#### [Report 1969] / Medical Officer of Health, Portland U.D.C.

#### **Contributors**

Portland (England). Urban District Council. nb2006017178

#### **Publication/Creation**

1969

#### **Persistent URL**

https://wellcomecollection.org/works/y5zdmhwb

#### License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution license.

This licence permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



# Portland Urban District Council

1. Mr Muston 2. Mr Morley Parry

A.421 A.405

3. Mr Perry



#### ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1969



Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2018 with funding from Wellcome Library

# PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year ended 31st December 1969

June 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Portland Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration my Report for the year 1969 on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Urban District.

So far as infectious diseases were concerned, it was once again a very quiet year, the largest number of notifications (19) being in respect of a mild form of dysentery.

The Vital Statistics of the district are reproduced on form S.D. 52 supplied by the Registrar General.

It is again a pleasure to place on record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration which has been extended to me by the Council throughout the year. I am most grateful to my fellow officials and to the Council staff generally for their helpful co-operation. In particular Mr. Williams your Fublic Health Inspector, and my Clerical Assistant, Miss Valerie Scriven, have helped greatly to promote the efficiency of the Fublic Health Department.

I have the honour to be, Your obedient Servant,

Sordor Wallace, Medical Officer of Health.

#### Fublic Health Department Staff

- 1. Medical Officer of Health, Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace.
- 2. Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. A. Williams, M.A.F.H.I., A.M.I.M.M.E.
- 3. Clerk (part-time) Miss Valerie Scriven.
- 4. Sanitary Assistant/Rodent Operative, Mr. T. Llewellyn.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (land and internal water) in acres	2,905
Rateable Value at 1st April 1969	£372,740
Sum represented by the Penny Rate at 1st April 1969	£1,514
No. of houses or flats (exclusive of Government properties) 1st April 1969	2,976
No. of Council houses or flats (included in above)	(729)
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation	81
Licensed Premises, hotels or boarding houses	31
Miscellaneous (shops, offices, huts, garages)	1,175

S. D. 52 VITAL STATISTICS 1969

PORTLAND U.D.

General Register Office, Titchfield, Fareham, Hampshire.

30 (45 4) 45	Local	l authority area	area	England	itte in it is a second of the item in its in	Local	England
	Males	Females	Total	(Total)	To he	authority	Wales
Estimated mid-year home population.	1	- Proceedings	12,780	48,826,800	and the same of th	1 22	1
Live births Total	127	108	235	797,542	Live birth rates, etc.	130	
Legitimate	118	103	221	730,500	Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	18.4	16.3
Illegitimate	6	5	17	67,042	Area comparability factor	1.26	1,00
205		-10			Local adjusted rate	23.2	16.3
					Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.42	1,00
	neril I	V 22 84			Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	9	to
Stillbirths Total	10.00	m	2	10,662	Stillbirth rate	31	
Legitimate	100	3	3	9,555	Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	13	13
Illegitimate				1,107			
Total live Total	127	111	: 238	808,204			
and still Legitimate	118	106	777	740,055			
Illegitimate	6	5	77	68,149	med and and and and and and and and and an		
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	Let o	at Louis	101501 52500		tado e constante de la constan		
Total	6	4	9	14,397	Infant mortality rates Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	56	18
Legitimate	6	9	9	12,694	Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000	27	17
-2- Illegitimate				1,703	Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births		25

A NEW ZOUNDING MANUAL DESIRES	Local a	Local authority area	rea	England		Local	England
NA STEERING THE STORY OF STREET	Males	Females	Total	Wales (Total)		authority	Wales
Deaths of infants under 4 Weeks of age Total Legitimate Illegitimate	NN	NN	4 4	9,603	Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	17	21
under 1 week of age Total Legitimate Illegitimate	2 2	~ ~	7 7	8,232 7,266 966	Early neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births Perinatal mortality rate Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	29	73 10
Deaths all ages	23	24	127	579,463	Deaths rates, etc all ages Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) Area comparability factor Local adjusted rate Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.30	11.9 11.9 11.00
-							

