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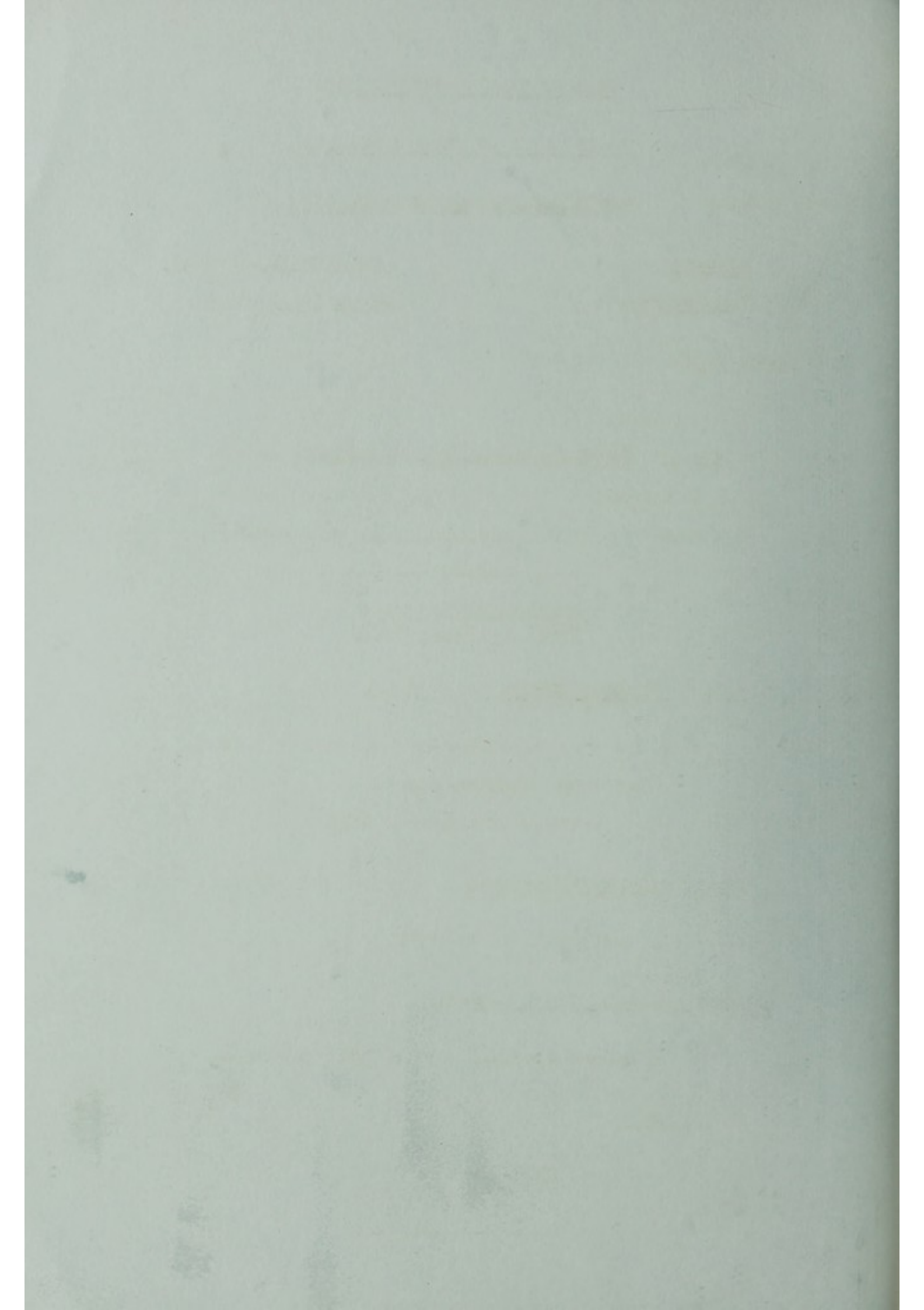
A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

YEAR ENDED - 31st December, 1971



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To the Chairman and Members of the Newhaven Public Health and Housing Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the state of public health and on the sanitary circumstances of Newhaven for 1971.

The vital statistics of the area compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any comment.

One hundred cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, of which 92 were measles.

