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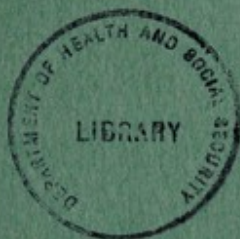
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MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RURAL DISTRICT OF MIDHURST

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for the Year 1968

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November, 1969.

TO: The Chairman and Members
of the MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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 1968.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to the Senior Public Health Inspector and all Members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V.P. GEOGHEGAN

Medical Officer of Health

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 :			
	1967 mid-year ..		18,850
	1968 mid-year ..		19,310
Number of Dwellings ..	..	..	6,802
Rateable Value (March 1969) ..	..	..	£ 778,665
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March 1969) ..	..	..	£ 3,034

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								
		M	F	Number	%	Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
1967	239	116	123	13	5.44	12.67	14.19	18.7	15.4	17.2
1968	238	133	105	19	7.98	12.32	13.79	18.7	15.2	16.9

Stillbirths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				Midhurst R.D.	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex			
		M	F		
1967	5	4	1	20.5	14.8
1968	5	1	4	20.57	14.3

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

1968:		Male	Female	TOTAL
	Live Births ..	133	105	238
	Still Births ..	1	4	5
	TOTAL	135	109	243

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST		RURAL		DISTRICT	Midhurst	West	Sussex	England
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate	R.D.	R.D's.	U.D's.	and Wales
		M	F					
1967	4	2	2	-	16.73	12.1	13.3	18.3
1968	6	2	4	-	25.21	14.5	14.1	18.3

Infant Mortality Rates - Midhurst Rural District		
Year	Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births
1967	17.7	Nil
1968	27.4	Nil

		Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 Weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 Week)		Perinatal Mort. (Stillbirths & Deaths under 1 Week combined)	
		1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967
Total Deaths ..		5	2	4	2	9	7
Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births		21.0	8.36	16.8	8.36		
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live and still births						37.8	28.6

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

MIDHURST R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West R.D's.	Sussex U.D's.	England and Wales
1967	Nil	-	-	-	0.20
1968	Nil	-	0.4	-	0.24

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

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					
1967	297	147	150	15.75	9.29	9.1	10.0	11.2
1968	320	162	158	16.57	9.77	9.5	10.6	11.9

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 8.

Of the total deaths recorded during 1968, 261 or 81% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; and 189 or 59% in persons aged 75 years or over.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were :

	1968	1967
(i) Diseases of heart & circulatory system	129(40%)	126(42%)
(ii) Neoplasms ..	51(16%)	49(17%)
(iii) Cerebrovascular disease ..	58(18%)	43(14%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (excluding pulmonary tuberculosis) ..	38(12%)	28(9%)

These four causes accounted for 276 or 86% of the total deaths.

The table on page 7 shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1968.

During the year, deaths exceeded births by 82, and the Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid 1968 showed an increase of 460 over the 1967 estimate.

Death Rates per 1,000 population from :

	1968	1967
Pulmonary Tuberculosis -..	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis (other forms) ..	Nil	Nil
Respiratory Diseases ..	1.96	1.48
Cancer ..	2.64	2.6

Number of Deaths from :

Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria)	Nil	Nil
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Death Rate per 1,000 population - -

Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years) .. Nil Nil

Death Rate per 1,000 live births - -

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life - 1968

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s									
			0-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85-94		
ALL CAUSES	M	162	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	8	24	48	76	
	F	158	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	11	24	113	
Syphilis & its sequelae	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Other Inf. & Parasitic dis.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Malignant neoplasm,	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	
stomach	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	8	1	
do. lung,	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
bronchus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
do. breast	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
do. uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Leukaemia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Other malignant	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	9	1	
neoplasms, etc.	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	1	
Diabetes mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Anaemias	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Mental Disorders	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Other diseases of	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	
nervous system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Chronic rheumatic	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
heart disease	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Hypertensive disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Ischaemic heart	M	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	13	15	
disease	F	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	8	22	
Other forms of heart	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	10	
disease	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
Cerebrovascular	M	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	9	
disease	F	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	15	
Other diseases of	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	11	33	
circulatory system	F	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	15	
Influenza	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Pneumonia	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	9	
Bronchitis and	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
emphysema	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
Other diseases of	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
respiratory system	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	
Intestinal obstruction	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
and hernia	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Cirrhosis of liver	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Other diseases of	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
digestive system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Other diseases,genito-	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
urinary system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Diseases of skin	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Diseases of musculo-	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
skeletal system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Congenital anomalies	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Birth injury, etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Other perinatal mortality	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
ILL-defined conditions	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Motor vehicle	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
accidents	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
All other accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Suicide and self-	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
inflicted injuries	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	

