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for the Year 1964

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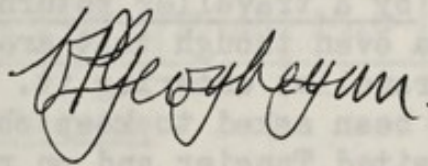
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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 1964.

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

There is some confusion amongst the public, travelling abroad either on business or for holidays, as to the necessity or advisability for protective inoculations.

In the first place effective courses of inoculation against some diseases require several weeks for their completion so that advice should be sought as far in advance of a projected journey as is possible. Secondly, protection against Smallpox, Cholera and Yellow Fever is the subject of international agreement and entry into or travel through some countries is consequently only permitted if the traveller can produce the necessary up-to-date International Certificate or Certificates. Without, he may be refused entry or transit.

International Certificates are not required for travel in Europe but the question often arises "Is it wise to have oneself protected before travelling abroad and if so against what diseases?" The answer to this question is that Smallpox and the Enteric (Typhoid) diseases are the ones to be considered. Taking the second group first there have been so many cases of Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers in England and Wales recently whose origin has been traced to European countries that anyone going abroad at all, particularly to Spain, Portugal, Italy, Yugoslavia, and Greece would be wise to be inoculated with T.A.B. vaccine in good time before travelling.

As far as Smallpox is concerned, in Europe the need for protection is not so great. Nevertheless, Smallpox is more common outside Britain and an up-to-date Smallpox vaccination is worth the slight inconvenience it may entail. Furthermore, there is a requirement with regard to Smallpox vaccination which is not sufficiently publicised. An International Certificate of Vaccination is required to be produced by a traveller returning to Britain if he has been to an Endemic Area even though that area may not require such a certificate for the traveller entering it. On several occasions the Health Department has been asked to keep observation on a person who, whilst on holiday, visited Tangier and on return home had not produced a valid certificate. North Africa is an endemic area and a certificate is required when returning from there to Britain.

Lastly, all International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera have to be stamped by the Local Health Department otherwise they are invalid.

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:					
	1963	mid-year			17,890
	1964	mid-year			18,070
Number of Dwellings	..	..	..	..	6,187
Rateable Value (March 1965)	..	..	..	..	£669,249
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March 1965)	..			..	£ 2,604

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		Rural	Urban	
		M	F	Number	%		Corr.			
1963	265	153	112	15	5.66	14.81	16.58	14.6	15.3	18.2
1964	250	121	129	12	4.8	13.83	15.48	15.0	15.1	18.4

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				
1963	4	4	-	14.87	17.3	0.22	0.32
1964	3	-	3	11.85	16.3	0.16	0.30

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

<u>1964</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Live births ..	121	129	250
	Still births ..	-	3	3
		<u>121</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>253</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					
1963	5	4	1	-	18.86	15.3	19.4	20.9
1964	6	5	1	1	24.00	19.6	14.4	20.0

Infant Mortality Rates - Midhurst Rural District

Year	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births
1963	20.00	-
1964	21.0	83.33

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963
Total Deaths	6	4	5	3	8	7
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	24.00	15.09	20.00	11.32		
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births					31.62	26.02

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.	
1963	Nil	-	-	-	0.28
1964	Nil	-	0.4	0.5	0.5

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					
1963	353	163	190	19.73	12.82	15.0	16.0	12.2
1964	306	139	167	16.93	11.00	13.3	13.9	11.3

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 10.

Of the total deaths recorded during 1964, 248 or 81% occurred in persons aged 55 years or over; and 182 or 60% in persons aged 75 years or over.

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

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
(i) Diseases of heart & circulatory system	104 (34%)	163 (46%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system	57 (19%)	71 (20%)
(iii) Neoplasms (growths)	51 (17%)	48 (13%)
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	45 (15%)	40 (11%)

These four causes accounted for 257 or 84% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1964.

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

During the year deaths exceeded births by 56, and the Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid 1964 showed an increase of 180 over the 1963 estimate.