No clearance areas were declared during the year but 19 unfit houses were demolished. 31 unfit houses still remain to be dealt with but without Council house building, the rate at which families can be rehoused is pathetically slow - only three families were rehoused from unfit houses during the year. Applications for improvement grants continue to increase year by year - there were 44 in 1971 compared with 36 in 1970. No council dwellings were built during the year but 23 private houses were completed and there were a further 49 private houses in the course of erection at the end of the year. Lack of suitable housing remains the chief problem and only a substantial building programme by the Council will enable the many deserving families to be rehoused.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to the members of the Council for the help and support I have received from them during the year. My thanks are also due to Mr. Gibbs, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and to Mr. Eysenk, the Assistant Public Health Inspector, for their help and co-operation during the year. Mr. Eysenk left in November to take up another appointment and by the end of the year a successor had still not been appointed. The port work creates difficulties due to weekend and night duties and to compensate for these drawbacks some special financial attraction appears to be required if the post is to be filled. In the meantime part-time assistance was obtained to help to carry out essential duties during out-of-office hours.

I am Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. L. COTTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS FOR THE AREA

(a) GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres)	1,772
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid year 1971)	10,060
Population (1931 Census)	7,381
Population (1951 Census)	7,783
Population (1961 Census)	8,325
Net increase of population during the year	80
Number of occupied houses 1951	2,196
Number of occupied houses 1971	3,340
Rateable Value (April, 1971)	£635,428
Product of penny rate (estimate 1970-71)	£6,415

(b) VITAL STATISTICS

1. Births and Birth Rate

<u>Births and Birth Rate</u>	<u>NEWHAVEN</u> <u>U.D.</u>	<u>ENGLAND</u> <u>& WALES</u>	
Live Births	171		
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude)	17.0	16.0	
Corrected birth rate	18.9		
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	8.0	8.0	
Still-births	2		
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	12.0	12.0	
Total live and still-births	173		
Live births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	92	66	158
Illegitimate	6	7	13
	98	73	171

2. Deaths and Death Rate

Deaths	153	
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	15.2	11.6
* Corrected death rate	12.2	
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	6.0	18.0
Maternal mortality (including abortions)		
Number of deaths	0	
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	

* In order to compare death rates and birth rates in different parts of the country, the Registrar General supplies comparability factors for every district, so as to adjust for irregularities regarding age and sex in the local population. Applying a comparability factor of 1.11 to the crude birth rate of 17.0 the adjusted rate becomes 18.9 which is higher than the figure of 16.0 for England and Wales. Similarly a comparability factor of 0.80 applied to the crude death rate makes the adjusted rate of 12.2. This is higher than the rate for England and Wales at 11.6.

POPULATION

The population of Newhaven for the last ten years is given below:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Adjusted Birth Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Adjusted Death Rate</u>	(a)
1962	8,520	145	134	17.0	17.5	15.7	13.4	
1963	8,780	143	137	16.3	18.4	15.6	12.3	
1964	9,010	171	117	19.0	21.4	13.0	10.5	
1965	9,260	165	124	17.8	20.1	13.4	10.7	
1966	9,380	158	139	16.8	19.0	14.8	12.0	
1967	9,470	157	118	16.6	18.8	12.5	9.0	
1968	9,760	159	160	16.3	18.1	16.4	12.3	
1969	9,900	165	135	16.7	18.5	13.6	10.3	
1970	9,980	152	130	15.2	16.9	13.0	10.4	
1971	10,060	171	153	17.0	18.9	15.2	12.2	

The increase in population during 1971 was 80 and it seems likely that the population will continue to rise at a reasonably steady rate over the foreseeable future. (b)

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No case of maternal mortality occurred in Newhaven during 1971. Only one maternal death has occurred in the area during the last thirty-five years.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

One infant death occurred in 1971 in Newhaven.

BIRTH RATE

The corrected birth rate is higher than that for England and Wales.

DEATH RATE

The corrected death rate of 12.2 per 1,000 population is higher than the national figure of 11.6

Highest age at death was 93 years
 Lowest age at death was 7 hours
 Average age at death was 70.5 years

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

		<u>% of deaths</u>
(1)	Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	61 39.9
(2)	Cancer (all sites)	26 17.0
	(Cancer of the lung or bronchus accounted for)	5 3.3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

During the year no persons who were aged and infirm and were living in insanitary conditions, unable to devote to themselves and not receiving from other persons proper care and attention, were removed to hospital or to an institution under the provisions of the above legislation.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Leukaemia	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Meningitis	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	7	6
	F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	16
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	3
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	4
	F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	16
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Birth Injury	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difficult Labour Etc.	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accident	M	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self- Inflicted Injuries	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	74	1	-	2	1	1	2	-	9	17	22	19
	F	79	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	17	52

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

During the period under review the Medical Officer of Health for Newhaven also acted as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Lewes, the Urban District of Seaford and the Rural District of Chailey.