Table Showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1959 - 1968

ENGLAND AND WALES		YEAR	MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT																	
Birth Rate	Death Rate		Est. Popula- tion	Total			Birth Rate			Total Deaths			Death Rate			Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural In- crease
				Live	Births		Crude	Comp.	Corr.	M	F	Total	Crude	Comp.	Corr.	M	F	Total		
				M	F	Total		Factor	ected					Factor	ected					
16.5	11.6	1959	17,010	130	119	249	14.63	1.08	15.80	151	101	252	14.81	0.59	8.73	-	-	-	-	- 3
17.1	11.5	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
17.4	12.0	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
18.0	11.9	1962	17,890	113	116	229	12.80	1.08	13.82	132	168	300	16.77	0.56	9.39	-	-	-	-	-71
18.2	12.2	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
18.5	11.3	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
18.1	11.5	1965	18,200	116	136	252	13.84	1.12	15.50	160	147	307	16.86	0.60	10.11	2	5	7	27.7	-55
17.7	11.7	1966	18,430	129	101	230	12.47	1.12	13.96	163	147	310	16.82	0.60	10.09	2	2	4	17.39	-80
17.2	11.2	1967	18,850	116	123	239	12.67	1.12	14.19	147	150	297	15.75	0.59	9.29	2	2	4	16.73	-58
16.9	11.9	1968	19,310	133	105	238	12.32	1.12	13.79	162	158	320	16.57	0.59	9.77	2	4	6	25.21	-82

Section II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

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 and 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, Milton Road, Portsmouth, during 1968, were as follows :

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Number Examined</u>
Milk	165
Water	138

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.

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.

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 of 159 patients, mostly for aged chronic cases.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Centres	-	held at Camelsdale, Midhurst and Petworth
Infant Weighing Centres	-	held at Fernhurst, Graffham, Harting, Milland, 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
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; and Royal West Sussex Hospital, St. Richard's, Chichester.
Dental Clinic	-	Mobile Dental Unit operates in the area.
Audiology Clinic	-	held at Chichester.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 47	-	No action was necessary during the year
Section 50	-	Two burials were carried out during 1968.

Section III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The following table gives details of the supplies in each of the Parishes as at 31st December, 1968 :

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	
Bepton	1,910	270	101	101	-	-
Chithurst	1,200	250	91	80	9	2
Cocking	2,596	500	181	180	1	-
Easebourne	4,214	1,830	602	398	204	-
East Lavington	1,977	570	84	29	54	1
Elsted	1,840	180	66	61	4	1
Fernhurst	4,950	2,800	934	895	36	3
Graffham	2,137	570	220	132	86	2
Harting	7,946	1,550	564	518	43	3
Heyshott	2,184	420	142	142	-	-
Iping	2,235	490	170	158	10	2
Linch	850	70	28	13	15	-
Linchmere	2,066	1,520	545	538	7	-
Lodsworth	2,441	590	213	210	3	-
Lurgashall	4,815	600	221	172	45	4
Midhurst	669	2,230	874	874	-	-
North Ambersham	1,168	280	67	50	17	-
Rogate	5,692	1,520	568	563	4	1
South Ambersham	1,502	70	29	9	19	1
Stedham	2,493	880	317	284	33	-
Tillington	3,816	580	229	225	4	-
Treyford	2,098	110	39	35	-	4
Trotton	3,707	520	185	176	7	2
West Lavington	678	720	265	262	3	-
Woolbeding	1,851	190	67	55	9	3
TOTALS	67,035	19,310	6,802	6,160	613	29
Percentage of Total Dwellings				90.5%	9.1%	.4%
				99.6%		

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 mains water to all parishes in the district, 6,160 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estates supply water to 613 houses.