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0.05	0.05
Tuberculosis (Other Forms) ..	Nil	Nil
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	2.49	2.23
Cancer	2.82	2.68

Number of Deaths from:

Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough & Diphtheria)	Nil	1
Death Rate per 1,000 population	-	0.05
Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years)	Nil	1
Death Rate per 1,000 live births	-	3.77

Table of causes of Death at different periods of Life - 1964

No.	Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks										Years										Total																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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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; (13) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus; (22) Influenza; (30) Pregnancy, etc; (36) Homicide and operations of war.

Table showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1955 - 1964

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		
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
1962	17,890	113	116	229	12.80	1.08	13.82	132	168	300	16.77	0.56	9.39	-	-	-	-	-71
1963	17,890	153	112	265	14.81	1.12	16.58	163	190	353	19.73	0.65	12.82	4	1	5	18.86	-88
1964	18,070	121	129	250	13.83	1.12	15.48	139	167	306	16.93	0.65	11.00	5	1	6	24.00	-56

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 Hospital, Easebourne.
Royal West Sussex Hospital, ISOLATION, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester.
Royal West Sussex Hospital, ST. RICHARDS, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester.
Royal West Sussex Hospital, BROYLE ROAD, 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 Hospital, 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 1964 were as follows:-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>		<u>Number Examined</u>
(a) Milk (Pathological)	..	132
(b) Milk (Biological)	..	8
(c) Water	..	121
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	TOTAL:-	261
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Ambulances

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service, including the hospital car service, and ambulances operate from Midhurst and Haslemere.

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

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.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Infant Welfare Centres	-	held at Camelsdale, Midhurst and Petworth.
Infant Weighing Centres	-	held at Fernhurst, Graffham, Lodsworth, Harting, Milland, Northchapel, and Rogate.
Orthopaedic Clinic	-	held at Chichester.
Eye Clinic	-	held at Chichester.
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	held at Chichester, Midhurst and in schools.
Chest Clinic	-	held at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.
Veneral Diseases Clinics	-	held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.
Dental Clinic	-	Mobile Dental Unit operates in the area.
Audiology Clinic	-	held at Chichester.

Nursing Homes.

Four 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 149 patients, mostly for aged chronic cases.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 47 - No action was necessary during the year.

Section 50 - No burials were carried out during the year.

Section III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

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, 5,531 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estates supply water to 597 houses.

Details of the supplies in each of the Parishes as at 31st December, 1964, 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, Easebourne, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

During the year 260 yards of 4" asbestos cement main was laid at Taylors Farm Housing Site, and a length of 6" main was re-laid at Heath Barn Farm, Woolbeding, in connection with the County Council's road works.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,526.

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

During the year 160 yards of 3" asbestos cement main was laid at Eastfield Lane, East Harting, and a length of 3" main was re-laid at Maidenmarsh, Rogate, in connection with the County Council's road works.

1,357 houses are supplied by this scheme.

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

During the year 200 yards of 4" asbestos cement main was laid at Greengates Housing Site, Lurgashall, and 50 yards of 3" asbestos cement main at Cocking Primary School.

Water Supply (Contd.)

This source supplies 965 houses.

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

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

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

During the year 760 yards of 6" asbestos cement main was laid from Fernhurst Cross Roads to Ashurst Farm, and 578 yards of 4" asbestos cement main, 10 yards of 3" asbestos cement main, and 34 yards of 2" asbestos cement main at West Close Estate, Fernhurst.

The total number of houses supplied is 1,639.

PRIVATE ESTATE WATER SUPPLIES.

There are still 597 houses supplied by Private Estates and most of these supplies are chlorinated.

Water Analyses.