One Public Health Inspector and an Assistant Public Health Inspector carried out duties in the area during 1971.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

3. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The provision of the ambulance service is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The area served by the ambulance includes the districts of Newhaven, Peacehaven, Telscombe, Piddinghoe, Tarring Neville and South Highton. In the event of a further call or calls being received before the ambulance has returned from a previous journey, arrangements are in being for the call to be dealt with by other authorities in the area. Should this be necessary, it is done by radio control.

The East Sussex County Council provide facilities for the transport of tuberculosis patients.

4. HOSPITALS

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of hospital accommodation which, in this area, was materially the same as in previous years.

5. NURSING IN THE HOME

The East Sussex County Council is responsible for the provision of nursing and domiciliary midwifery services in the district.

6. CLINICS

The following is a list of clinics and treatment centres available during 1971 for residents of the district:-

Description and Situation	Day and Time of Attendance	By whom provided
Dental Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Monday to Friday inclusive of each week, By Appointment	East Sussex County Council
Speech Therapy, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Every Friday by appointment	East Sussex County Council
Cytology Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings - Tuesday as necessary Evenings - 2nd & 4th Tuesday as necessary	East Sussex County Council
Toddlers Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings	East Sussex County Council
Ante-natal Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Monday in every month (General Practitioners Clinic) 5th Monday in month (Midwives Clinic)	East Sussex County Council
Mothercraft & Relaxation Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Every Wednesday afternoon	East Sussex County Council
Chiropody for the elderly & handicapped, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings - Monday and Thursday of each week	East Sussex County Council
Welfare Foods, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - Monday, Wednesday & Friday of each week	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Denton Church Hall, DENTON.	Afternoons - 3rd Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council

7. PROVISION FOR DEALING WITH THE NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY DISORDERED

Under the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959, the East Sussex County Council makes provision for dealing with the needs of the mentally disordered. The provision of care in psychiatric hospitals is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. M. R. Gibbs, Chief Public Health Inspector, has furnished the following report on the sanitary supervision of the area:-

Business at the port continued to increase rapidly with the consequence that relief, by way of time off in lieu of overtime, was given to the two inspectors. This resulted in each inspector being off duty one week in four with an inevitable cut back in time spent on work in the urban district.

Routine inspections were considerably reduced - the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and Food Hygiene Regulations being the main two fields where inadequate inspections were made.

The Assistant Inspector left towards the end of November and, despite two attempts, it had not been found possible to replace him by the end of the year.

Work on improvement grants was stepped up during the year and a record number of applications received.

No slum clearance schemes were initiated but it was pleasing to see the demolition of 19 unfit houses, namely 42 - 52 and 78 - 86 Chapel Street and 89 - 103 Elphick Road. It is hoped the latter site may be developed for old persons accommodation.

It is also pleasing to report the demolition of the old toilets on West Beach although, as yet, there is nothing to take their place.

The Council were indebted to pupils of Newhaven Tideway School who cleared rubbish from various black spots in the town - a good example to their elders.

Further progress was made with providing new units on the industrial estate but progress on the development of the Fort, where the lease was assigned to Ideal Homes, was slow.

The construction of the southern ring road, involving the demolition of two old schools and other property, was well under way by the end of the year.

1. CARAVAN SITES

The two licensed sites off Court Farm Road were well maintained during the year and no complaints were received. One site changed hands and minor improvements and roadworks were carried out. The additional amenities on the other site were practically completed.

22 inspections were made.

2. CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956 - 1968

10 complaints of smoke, ranging from the burning of old railway wagons to garden bonfires, were received. These were mainly dealt with informally and the improved position reported last year appears to have been maintained.

37 visits and inspections were made.

3. FOOD AND FOOD HYGIENE

(a) Butchers - 8

11 inspections were made.

New wash basins provided..... 1
Warnings re smoking..... 2
General improvements..... 1

(b) Cafes and Bakers - 14

41 inspections were made.

General improvements and redecorations.... 2

(c) Fish Shops and Stalls - 4

6 inspections carried out. No contraventions found.

(d) Greengrocers - 5

5 inspections carried out.

Redecorations..... 1

(e) General Stores and Supermarkets - 23

35 inspections made.