WATER SUPPLIES BY STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS:

(1) North West Sussex Water Board

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

During the year 662 yards of 6" asbestos cement main and 54 yards of 4" asbestos cement main were laid from Dodsley Lane to The Myrtles, Easebourne; 40 yards of 4" asbestos cement main to the Old People's Flats, Glaziers Lane, Easebourne; 153 yards of 4" asbestos cement main to the housing site, Parkway, Off Easebourne Street, and 179 yards of 4" asbestos cement main to Canada Field, Hollist Lane, Easebourne.

1,684 houses are supplied from this source.

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

During the year 4,611 yards of 6" P.V.C. main was laid from Rake Reservoir to Milland, and 134 yards of 4" asbestos cement main to Greenfields, Nyewood.

1,619 houses are supplied from this source.

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

During the year 331 yards of 3" asbestos cement main was laid at Upperfold Farm, North Ambersham, and 303 yards of 6" P.V.C. main at Lodsworth boreholes.

1,050 houses are supplied from this source.

The above three sources of supply are inter-connected.

(2) Wey Valley Water Company.

Oakhanger and Greatham Supply - serves the northern part of Rogate parish and some dwellings in Harting and Trotton.

234 houses are supplied from this source.

The Meads and Tilford Supply - the Parishes of Fernhurst, Linchmere, and some dwellings in North Ambersham, Iping, Linch and Lurgashall.

During the year 190 yards of 4" asbestos cement main was laid to the Crossfield Estate, Fernhurst.

1,538 houses are supplied from this source.

The water supply to the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity with the exception of an inadequacy of supply to certain properties at Fyning in the parish of Rogate.

Water Analyses

142 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination, and the following table gives details of the results obtained :

Water Analyses (Contd.)

Source	No. of Samples Taken	E x a m i n a t i o n			
		Bacteriological		C h e m i c a l	
		S	U	S	U
North West Sussex Water Board Mains ..	37	32	3	2	-
Wey Valley Water Company Mains ..	24	21	1	2	-
Private Estate Supplies ..	67	55	12	-	-
Individual Private Supplies ..	14	1	13	-	-
TOTALS	142	109	29	4	-

Note: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Parish	Number of Houses in Parish	Houses drained to Sewer	Houses drained to Septic Tanks or Cesspools	Houses with Earth, Pail or Chemical Closets
Bepton	101	34	62	5
Chithurst	91	16	71	4
Cocking	181	152	28	1
Easebourne	602	496	106	-
East Lavington	84	-	81	3
Elsted	66	14	48	4
Fernhurst	934	672	257	5
Graffham	220	34	175	11
Harting	564	402	145	17
Heyshott	142	35	103	4
Iping	170	16	146	8
Linch	28	-	28	-
Linchmere	545	422	116	7
Lodsworth	213	14	182	17
Lurgashall	221	68	148	5
Midhurst	874	867	7	-
North Ambersham	67	17	46	4
Rogate	568	238	302	28
South Ambersham	29	-	27	2
Stedham	317	234	74	9
Tillington	229	138	73	18
Treyford	39	-	34	5
Trotton	185	30	149	6
West Lavington	265	176	88	1
Woolbeding	67	6	56	5
TOTALS	6,802	4,081	2,552	169
Percentage of Total Dwellings		60%	37.5%	2.5%

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

A survey of drainage conditions in Milland showed 100 properties out of a total of 169 to have unsatisfactory drainage disposal plants.

A similar survey carried out at Redford in the Parish of Woolbeding showed that 18 out of a total of 23 drainage disposal plants were unsatisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

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

Once Weekly: Easebourne (part); Fernhurst (part); East and South Harting only; Linchmere (part); Lodsworth (Smithbrook to Berryfield only); Midhurst; Rogate Village; Stedham (Rotherfield to Stedham Hall only); Tillington (Upperton only); West Lavington (part).