A total of 121 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
North West Sussex Water Board Mains	40	35	2	3	-
Wey Valley Water Company Mains	34	26	1	7	-
Private Estate Supplies	45	36	9	-	-
Individual Private Supplies	2	1	1	-	-
TOTAL:	121	98	13	10	-

Note: S = Satisfactory. U = Unsatisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

State of Household Sanitation in the District:

Houses with water closets drained to sewers	-	3,413 (55.2%)
Houses with water closets drained to septic tanks and cesspools	-	2,407 (38.9%)
Houses with earth, pail or chemical closets	-	367 (5.9%)
Total Dwellings:		<u>6,187</u>

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)	83
	Cartersland Corner	12)	
Cocking	Cocking	110	169
Heyshott	Cocking	1)	129
	Austens and Bakersfield	20)	
Elsted	Hill View	14	65
Graffham	Woodcote	10)	206
	Guillods	23)	
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	471	572
Midhurst	-ditto-	765	774
West Lavington	-ditto-	150	230
Woolbeding	-ditto-	2)	67
	Claypit	4)	
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	348)	828
	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	223)	
Linchmere	-ditto-	409	532
North Ambersham	-ditto-	17	66
Lodsworth	Berryfield	2)	206
	Barnfield	6)	
	Beechfield	6)	195
Lurgashall	Lurgashall Village	37	461
Harting	Harting	251)	
	Furze Meadow	12)	557
	Knightsfield	4)	
	Nyewood	29)	178
Rogate	Knowles Meadow	18)	
	Rogate Village	208)	207
Trotton	Mill Lane	30	153
Stedham	Stedham and Iping	93	228
Iping	-ditto-	10	
Tillington	Tillington	140	
		<u>3,429</u>	<u>5,906</u>

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

The main drainage scheme for Stedham Village and Iping was completed the early part of the year and at the time of writing this report nearly all houses on the lines of the sewers had been connected thereto and water closets provided where required.

Main drainage schemes are still required for North Bepton, Cocking Causeway area of the Parishes of Cocking and West Lavington, Selham Road and Church Lane in the Parish of West Lavington, Lodsworth Village, Milland, Graffham, Heyshott, Hill Brow, Rake and Elsted.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse Collection

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

ONCE WEEKLY: Midhurst; Easebourne (Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School only, and Dodsley); West Lavington (Chichester Road - South Pond to Station only).

FORTNIGHTLY: 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.

During the latter part of the year the Council commenced a twice-weekly collection of refuse from shops and hotels in the built-up area of Midhurst.

All refuse is deposited on the tip at Pendean in the Parish of West Lavington.

Cesspool Emptying Service

This work is carried out by the Council's own vehicle and where required four free emptyings a year are given. The number of emptyings during the year was 1,187.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

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

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

This Act came into force during the year and places responsibility for enforcement on different authorities as follows:-

<u>Premises owned or occupied by:</u>	<u>Enforcing Authority</u>
The Crown, local authorities, railways, and those covered by the Factories Act, 1961.	H. M. Inspector of Factories.
Mines and Quarries.	H. M. Inspector of Mines and Quarries.
All other shops and offices.	The local authority concerned.
Provisions as to fire.	H. M. Inspectors and/or the Fire Authority.

The provisions enforceable by the local authority are those relating to the health, safety and welfare of employees, i.e. over-crowding, lighting, ventilation, temperature, cleanliness, sanitary and washing facilities, water supply, etc.

From the 1st May, 1964 all premises had to be registered with the enforcing authority and application forms for this purpose were sent to the occupiers of all premises concerned. Following registration, arrangements were made for the inspection of the premises and where contraventions were found, informal notices were served. This work is proceeding and further information will be given in the next annual report. Details in connection with the registration of premises to the end of the year were as follows:-

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. registered during the year</u>	<u>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</u>	<u>No. of persons employed at end of year</u>
Offices	43	40	356
Retail shops	88	88	308
Warehouses	2	2	11
Catering Establishments	15	13	109
Fuel Storage depots	2	2	3
	<u>150</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>787</u>

These statistics refer only to premises registered with the Council and registration is only necessary where there are employees and the sum of hours normally worked each week by all employees exceeds 21.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Contd.)

Registration is not required where the only persons employed are close relatives of the employer.

The number of visits made to offices and shops was 207.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Licences were granted under this Act in respect of six sites. The sites were generally for individual caravans with the exception of one where the maximum number of caravans stationable was 150, during the summer months.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year 966 infestations were dealt with and some 6,741 rats and 2,002 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 21 visits were made to school premises.

Factories Act, 1961 - Part I.