Redecorations..... 2
General cleaning..... 1
General improvements..... 1
Refuse storage arrangements improved..... 1

(f) Licensed Premises - 24

18 inspections made.

Improvements were completed at The Hope and The Flying Fish. A number of visits were made in connection with the use of copper dispensers, which had caused a health problem elsewhere, but none were discovered in use.

(g) Warehouses - 6

8 inspections made. No contraventions found.

Food Complaints

10 complaints were received as follows:-

Stale fish (scallops)	1
Rancid butter	1
Mouldy ham	2
Wormy fish (cod)	1
Stale bread	1
Bread affected with fungus	1
Mouldy bread	1
Tinned Grapefruit juice causing sickness	1
Bottle of milk containing a twig	1

The majority of complaints were associated with faulty stock rotation and advice and warnings were given.

The bread affected with a pink fungus was baked at Eastbourne. The fungus, which spreads with amazing rapidity, was identified as *Monilia Sitophila*. The flour may contain spores which resist baking temperatures or these may be airborne and fall on particular pieces of dough by chance.

The grapefruit juice and tin together with other samples were sent to the Public Analyst. The tin content of the suspect tin was above normal but a long way below the permitted limit and it was not thought to be the cause of the sickness.

However, other complaints of a similar nature were received from other areas. In some cases, samples analysed by the suppliers contained well in excess of the permitted limit of tin and stocks were withdrawn pending further investigations.

Unsound Food

The following unsound food was condemned:-

Particulars of Food

48 x 14 oz. tins of tomatoes	
175 x 26 lb. cases of bananas	
43 stone of cod	
4 stone of squid	
4 stone of huss	
1 gallon of scampi	
365 x 56 lb. bags of potatoes	
1 stone of haddock	
10 x 56 lb. bags of beetroot	
82 x 56 lb. bags of onions	
2 tins of hamburgers	
11 x 6 lb. tins of pork liver	
3 x 6 lb. tins of corned beef	
10 x 13 lb. tins of ham	
7 x 51 lb. tins of ham	
10 x 10 lb. tins of pork	
24 x 15 oz. tins of cherries	
37 lbs. of gammon	
Contents of 1 ice cream refrigerator)	refrigerator breakdown
Contents of 1 deep freeze)	
Large quantity of cakes (following a fire)	

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

Premises Controlled by Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Category	Regulation 16		Regulation 19	
	No.	Complying	No.	Complying
Butchers	8	8	8	8
Fish shops and stalls	4	4	4	4
Grocery Supermarkets	1	1	1	1
Grocery & General Stores	23	23	23	23
Grocery Warehouses	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	24	24	24	24
Dairies	2	2	2	2
Ice Cream Premises	32	32	32	32
Canteens	10	10	10	10
Cafes and Restaurants	14	14	14	14
Greengrocers	5	5	5	5
TOTALS	124	124	124	124

Sampling

2 samples of pasteurised milk and 2 of ultra heat-treated milk were taken and all gave satisfactory reports.

4. FACTORIES ACT 1961

In the Urban District of Newhaven there are no factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the above Act are enforced, and 102 in which Section 7 is enforced.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health.

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	111	37	1	NIL
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	4	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	119	41	1	NIL

Category	Regulation 16		Regulation 17	
	No.	Complying	No.	Complying
Butchers	8	8	8	8
Fish shops and stalls	4	4	4	4
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Grocery Warehouses	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	24	24	24	24
Dairies	2	2	2	2
Ice Cream Premises	25	25	25	25
Canteens	10	10	10	10
Cafes and Restaurants	14	14	14	14
Grocery	2	2	2	2
TOTALS	124	124	124	124

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H.M. INSPECTOR	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTION WAS INSTITUTED
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	NIL

OUTWORKERS

Nature of Work	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Curtains and furniture hangings	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel (Making)	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	-	-

5. HOUSING

A further 72 houses were surveyed in connection with applications for qualification certificates, improvement grant enquiries, etc.

No slum clearance schemes were initiated and there remain 31 unfit houses to be dealt with. Four will be dealt with in connection with the northern relief road. A further 13 belong to British Rail and are not to be re-let.

It is hoped that the remainder (3 properties in Chapel Street and 1 to 11 Lee Cottages) can be dealt with in the next year or so.

A flat in Coronation House, High Street was made fit and the Closing Order determined.

Remedial works on an unfit house in Chapel Street, where the owner had given an undertaking not to re-let, were in progress.