Fortnightly: Bepton; Chithurst; Cocking; Easebourne (part); East Lavington; Elsted; Fernhurst (part); Graffham; Harting (except East and South Harting); Iping; Linch; Linchmere (part); Lodsworth (except Smithbrook to Berryfield); Lurgashall; North Ambersham; Rogate (except Rogate Village); South Ambersham; Stedham (except Rotherhill to Stedham Hall); Tillington (except Upperton); Treyford; Trotton; West Lavington (part); Woolbeding.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Pendean Sandpit, West Lavington.

Cesspool Emptying Service

This work is carried out by the Council's own vehicles and where necessary four free emptyings a year are given. The number of emptyings during the year was 1,305.

Public Conveniences

Public conveniences are provided by the Council at Fernhurst, Harting and Midhurst.

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public swimming baths in the area, but in addition to the increasing number of privately owned swimming pools, the following schools have this facility provided :

Easebourne Primary School
Elsted Primary School
Fernhurst Primary School
Rogate Primary School
Grammar School, Midhurst (two pools)
St. Cuthman's School, Stedham.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

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

Proceedings were taken against the owner of an unlicensed site on which seven caravans were stationed in conditions of squalor. The site owner, who pleaded guilty, was fined £10.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The Minister of Labour requires an annual statistical report to be submitted in accordance with Section 60 of the Act, and the following table gives the details submitted to the Minister :

Class of Premises	Number registered during the year	Total Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of persons employed at end of year
Offices ..	9	46	476
Retail Shops ..	7	93	306
Warehouses ..	1	3	19
Catering Establishments	2	15	115
Fuel Storage Depots .	-	1	2
Totals	19	158	918

100 visits were made to offices and shops during the year and 21 informal notices were served.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1954

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

There are no premises in the district to which these Acts apply.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1949

Six premises are licensed under this Act

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Council employ two Rodent Operators and during the year they dealt with 890 infestations by rats and mice. During the summer months 98 agricultural properties were surveyed for rodent infestation.

During the year the following sewerage systems were tested for the presence of rats :

Cocking
Harting
Fernhurst
Linchmere

Midhurst and Easebourne
Rogate, Habin and Nyewood
Stedham and Iping
Tillington

Factories Act, 1961 - Part I

The following tables are required to be included in this report by Section 153 of the Act:

1. Inspections for purposes of provision 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)
1. Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.....	21	3	1	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority.....	57	11	2	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority(exclud. Outworkers premises)..	-	-	-	-
Totals	78	14	3	-

2. Cases in which Defects found:

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

Part VIII of Factories Act, 1961.

Outwork - (Sections 133 and 134)

No notifications of outworkers were received.

Clean Air Act, 1956

Three complaints of smoke nuisance were received and investigated.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

Five complaints of noise nuisance were received and investigated.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936

The following premises were licensed during 1968 to keep petroleum spirit :

Underground storage installations	..	66
Can Stores	..	6

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Visits Made :

Housing	..	1,238
Overcrowding	..	22
Drainage and sanitary conveniences	..	725
Drainage disposal plant and pollution	..	575
Water Supplies	..	155
Abandoned Cars, litter and refuse	..	158
Infestations	..	33
Schools	..	11
Caravans	..	72
Factories	..	14
Mines and Quarries	..	4
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	..	100
Infectious diseases	..	7
Food hygiene	..	200
Milk distributors	..	123
Smoke abatement	..	8
Noise abatement	..	50
Animal Boarding Establishments	..	4
Miscellaneous	..	75
		<u>3,574</u>
Rodent Control	..	<u>4,692</u>
	TOTAL	<u>8,266</u>
Complaints received	..	108
Informal Notices served	..	275
Informal Notices complied with	..	237
Statutory Notices served under Public Health Acts, 1936 and 1961	..	2
Statutory Notices complied with	..	1

Section IV

HOUSING

At the close of 1968 the number of applicants for Council houses was 353 compared with 435 at the end of 1967.