S.D. 25 Numbers of deaths by cause, in sex and age groups	1969	PORTLAND	AND U.D.							Ge Ti Fa	General Register Office, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.	egister d,	Office	
11-1-1	0	ALL L					Age I	In Years	53					
Cause or death	X ac	ages	9	& under l year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	25-64	65-74	75 & over	
BA ENTERITIS AND OTHER DIARRHOGAL DISEASES	M	1	1	1	1	1	•	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	F4	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
B5 TUFERCULOSIS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	× A	1 -	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	
BL8 OTHER INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES	X F4	1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1-1	11	1.1	1 4	1.1	1-1	
B19(1) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BUCCAL CAVITY ETC	N H	1 02	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1-1	1.1	1 1	1-1	1 1	100	
B19(3) MALIGNANT NECPLASM, STOWACH	医压	10	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1 1	1-1	1.1	1 1	1.1	1 -	1 ~	
B19(4) MALIGNANT MEOPLASM, INTESTINE	医压	44	1.1	1.1	1 1	1.1	1.1	1-1	1 1	1 -1	1-1	н г	0,1	
B19(6) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	Z F4	v 1	1.1	1.1	1.1	11	1.1	1-1	1.1	1.1	0.1	61	1 1	
B19(7) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	M E	21	1.1	1.1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1-1	1 1	1 1	1 1	21	1 1	
B19(9) MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, PROSTATE B19(11) OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS	ZZH	H 46	1-1-1	1 1-1	1 1 1	1 11	1 11	1 1 1	. нн	1 11	1 1 1	1 48	H 01	
B21 DIABETES MELLITUS	X F4	н.	11	1-1	1.1	1.1	1 1	1-1	1.1	1 1	1.1	1.1	H 1	
B26 CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE	医压	24	1.1	1-1-	1 1	1.1	1.1	1-1	1 1	1.1	el 1	1 -	~ I	
B27 HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	ME	24	1.1	1.1	1.1	11	11	11	1.1	1.1	10	НН	нч	
B28 ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	MF	21	1 1	1.1	1.1	11	11		1.1	14	91	6.9	9 5	1

		107	Thedore	4 Weeks			Age	in y	years				
Cause of death	Sex	ages	4 Weeks	& under 1	1-4 5-14	-	15-24 2	25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74	-44 45	5-54 5	79-9	65-74	75 & over
ROS OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	W	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	rit
	Day.	٦	1		1	-	1	1	1	,	1	1	Т
B30 CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	M	6	,	. 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	-	7
	DEI .	2		1	1	1	1	1		1	-	4	00
B46(5) OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	M	7	1	1	1	,	1	1	,	7	1	1	1 -
	it.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
B31 INFLUENZA	M	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1
	f4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1
B32 FNEUMONIA	H	9	-1	1	1,	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
	Day.	1	1	!	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1
B33(1) BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	M	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	9	+1
	Pa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B46(6) OTHER DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	Н	1	1
	[24	1	-	1	i	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.
B35 APPENDICITIS	×	7	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
	Çici,	1	-	,	1	1	1	1	ı	1	1	ı	1
B46(7) OTHER DISEASES OF THE DICESTIVE SYSTEM	M	-	1	1	1	-	- (	1	1	,	Н	1	1
	Etq.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B39 HYPERPLASM OF PROSTATE	M	7		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,	1	1
B46(8) OTHER DISEASES, GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM	×	1	,	1	1	-	- 1	1	1	1	1		1
	E4	2		,	1	-	1	1	1	1	Н	1	1
B42 CONCENITAL ANOMALYES	×	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,
	Eq.	-	1	1	٦	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B43 BIRTH INJURY, DIFFICULT LABOUR, ETC.	Et.	7	П	1	1	1	1	,	1	,	,	1	
B44 OTHER CAUSES OF PERINATAL NORTALITY	M	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	,	,
	E4	П	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BE47 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	[Eq	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BE48 ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M	-1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1		
	Day.	7	1	1	1	,	1	1	1	1	1	1	
TOTAL ALL CASES -5-	Ma	73	CV C	rir	1 -	1	1	-	7	-	16	25	26
	i.	24	· ·	-	7		1	1	22		5	16	24

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious diseases notified during the year, shown as quarterly totals:-

	March	June	September	December	Total 1969
Measles		4	1		5
Scarlet Fever	4	1	1	1	7
Dysentery	5	12	2	-	19
Infective Jaundice	11-11	- 1	1	1 1-1 1	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	1

#### FOOD POISONING

The one case of Food Poisoning notified during the year was caused by S. typhi murium.

#### FOOD

#### (1) General

All food premises were visited by the Public Health Inspector during the year, often in conjunction with visits under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act mentioned later. Twenty-one Voluntary Surrender Certificates were issued for defective food. Two samples of foods and drugs for purity and complience with the Trade Description Act 1968 were submitted for laboratory examination by the Dorset County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority through their Weights and Measures Department.

Ten informal notices were issued for minor items such as proofing against rodents or normal repairs.

#### (2) Meat Premises

There are no registered slaughter houses and no poultry processing premises within the District, although there is one egg production battery for 15,000 hens adjacent to a built up area in the Tophill District. All meat for human consumption was inspected by officers of the adjoining authorities. These arrangements were considered satisfactory and no difficulty was experienced. All Butchers and provision shops producing or selling meat products, sausages or meat were visited, and standards were found to be in accordance with the Meat Regulations 1960, Food and Drugs Act 1955 and Food Hygiene Regulations.