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

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (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.	23	17	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	51	20	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	74	37	5	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

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

Factories Act (Contd.)PART VIII OF THE ACTOutwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

Three outworkers were notified during the year, all in connection with the making of wearing apparel.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Visits made:

Housing - first visits	..	..	..	830
Housing - re-visits	..	..	..	815
Housing applications	..	..	..	187
Overcrowding	..	..	..	219
Drainage and sanitary conveniences	..	..	..	1,384
Water supplies	..	..	..	149
Privies, ditches and cesspools	..	..	..	267
Refuse and accumulations	..	..	..	95
Verminous premises	..	..	..	56
Rats and mice destruction	..	..	..	5,410
Schools	..	..	..	21
Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	50
Factories Act	..	..	..	37
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	..	..	..	207
Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	2
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops and Other				
Food Premises	..	..	..	462
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..	..	..	110
Noise Abatement Act	..	..	..	18
Smoke Abatement	..	..	..	3
Animal Boarding Establishments	..	..	..	13
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	75

TOTAL VISITS:-

10,410

Complaints received	..	..	..	87
Informal Notices served	..	..	..	387
Informal Notices complied with	..	..	..	332
Statutory Notices served under Section 93 of				
the Public Health Act, 1936	..	..	..	6
Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	..	5

Sanitary Inspection of the Area (Contd.)

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

Baths provided	..	..	..	77
Ceilings repaired or renewed	..	..	..	47
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	..	..	..	28
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed	..	..	..	36
Damp walls remedied	..	..	..	43
Doors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	25
Drainage systems cleared or repaired	..	..	..	80
Drainage systems provided	..	..	..	120
Firegrates repaired or renewed	..	..	..	49
Food stores provided or repaired	..	..	..	32
Foul accumulations removed	..	..	..	24
Floors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	61
Fuel stores provided or repaired	..	..	..	19
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	..	..	..	55
Hot and cold water systems provided	..	..	..	73
Houses cleansed and redecorated	..	..	..	50
Plaster repaired or renewed	..	..	..	45
Refuse bins provided	..	..	..	15
Roofs repaired or renewed	..	..	..	57
Sinks provided	..	..	..	67
Stairs repaired or remedied	..	..	..	24
Verminous premises disinfested	..	..	..	18
Water supplies laid on into dwellings	..	..	..	17
Water closets provided or repaired	..	..	..	83
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired	..	..	..	44
Walls repaired	..	..	..	31
Wash-hand basins provided	..	..	..	79
Yard paving provided or repaired	..	..	..	20

Midhurst Rural District - Water Supplies, 1964.

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	290	101	100	-	1
Chithurst	1200	240	83	72	9	2
Cocking	2596	490	169	167	1	1
Easebourne	4214	1750	572	378	194	-
East Lavington	1977	560	84	30	53	1
Elsted	1840	190	65	60	3	2
Fernhurst	4950	2340	828	791	34	3
Graffham	2137	490	206	123	81	2
Harting	7946	1240	461	409	45	7
Heyshott	2184	330	129	127	-	2
Iping	2235	430	153	141	10	2
Linch	850	70	25	13	12	-
Linchmere	2066	1550	532	525	7	-
Lodsworth	2441	580	206	202	3	1
Lurgashall	4815	540	195	137	45	13
Midhurst	669	2220	774	774	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	320	66	49	17	-
Rogate	5692	1730	557	548	4	5
South Ambersham	1502	90	32	11	19	2
Stedham	2493	650	207	175	32	-
Tillington	3816	580	228	221	4	3
Treyford	2098	90	39	35	-	4
Trotton	3707	490	178	163	11	4
West Lavington	678	620	230	227	3	-
Woolbeding	1851	190	67	53	10	4
TOTALS	67035	18070	6187	5531	597	59
Percentage of Total Dwellings				89%	10%	1%
				99%		

Estimated population deriving water from:

(a) Public Mains	..	..	..	16,156
(b) Private Estate Mains	..	..	..	1,744
(c) Other sources	..	..	..	170

Section IV.

HOUSING

At the close of 1964, the Council's list of housing applicants showed 356 outstanding cases as compared with 443 in 1963.