235 new houses were completed during the year.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 111 houses built privately during 1968 are situated in the following parishes :

Bepton	2	Heyshott	1
Chithurst	5	Iping	4
Cocking	1	Linchmere	3
Easebourne	18	Lurgashall	2
East Lavington	1	Midhurst	34
Fernhurst	14	Rogate	4
Graffham	5	Stedham	5
Harting	9	Tillington	3

Houses Erected by the Local Authority

Address		Pre-War	1947-1967	1968	Grand Total
CHITHURST	- Chorley Common Cottages	4	-	-	16
	Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	
COCKING	- Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	55
	The Croft	-	43	-	
	Pitsham Depot	-	4	-	
EASEBOURNE	- Canada Cottages	12	-	-	
	Cowdray Road	-	34	-	117
	Fox Road	-	20	-	
	Montague Road	-	32	-	
	Egmont Road	-	18	-	
	Egmont House, Egmont Road	-	-	-	
	(Old People's Home of 24 flatlets and 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	-	29
	Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	142
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Wellfield Cottages	8	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	62	-	
	Warren Side, South Harting	-	20	32	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	12	-	
Totals carried forward		55	448	32	535

Houses Erected by the Local Authority (Contd.)

Address		Pre-War	1947-1967	1968	Grand Total
	Totals brought forward	55	448	32	535
HEYSHOTT	- Austens Cottages	4	8	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Down Close	-	-	13	29
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- The Spinney, Hammer Lane	-	6	-	
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	82	-	88
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	12
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	46	-	50
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	
	June Meadow	-	12	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	
	June Rise	-	8	-	
	Sandrock Cottages	-	24	-	
	St. Anne's Close	-	6	-	84
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	76	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	18	-	
	Terwick Rise	-	18	-	116
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	30	79	109
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	28	-	32
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	12	18	-	30
WEST					
LAVINGTON	- Taylors Field Cottages	-	108	-	
	Taylors Rise	-	8	-	
	New Road	-	24	-	140
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	4
TOTALS		113	996	124	1,233

Houses purchased by the Local Authority:

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

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1,262

Rent Act, 1957

No Certificates of Disrepair were issued during 1968 under the provisions of this Act.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Discretionary Grants

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

Housing Act, 1964

During the year applications were approved for the improvement of 15 dwellings with the aid of Discretionary Grant, and 26 with the aid of Standard Grant. In all, 793 dwellings have now been improved in this way.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

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|---|-------|-------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | .. | 643 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | .. | 1,206 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation | | 207 |

2. Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice

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|---|-------|-----|
| Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by informal action | | 201 |
|---|-------|-----|

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 | .. | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of formal notice | .. | Nil |

(b) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 - Housing Act, 1957.

- | | | |
|---|-------|-----|
| (1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | .. .. | 10 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | .. .. | 5 |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that works will be carried out to render the houses fit | .. .. | Nil |
| (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 | .. | 2 |
| (5) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | .. .. | 3 |

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding

- | | | |
|--|-------|---|
| (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1968 | | 1 |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein | .. .. | 1 |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | .. .. | 9 |

Housing Statistics (Contd.)

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1968	..	3
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1968.	.. ..	2
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	..	15
(d) Dwelling houses again becoming overcrowded..	..	Nil

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of :

Producer Distributors with farms in the District	2
Retail dairies (not producing milk) in the District ..	3
Milk Distributors with dairies outside the District ..	6
Shops retailing milk ..	6

78 samples of milk taken from distributors during the year were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the methylene blue test, all of which were reported upon as satisfactory.

59 samples of pasteurised milk were taken and submitted to the phosphatase test, all of which were satisfactory.

1 sample of milk taken from a farm whose milk is retailed in the district was submitted for biological examination and reported upon as free from Tubercle Bacilli.

8 samples of ultra heat treated milk were submitted for examination and all satisfactorily passed the colony count test.

Brucella Abortus

(i) Number of samples of raw milk examined ..	19
(ii) Number of positive samples found ..	Nil
(iii) Action taken in respect of positive samples ..	-

123 visits were made during the year to retail dairies, milk distributors and milk shops.

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.

Number of :

Butchers' Shops ..	10
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 ..	12
Visits to such premises ..	49
Premises registered for the sale of ice cream	69
Visits to such premises ..	14

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the district.