19 unfit houses were demolished (42 to 52 and 78 to 86 Chapel Street, and 89 to 103 Elphick Road).

3 families were rehoused from unfit property.

Housing Complaints

18 complaint were received as follows:-

General Defects	2
Blocked Drains.....	6
Faulty drainage.....	4
Dampness.....	6

With the increase in owner-occupation and improvements to older houses, complaints from tenants concerning disrepair are decreasing year by year.

Qualification Certificates, Housing Act 1969

10 Qualification Certificates and 5 provisional qualification certificates were issued.

Improvement Grants

The number of applications for grants showed a further increase on that for 1970. A number of older substandard houses came vacant and were sold and modernised by their new owner.

There are now some 210 houses remaining to be modernised (including 45 owned by British Rail). At the present rate of progress the work should be substantially completed in 4 to 5 years time.

Grant applications during the past eight years are as follows:-

Year	<u>Standard Grants</u>		<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	
	No. of Applications		No. of Applications	Total
1964	6		11	17
1965	2		10	12
1966	5		8	13
1967	10		10	20
1968	20		3	23
1969	13		4	17
1970	25		11	36
1971	30		14	44

Housing Act 1964, Section 19

11 applications were received from tenants in cases where it was unlikely that the landlord would improve the house voluntarily. The necessary procedures are being followed to secure the improvements.

Council House Applicants and Tenants

13 inspections were made of accommodation occupied by council house applicants. In 6 cases recommendations for priority were made; 2 families were re-housed.

A number of visits were made to houses occupied by problem families.

House Construction

No council properties were built during the year. 23 private houses were completed and there were 49 dwellings in the course of erection at the end of the year.

6. NOISE ABATEMENT

10 complaints were received:-

Noise from gravel grading machine..	..	..	..	4
Noise from refrigerated vehicles ..	..	..	..	3
Industrial noise ..	..	..	..	1
Barking of dogs ..	..	..	..	1
Noise from machinery engaged on road works ..	..	..	..	1

All complaints were dealt with informally. The complaints of barking dogs and from refrigerated vehicles were not substantiated, neither was that of industrial noise from a factory in Meeching Quarry.

7. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

It was only possible to carry out inspections of approximately 25% of premises because of the increase in work at the Port.

No problems were encountered during the year and no complaints were received. The main short-comings were lack of Abstracts and incomplete first aid boxes.

Early in the year, a circular was sent to occupiers of all registered premises reminding them of their duty to report accidents and of their other responsibilities under the Act.

The number of accidents reported increased by over 100% on the previous year's figure so it may be that the circular had the desired effect.

Particulars of accidents:-

		No. of Applications		Year
Injury		Cause		
Fracture wrists (2)	.. ..	Falls	2	1964
Injury to groin	.. ..	Lifting	2	1965
Contusion of brain	.. ..	Fall	10	1966
Cracked Pelvis	.. ..	Fork lift reversed into lorry	1	1967
Loss of top of thumb	.. ..	Thumb caught in refrigerator door	1	1968
Bruised heels	.. ..	Fall	25	1969
Back strain	.. ..	Lifting	30	1970
Injury to finger	.. ..	Finger caught between two kegs of beer	1	1971

All accidents were investigated and advice given in appropriate cases.

General Inspections Made:-

Offices.. ..	9
Retail Shops	13
Wholesalers.. ..	4
Catering establishments.. ..	1
Total	27

A total of 109 inspection were made for all purposes.

8. PEST CONTROL

145 complaints of rats and mice were received in the office (93 of rats and 52 of mice). The number is almost the same as for the two previous years. Some 40% of infestations occurred during the last quarter of the year.

Once again particular attention was paid to empty property and to sites where demolition took place.

The Rodent Operator has supplied the following figures of his work:-

<u>Notifications</u>		<u>Surveys</u>	
Number of visits.. .. .	171	Number of visits.. .. .	270
Rat infestations dealt with ..	99	Rat infestations dealt with ..	77
Mice infestations dealt with..	55	Mice infestations dealt with..	11

The number of infestations found on survey underlines the benefits obtained from carrying out this side of the work regularly and systematically.

A number of favourable reports on the way infestations have been cleared up have come to notice during the year. The Council are fortunate in having the services of the present operator who carries out his work in a most intelligent manner.

For the first time, the department dealt with wasps' nests and 14 were successfully treated.

21 treatments for fleas were carried out at 12 houses, 2 of which were Council houses.

2 treatments for bed bugs were undertaken at 1 house.

