Cottages, Camelsdale	3
St. Richard's Flats, June Lane, Midhurst	8
2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Railway Terrace, Midhurst	5
Sandroek Flats, Petersfield Road, Midhurst	3

TOTAL:

900

Section V

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of:

Inspections of dairies and milk premises ..	116
Producer Distributors with farms in the District	7
Retail dairies (not producing milk) in the District	3
Milk distributors with dairies outside the District	9

Eighty-eight samples of milk taken from distributors during the year were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 86 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Fifty samples of Pasteurised Milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, and 49 of these were satisfactory.

Eleven samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the district were submitted for biological examination and reported free from Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods

Most of the meat consumed in the district is slaughtered elsewhere, supplies being delivered mainly from Chichester, Petersfield, Haslemere and London.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops etc. in the district, together with details of inspections of these premises carried out during the year:-

Number of:-

Butchers Shops	7
Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption.	8
Visits made to the above premises	224
Premises registered for the sale of ice cream	67
Visits made to ice cream premises	69

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

Twenty-three samples of Ice Cream were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. All were satisfactory.

Bakehouses

There are 5 bakehouses in use in the district and during the year 13 inspections were made.

Other Food Premises

Details of other food premises in the district, together with inspections made during the year, are set out herewith:-

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels and Guest Houses	18
Visits made to such premises ..	82
Grocers and General Stores	45
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops	3
Greengrocery Shops	6
Sweet Shops	7
Visits to such premises	129

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

All food premises in the district are inspected from time to time and every opportunity is taken to impress on all concerned the need for cleanliness of persons, premises and utensils.

Forty-seven informal notices were served during the year and most of these were complied with.

Proceedings were also instituted against the occupier of a bakehouse in respect of the following contraventions and fines as given were imposed:-

Article 5 - Food business carried on at insanitary premises, the condition of which exposed food to the risk of contamination:	£10 0s 0d
Article 6 - Dirty articles of equipment:	£1 0s 0d
Article 17 - No first-aid materials:	£1 0s 0d
Article 19 - Dirty Sink:	£1 0s 0d
Article 23 - Dirty floor and woodwork:	£1 0s 0d
Article 24 - Accumulations of refuse in food room:	£1 0s 0d

Meat and Other Foods condemned at Food Shops

Lamb	64 lbs.
Ox Tongue (1 tin)	2 lbs.
Corned Beef (1 tin)	6 lbs.
Peeled Tomatoes (24 tins)	52½ lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

Three slaughtermen are licensed under the provisions of this Act.

Section VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Details of notifications of infectious diseases received during 1961 are set out on Page 31.

The majority of parents now recognise the wisdom of accepting for their babies the full programme of protective inoculations against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox during the first two years of life. The list is a formidable one but there can be very little doubt as to the effectiveness of the protection given. Parents who fail to make use of the facilities available are exposing their children to serious and unnecessary risks.

Cancer

Deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 45 (24 males, 21 females) - 44 deaths in 1960. The Cancer Death Rate is 2.56 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.56 in 1960. Corresponding rates for England and Wales, the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.15, 2.6, 2.6 and 2.5 respectively.

Localisation of the Disease

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain	2	-	2
Alimentary Tract and Digestive System:			
Larynx	1	-	1
Thyroid	1	-	1
Oesophagus	-	1	1
Stomach	4	1	5
Colon	3	3	6
Rectum	1	-	1
Liver	1	-	1
Pancreas	1	1	2
Respiratory System:			
Lung, Bronchus	4	1	5
Urinary Organs:			
Bladder	-	2	2
Kidney	-	1	1
Male Genital Organs:			
Prostate	2	-	2
Female Genital Organs:			
Ovary	-	1	1
Uterus	-	3	3
Breast	-	5	5
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Other Sites	2	1	3
TOTALS:	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>45</u>

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1961, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Immunisation. Immunisation against Diphtheria is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics or by the General Practitioners and set out herewith are details of injections given during 1961:-

	Year	Primary Injections		Reinforcing Injections
		Children Born		
		1957-1961	1947-1956	
Diphtheria	1961	-	5	122
Diphtheria and Whooping Cough	1961	2	1	1
Diphtheria and Tetanus	1961	-	5	60
Triple Antigen	1961	229	17	99
	TOTALS	231	28	282

Measles

273 Notifications of Measles were received during 1961 (5 in 1960).

Pneumonia

12 Cases of Pneumonia were notified (Nil in 1960).

Notifications of this disease bear little relationship to its incidence however. There were 17 deaths registered as due to Pneumonia.

Tuberculosis

Eight cases were added to the Register (5 primary notifications and 3 cases moving into the district as transfers from other areas).

Ten cases were removed from the Register and 2 deaths were recorded as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the year is 0.11 per 1,000 of the home population (0.11 in 1960). The death rate for the Administrative County is 0.04.

The table overleaf gives details of the number of cases on the Register.

Tuberculosis (contd.)

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1961.

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (All Forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register at 1st January 1961.	35	37	72	5	4	9	40	41	81
Cases restored to Register in 1961.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Notifications received in 1961.	2	1	3	-	2	2	2	3	5
Cases moved into area as transfers	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
TOTALS:	38	40	78	5	6	11	43	46	89
Cases removed from Register in 1961	6	4	10	-	-	-	6	4	10
Number on Register at 31st December 1961	32	36	68	5	6	11	37	42	79

The following table shows the number of cases added to the Register annually for the last ten years, together with details of the total cases on the Register during this period:-

Year	Cases added to the Register			Total cases on Register at 31st December		
	Total	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary.
1952	20	15	5	74	57	17
1953	11	10	1	71	53	18
1954	8	7	1	58	46	12
1955	15	14	1	68	56	12
1956	6	6	-	66	56	10
1957	4	4	-	62	54	8
1958	12	12	-	71	63	8
1959	8	8	-	76	68	8
1960	12	10	2	81	72	9
1961	8	6	2	79	68	11

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1961

Disease	Cases Notified		Total Deaths	Age Distribution of Notified Cases											
	M	F		Total	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-
					0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Tuberculosis - Resp. Non-Resp.	2	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	
Whooping Cough	1	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Measles	133	140	273	-	1	15	14	13	26	157	40	3	4	-	
Dysentery	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Pneumonia	8	4	12	17	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	
Food Poisoning	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Erysipelas	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
TOTALS:	148	149	297	19	2	16	15	13	26	159	42	4	8	7	5

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases:-

Cholera	Plague	Poliomyelitis
Diphtheria	Membranous Croup	Puerperal Pyrexia
Encephalitis	Meningococcal Infection	Relapsing Fever
Enteric Fevers	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Smallpox
Malaria		Typhus Fever

Infectious Disease Notifications 1952 - 1961

Disease	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Dysentery	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	1
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fevers (Typhoid (Paratyphoid	-	-	-	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	1
Measles	10	306	1	113	366	40	42	122	5	273
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	6	13	8	19	5	10	2	11	-	12
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic (Non-Paralytic	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	6	3	1	2	3	4	-	3	1
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary (Non-Pulmonary	9	6	4	4	2	2	6	4	8	3
Whooping Cough	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2
	13	76	14	16	32	14	3	-	14	3