Other Food Premises

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

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels and Guest Houses ..	19
Visits made to such premises	25
Grocers and General Stores ..	37
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops ..	3
Greengrocery Shops ..	7
Sweet Shops ..	11
Visits to such premises	112

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

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

All food premises, stalls and delivery vehicles are inspected from time to time and every opportunity is taken to secure improvement in the standard of food hygiene.

Warning letters had to be sent in three cases and proceedings were taken under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, following the sale of a shoulder ham which was maggot infested. A fine of £20 was imposed.

Unfit Foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered for destruction

Corned Beef - 2 Tins - 12 lbs.

Regulations 16 and 19

Details of food premises which are subject to Regulations 16 and 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, are as follows :

	No. of Premises	Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16	Premises to which Reg.19 applies.	Premises fitted to comply with Reg.19.
Butchers ..	10	10	10	10
Ice Cream dealers	69	69	69	69
Grocers and General Stores ..	37	37	37	37
Fishmongers ..	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers ..	7	7	7	7
Confectioners ..	11	11	11	11
Hotels, Guest Houses, Restaurants, Cafes and Canteens ..	42	42	42	42
Licensed premises	47	46	47	47

This information is given in this form at the request of the
Department of Health and Social Security

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

One slaughterman is licensed under the provisions of this Act.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district

Poultry Inspection

- | | | |
|---|-------|--------------------|
| (i) Number of poultry processing premises within the district | .. .. | 1 |
| (ii) Number of visits to these premises | .. .. | 4 |
| (iii) Total number of birds processed during the year | .. .. | 2,000 |
| (iv) Types of birds processed | .. .. | Chickens & Turkeys |
| (v) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption | .. .. | Nil |
| (vi) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption | .. .. | - |
| (vii) Comments on poultry processing and inspection | | Nil |

This information is also given in this form at the request of the Department of Health and Social Security.

Category	No. of premises	No. of visits	No. of birds processed	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption
Butchers	10	10	10	0	0
Ice Cream dealers	10	10	10	0	0
Grocers and General Stores	37	37	37	0	0
Flaunagers	1	1	1	0	0
Green grocers	1	1	1	0	0
Confectioners	1	1	1	0	0
Hotels, Guest Houses, Restaurants, Cafes and Canteens	42	42	42	0	0
Licensed premises	47	47	47	0	0

Section VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

There was no unusual incidence of infectious diseases during 1968, but full details are set out in the tables at the end of this Section. Measles notifications numbered 171 (119 in 1967).

The Public Health (Infective Jaundice) Regulations, 1968

These Regulations, which came into force on the 15th June, 1968, enforced the notification of cases of Infective Jaundice occurring throughout England and Wales, and revoked the Jaundice Regulations of 1943, which applied only in certain Eastern counties of England.

Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968

The consolidating Regulations, which came into force on the 1st October, 1968, made provision for notification of the following diseases :

Acute encephalitis	Infective jaundice	Relapsing fever
Acute meningitis	Leprosy	Scarlet fever
Acute poliomyelitis	Leptospirosis	Smallpox
Amoebic dysentery	Malaria	Tetanus
Anthrax	Measles	Tuberculosis
Bacillary dysentery	Ophthalmia	Typhoid fever
Cholera	neonatorum	Typhus
Food Poisoning	Plague	Whooping Cough
Diphtheria	Paratyphoid fever	Yellow fever

Notification of the diseases listed below is no longer required :

Acute influenzal pneumonia	Erysipelas
Acute primary pneumonia	Membranous croup
Acute rheumatism	Puerperal pyrexia

The Public Health (Fees for Notifications of Infectious Disease) Order, 1968

This Order, in operation on the 1st October, 1968, requires the local authority to pay the medical practitioner a fee of five shillings for each certificate of notification, except a certificate sent by a medical practitioner serving in the forces.

Cancer

Deaths attributed to Cancer in 1968 numbered 51 (30 males, 21 females) - 49 deaths during the previous year.

The Cancer Death Rate is 2.6 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.59 in 1967.

The corresponding rate for the Administrative County is 3.0 per 1,000 population.

Details of the deaths due to Cancer, and the localisation of the disease, are as follows :

Cancer (Contd.)