The tip and ponds at the Valley were regularly sprayed against flies during particularly hot periods.

9. PETROLEUM ACTS

20 licences were issued to store petroleum spirit including one new licence.

The fees collected amounted to £67.

10. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AND COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES

77 complaints were received on a variety of matters, as follows:-

Ants.. .. .	1
Animals	3
Food Hygiene.. .. .	2
Filthy Premises	2
Flies	14
Litter and Rubbish	25
Mosquitoes	1
Noise	9
Public Conveniences	1
Smells	9
Smoke	10

The majority of complaints were dealt with informally. An Abatement Notice was served on British Rail concerning the toilets at West Beach and these were demolished. A similar notice was served in respect of a large accumulation of rubbish in a garden in Gibbon Road. This was partially complied with by the end of the year.

11. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collections continued to be carried out weekly from domestic premises and twice a week from trade premises. The work is done by contractors who give a good and reliable service.

Disposal continues to be carried out by controlled tipping on land in Lewes Road where private firms and persons can, on production of an authorisation, bring in any waste materials for disposal.

Chailey R.D.C. continue to make use of the tip for refuse from certain of their parishes.

The bulky collection service begun eight years ago continues to be a boon. Large unwanted pieces of furniture, old prams etc. are collected fortnightly, free of charge, by the Surveyor's workmen, ensuring that this type of rubbish is properly disposed of instead of being indiscriminately dumped in the countryside and on waste land.

12. SEWERAGE

With the exception of the following premises which are drained to cesspools, all houses in the district are connected to the public sewers:-

West Pier..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Court Farm Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Harbour Heights	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Denton- Mount Pleasant	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Lewes Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
New Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Valley Road	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

13. VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

During the year 384 International Certificates were authenticated. This increase of 157 on the figures for 1970 is largely accounted for by the incidence of cholera in Spain and Portugal and the necessity for holiday-makers to have anti-cholera vaccinations.

14. WATER SUPPLY

The district has two sources of water supply. All houses are supplied by mains water.

The supplies derive from (a) The Mid-Sussex Water Company's well at Poverty Bottom, and (b) British Railway's well at Denton. The latter supplies the harbour, four houses and the Railway and Harbour Hotels.

The Department took 10 samples from the Company's supply and the Company submitted 8 samples for bacteriological analysis. All reports were satisfactory. The supply is ample for all purposes.

98 samples before treatment and 107 samples of treated water from British Rail's source were submitted for analysis by their Medical Department. A number of samples of the raw water were unsatisfactory. The supply was investigated but the source of contamination not pin-pointed. The supply is ample in quantity.

2 samples were taken from standpipes serving the Cross-Channel ferries and both were satisfactory.

15. PARTICULARS OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES

Clean Air.. .. .	37
Caravans	22
Complaints	110
Drainage	10
Factories.. .. .	57
Houseboats	3
Noise Abatement	32

Food Premises

Bakehouses	3
Butchers	11
Fish Shops	6
Grocers and Stores	35
Greengrocers	5
Restaurants and Cafes.. .. .	41
Licensed Premises.. .. .	18
Miscellaneous.. .. .	57
Food and Drugs Act	4
Market Stalls and Delivery Vans	22
Milk Samples	2
Ice Cream Samples.. .. .	2

Housing

	Improvement Grants	164
	Housing Survey	11
	Housing Inspections	20
	Council House Inspections.. .. .	2
	Council House Applicants	13
	Qualification Certificates	83
	Infectious Diseases	19
	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	109
	Petroleum Acts	20
	Public Conveniences	8
	Refuse Disposal	41
	Rats, Mice and Other Pests	83
	Re-visits.. .. .	196
	Unsound Food	35
	Verminous Premises	8
	Water Supply	17
	TOTAL	1,306

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

One hundred cases of infectious disease were notified in Newhaven during 1971. These were 92 of measles, 6 of scarlet fever, one of infective hepatitis and one of food poisoning.

SECTION V

TUBERCULOSIS

In 1971 one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified amongst Newhaven residents. A total of eight cases was removed from the register during the year. This was comprised of four men who died from other causes, one man and one woman who recovered, and one man and one woman who left the district. No death due to tuberculosis was recorded during the year.

NUMBER OF CASES ON REGISTER AT

31st DECEMBER, 1971

MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	TOTAL
36	3	41	6	86
Whereas at 31st December, 1970, the number of cases on the register was:-				
42	3	42	6	93