167 new houses were completed during the year (87 private and 80 Council houses).

Housing Act, 1957.

Action was taken under Section 16 of this Act which resulted in six Undertakings being accepted, and eight Closing Orders and nine Demolition Orders being made.

Improvement Grants.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Discretionary Grants.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants.

Housing Act, 1964.

The Housing Act, 1964, came into operation on the 16th August and made amendments in the law regarding financial assistance for the improvement of houses, especially standard grants.

The amount of grant payable under the standard grant scheme remains at one half of the cost subject to a maximum of £155 in respect of the provision of water closet, bath, wash-hand basin, hot and cold water system to bath, basin and sink, and food store. This limit, however, can be increased to £350 under certain circumstances, namely, where septic tank drainage has to be installed, and where a bathroom cannot be provided otherwise than by adding to the existing structure or converting an outbuilding for this purpose. Also, where piped water is laid on into a dwelling for the first time. Under this scheme the dwelling in question must be reasonably fit after the above-mentioned amenities have been provided.

The discretionary grant scheme also continues to remain in force and in this case the dwellings have to be brought up to a definite standard. The maximum grant obtainable is £400 or half the cost whichever is the less.

Improvement Grants (Contd.)

The giving of grant under this scheme is entirely at the discretion of the Council but in the case of refusal the Council must give its reasons. The standard grant is, of course, compulsory.

Another change under the new Act is that the conditions applying to all grants have been reduced from 10 years to 3 years and the rent limit altered for decontrolled dwellings, the new maximum rent being fixed at the new 1963 gross value plus 12½% on the cost of the improvements to the owner plus the rates.

During the year, applications for discretionary grants were received for the improvement of 38 dwellings. Of these, 37 were approved and one refused. The number of houses reconditioned during 1964 with the aid of this grant was 28, and since the Act came into force the number of houses completed is 510.

Applications for standard grant were received during the year in respect of 30 dwellings, and improvements have been carried out with the aid of this grant at 26 dwellings. Since the Act came into force the total number of houses completed is 86.

Rent Act, 1957.

No Certificates of Disrepair were issued during the year under the provisions of this Act.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 87 houses built privately during 1964 are situated in the following parishes:-

Chithurst	2	Lodsworth	3
Cocking	1	Lurgashall	2
Elsted	1	Midhurst	14
Fernhurst	25	North Ambersham	1
Graffham	3	Rogate	9
Harting	11	South Ambersham	1
Heyshott	1	Stedham	1
Iping	4	Tillington	2
Linchmere	5	Trotton	1

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)	.. .. .	830
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		1,645
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation	..	311

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	269
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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	6
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:		
(a) by owners	.. .. .	5
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners		Nil

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

(1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	.. .. .	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	.. .. .	9
(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 Undertakings have been given that they will not be used for human habitation until made fit	.. .. .	5

3. Action under Statutory Powers (Contd.)

(5) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 8

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 2
 (ii) Number of families dwelling therein.. 3
 (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein .. 14

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1964 3

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1964 5
 (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 36

(d) Particulars of any such cases 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- 1963	1964	Former Hs.Soc.	Grand Total
CHITHURST	- Chorley Common Cottages	4	-	-	-	16
	Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	-	
COCKING	- Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	-	51
	The Croft	-	43	-	-	
EASEBOURNE	- Canada Cottages	12	-	-	-	117
	Cowdray Road	-	34	-	-	
	Fox Road	-	20	-	-	
	Montague Road	-	32	-	-	
	Egmont Road	-	12	-	6	
	Egmont House, Egmont Road (Old People's home of 24 flatlets & Warden's flat)	-	1	-	-	
ELSTED	- Hill View Cottages	4	8	-	-	12
FERNHURST	- Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	-	164
	Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	-	
	Nappers Wood	-	110	-	-	
	Camelsdale House	-	8	-	-	
GRAFFHAM	- Woodcote Cottages	5	2	-	-	
	Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	-	29
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	-	90
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Wellfield Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	62	-	-	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	12	-	-	
HEYSHOTT	- Austens Cottages	4	4	-	-	16
	Leggatts Flats	-	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- The Spinney(Hammer Lane)	-	6	-	-	88
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	82	-	-	
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	-	12
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	-	
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	16	-	-	20
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	-	78
	June Meadow	-	12	-	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	-	
	June Rise	-	-	-	8	
	Sandrock Cottages	-	24	-	-	
Totals o/fwd.		89	594	-	14	697