		Male	Female	Total
Brain	..	3	-	3
Alimentary Tract and Digestive Organs:				
Oesophagus ..	..	-	1	1
Stomach ..	..	1	4	5
Colon ..	..	3	1	4
Rectum ..	..	1	1	2
Pancreas ..	..	3	-	3
Respiratory System:				
Lung, bronchus ..	..	14	1	15
Urinary Organs:				
Bladder/Kidney ..	..	-	-	-
Male Genital Organs:				
Prostate ..	..	2	-	2
Female Genital Organs:				
Ovary ..	..	-	1	1
Uterus ..	..	-	2	2
Breast ..	..	-	7	7
Leukaemia ..	..	2	2	4
Other sites ..	..	1	1	2
Totals		<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>51</u>

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications: No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1968, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause. No confirmed cases have occurred in the District since 1945.

(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 of all types recorded by the County Health Department during 1968 :

Antigen	Primary Courses	Reinforcing Injections
Diphtheria	217	629
Whooping Cough	210	207
Tetanus	217	632
Poliomyelitis	223	459

Food Poisoning

Three cases were notified (7 in 1967). Specimens in each case were positive to Salmonella Typhimurium.

Measles

171 notifications were received (119 notifications in 1967).

Pneumonia

Four cases of Pneumonia were notified (3 in 1967). Deaths registered as due to all forms of Pneumonia totalled 19.

Notification of this disease is no longer required.

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified during 1968. No confirmed cases have occurred in the District since 1957.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices; at the County Health Department, Metropolitan House, Northgate, Chichester (Telephone-Chichester 85100), and from Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Tuberculosis

Three cases were added to the register - 1 primary notification and 2 patients who moved into the district as transfers from other areas. Two cases were removed from the register.

No deaths were registered as due to Tuberculosis during 1968 (nil in 1967). The Death Rate for the Administrative County is 0.02 per 1,000 population.

The following table gives details of the cases on the register :

		Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (all forms)		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1	Number on Register at 1st January, 1968	45	43	88	5	7	12	50	50	100
2	Cases restored to Register in 1968 :	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Primary notifications received in 1968 :	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
4	Cases moved into area as transfers :	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
	Totals	46	45	91	5	7	12	51	52	103
5	Cases removed from Register in 1968 :	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
6	Number on Register at 31st December, 1968 :	45	44	89	5	7	12	50	51	101

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 :

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

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
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
1965	4	4	-	89	77	12
1966	3	3	-	92	80	12
1967	5	5	10	100	88	12
1968	1	1	-	101	89	12

Smallpox

Smallpox vaccination carried out in the District in children up to 15 years of age and recorded by the County Health Department were 188 primary vaccinations and 125 re-vaccinations.

Infective Jaundice

This disease became notifiable on the 15th June, 1968, and up to the end of the year six cases were notified.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during the Year 1968

	Total Cases			Total Deaths	Age Distribution of Notified Cases												
	Notified				0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-
	M	F	Total														
Measles ..	81	90	171	-	9	10	29	23	95	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ..	2	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice ..	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis - respiratory	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning ..	3	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ..	3	1	4	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
TOTALS	95	94	189	19	-	10	13	29	23	99	5	-	3	1	-	-	6

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases :

Acute encephalitis	Leprosy	Relapsing fever
Acute meningitis	Leptospirosis	Scarlet fever
Acute poliomyelitis	Malaria	Smallpox
Amoebic dysentery	Ophthalmia neonatorum	Tetanus
Anthrax	Plague	Typhoid fever
Bacillary dysentery	Paratyphoid fever	Typhus
Cholera	Diphtheria	Yellow fever

Infectious Disease Notifications 1959 - 1968

Disease	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Dysentery ..	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Encephalitis ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fevers ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning .	-	-	1	-	1	1	44	-	7	3
Measles ..	122	5	273	98	271	62	309	170	119	171
Meningococcal Infections ..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia .. *	11	-	12	-	9	1	2	-	3	4
Poliomyelitis ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ..	-	3	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary ..	4	8	3	2	7	1	4	-	5	2
(non-Pulmonary ..	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ..	-	14	3	-	4	5	1	-	1	3
Infective Jaundice ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

* Disease no longer notifiable.