Parish and Address		Pre-War	1947-1963	1964	Former Hs. Soc.	Grand Total
ROGATE	Total b/fwd.	89	594	-	14	697
	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	36	40	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	18	-	-	
	Terwick Rise	-	18	-	-	116
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	-	10
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	28	-	-	32
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	12	18	-	-	30
WEST						
LAVINGTON	- Taylors Field Cottages	-	48	40	-	
	Taylors Rise	-	-	-	8	
	New Road	-	24	-	-	120
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
TOTALS:		113	794	80	22	1009

Houses Purchased by the Local Authority:

- 1, Austens Cottages, Heyshott (formerly C.278, Heyshott)
- Foundry Cottages, Heyshott.
- St. Richard's Flats, June Lane, Midhurst.
- 2, 6, 8, and 9, Railway Terrace, Midhurst.
- Sandrock Flats, Petersfield Road, Midhurst.

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Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Number of:

Inspections of dairies and milk premises	..	110
Producer Distributors with farms in the District	.. ..	4
Retail dairies (not producing milk) in the District	.. ..	4
Milk distributors with dairies outside the District	.. ..	6

Seventy-nine samples of milk taken from distributors during the year were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 75 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Fifty-three samples of Pasteurised Milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, and of these, one was unsatisfactory.

Four samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the District were submitted for biological examination and reported upon as free from Tubercle Bacilli. Four samples of milk were also tested for Brucella Abortus and of these, one was found to be positive. The farmer was advised and milk from the farm was pasteurised. The infected cow was sold.

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 inspection of these premises carried out during the year:-

Number of:-

Butchers' shops	.. ..	8
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		10

Meat and Other Foods (Contd.)

Number of:-

Visits made to the above premises	..	..	209
Premises registered for the sale of ice cream	..	..	71
Visits made to ice cream premises	..	..	55

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the District.

Nine 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 7 bakehouses in use in the District and during the year 9 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	..	..	..	16
Visits made to such premises	..	..	70	
Grocers, and General Shops	..	..	..	42
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops	..	..	..	2
Greengrocery Shops	..	..	..	7
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	9
Visits made to such premises	..	..	128	

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.

Proceedings were taken against the occupier of a roadside

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960 (Contd.)

cafe in respect of the following offences which resulted in fines being imposed as given, as well as costs:-

Equipment not kept clean	-	£12.	10s.	Od.
Smoking while serving a customer	-	£ 5.	0s.	Od.
Floors not kept clean	-	£12.	10s.	Od.

This cafe is now closed.

Action was also taken in connection with offences at a local wet fish shop which resulted in it being closed. Another cafe, after service of notices, was sold and the premises completely remodelled.

Twenty-four informal notices were served during the year and most of these were complied with.

Meat and Other Foods Condemned at Food Shops.

Pork	..	..	..	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Chocolate Corn Crisp	..	..	..	361 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

One slaughterman is licensed under the provisions of this Act.

Section VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES.

Details of notifications of infectious diseases received during 1964 are set out on Page 36.

Cancer.

Deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 51 (27 males, 24 females) - 48 deaths in 1963. The Cancer Death Rate is 2.82 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.68 in 1963. The corresponding rate for the Administrative County is 2.6.

Localisation of the Disease.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain	..	..	..	-	-	-
Alimentary Tract and Digestive System						
Tongue	..	..	..	-	-	-
Larynx	..	..	..	-	-	-
Thyroid	..	..	..	1	-	1
Oesophagus	..	..	..	2	-	2
Stomach	..	..	..	2	2	4
Caecum	..	..	..	-	1	1
Colon	..	..	..	3	4	7
Rectum	..	..	..	1	1	2
Liver	..	..	..	1	-	1
Pancreas	..	..	..	-	-	-
Respiratory System:						
Lung, bronchus	..	..	..	9	2	11
Urinary Organs:						
Bladder	..	..	..	-	2	2
Kidney	..	..	..	-	-	-
Male Genital Organs:						
Prostate	..	..	..	3	-	3
Female Genital Organs:						
Ovary	..	..	..	-	1	1
Uterus	..	..	..	-	-	-
Breast	..	..	..	-	7	7
Leukaemia	..	..	..	1	-	1
Other sites	..	..	..	3	4	7
Lymphosarcoma	..	..	..	1	-	1
				<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>51</u>
TOTALS:						

Diphtheria.

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1964, 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 recorded by the County Health Department and given during 1964:-

Antigen	Primary Injections	Reinforcing Injections
Diphtheria and Tetanus	15	264
Triple Antegen	225	161
Quadruple Vaccine	-	-

Measles.

62 Notifications of Measles were received during 1964 (271 in 1963).

Pneumonia.

One case of Pneumonia was notified (9 in 1963).

Notifications of this disease bear little relationship to its incidence however. There were 31 deaths registered as due to Pneumonia.

Poliomyelitis.

No cases were notified during the year. Vaccination against poliomyelitis is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices; at County Hall and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Vaccinations recorded by the County Health Department and carried out during 1964 are set out herewith :-

Primary Vaccinations	...	289
Re-inforcing Vaccinations		130

Tuberculosis

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

3 cases were removed from the Register - 2 patients having recovered and 1 who died from the disease.

Tuberculosis. (Contd.)

The death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the year is 0.05 per 1,000 of the home population (0.05 in 1963). The death rate for the Administrative County is 0.05.

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

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1964.

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (All Forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register at 1st January 1964	41	32	73	5	6	11	46	38	84
Cases restored to Register in 1964	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Notification received in 1964	1	-	1	-	2	2	1	2	3
Cases moved into area as transfers	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
TOTALS:	42	35	77	5	8	13	47	43	90
Cases removed from Register in 1964	3	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	3
Number on Register at 31st December, 1964.	39	35	74	5	8	13	44	43	87

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	New Cases added to the Register			Total cases on Register at 31st December		
	Total	Pulmon-ary	Non-Pul-monary	Total	Pulmon-ary	Non-Pul-monary
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
1962	4	4	-	78	67	11
1963	7	7	-	84	73	11
1964	3	1	2	87	74	13

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

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

Smallpox.

It was necessary to carry out a fourteen day surveillance on a number of passengers arriving in the district by sea or air either from declared smallpox endemic areas or as possible contacts of suspected Smallpox cases, particularly when the traveller was not in possession of a valid international certificate of vaccination.

Smallpox vaccinations carried out in the district in children up to 15 years of age and recorded by the County Health Department were 177 primary vaccinations and 71 re-vaccinations.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1964.

Disease	Cases Notified		Total Deaths	Age Distribution of Notified Cases								
	M	F	Total	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-15-	25-	45-65-
Whooping Cough	2	3	5	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-
Measles	22	40	62	-	4	7	2	8	34	6	1	-
Tuberculosis - respiratory	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis - other forms	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS:	26	45	71	-	4	8	2	9	36	7	2	1 1 1

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases:-

Cholera
Diphtheria
Encephalitis
Enteric Fevers
Erysipelas
Food Poisoning

Meningococcal Infections
Malaria
Plague
Membranous Group
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Poliomyelitis

Puerperal Pyrexia
Relapsing Fever
Scarlet Fever
Smallpox
Typhus Fever

Infectious Disease Notifications 1955 - 1964.

Disease	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Dysentery	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fevers (Typhoid Paratyphoid	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Measles	113	366	40	42	122	5	273	98	271	62
Meningococcal Infections..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	19	5	10	2	11	-	12	-	9	1
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic Non-Paralytic	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	2	3	4	-	3	1	-	1	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary	4	2	2	6	4	8	3	2	7	1
	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	16	32	14	3	-	14	3	-	4	5