#### (3) Milk

Under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963, the Dorset County Council registered eighteen grocers and cafes as dealers for the sale of pre-packed pasteurised milk.

The County Health Department reported that twenty-four Milk Samples were submitted to the laboratory from retailers and food premises and one of these samples failed to pass the Methylene Blue test.

The two main registered suppliers of milk are Mesars. Lovells Creameries Ltd., and the District Co-operative Society, both at Weymouth.

The Island has two farmers who forward all milk to Weymouth for pasteurisation. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries normally inspect the farms, but the Public Health Inspector visited six times in relation to toilet facilities, rodent clearance in hay stacks etc, and manure removal.

#### (4) Summary

Food premises within the area are as follows:-

Butchers ! Shops Bakers shops	8 6
Bakeries	3
Greengrocers General provision shops	35
Confectioners	21
Mobile Canteen	2
Works Canteen	3
School Canteen	3
Hotels	6
Licensed Premises	31
Licensed Clubs	5
Salvation Army Hostels	1
Cafes	15

#### (5) Food Hygiene Regulations 1960 Cafe and Food Premises

Fourteen notices were needed for minor items in food premises in relation to rodent proofing, waste bins abd repairs.

The Council leased land to facilitate a permanemt Cafe in place of the temporary buildings at Verne Yeates, and site clearance commenced.

Generally speaking the food hygiene standard was reasonably satisfactory.

#### (6) Unsound Food Voluntarily Surrendered and Disposed Of

#### Condemned Food

Condemned food is collected by Council transport after voluntary surrender has been agreed in writing and is disposed of at the Council Tip.

Meat	201bs
Pears	51bs
Fish	21bs
Spaghetti	21bs
Strawberries	2lbs
Pasties	1201bs
Soup	31bs
Peas	51bs

#### WATER SUPPLY

The Council's Water Undertaking was transferred to the Dorset Water Board on 1st April, 1969.

All houses in the District have a main water supply from the Rriar Waddon borehole where the supply is chlorinated. One sample of the public water supply for chemical analysis was submitted to Messrs. Waterfall & O'Brien of Bristol.

The results are as usual very good and indicate an extremely pure water with no significant change whatsoever from previous results. This is the more satisfactory in that in these days of increasing building schemes, not to mention vast pig keeping establishments, more and more supplies are exposed to risk of pollution.

The fact that the mineral constituents have not changed is also reassuring indicating that there is no change in the mineral composition.

#### CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - November 1969

Appearance:	Clear and Colourless.	No smell
Reaction:	pH 7.1	
Conductivity:	440 mhos.	

		Parts per million
Free Carb	on Dioxide CO2	10
Free		less than 0.01 0.006
Chlorine	(as Chloride)	23
Oxygen ab	ent to Sodium Shloride sorbed (4 hrs)	38 less than 0.2
	in Nitrate in Nitrite	2.3 absent
Total sol:	ids	302
Loss on ig	on ignition	27 no charring
Hardness.	Temporary Permanent Total	213 10 223
Lead and (	-pper	less than 0.05
Mineral		
Calcium Magnesium	Ca Mg	83 4
Sodium Potassium	Na K	13 0.6
Carbonate Sulphate	00 <sub>3</sub> 80 <sub>4</sub>	128 12
Flouride	F	0.09

Sixty-two samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Dorchester for Bacteriological examination, and were reported on as follows:-

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Council Offices, Portland (chlorinated supply)	58	Cash Self on Inc	58
Friar Waddon Borehole (before chlorinated)	1	3	4
lev our clearable to change has	59	3	62

#### HOUSING ACTS 1956-1964

During the year the undermentioned properties were the subject of official Representations under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 and action was taken by the Council as indicated.

25, High Street	Closing	Order
1, Belle Vue Terrace	Closing	
21, Straits, Easton	Closing	Order.

#### HOUSING ACT 1961 - MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Under the Housing Act, 1961, 68 visits were made to the 31 houses occupied by more than one family and 15 informal notices, mainly for essential repairs and overgrowding and one in regard to a fire-escape and one for rubbish removal were issued. One Statutory Notice was required.

There are no Common Lodging houses in the area. There is however a Salvation Army Hostel with seventy cubicles which is well maintained. The fire-escape was improved after consultation with the County Fire Officer's Department.

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, SECTION 47

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

No formal action was required during the year but 26 visits were made to aged and infirm persons and help and guidance given as needed.

#### CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

There are three licenced caravan sites on the Island.

- (1) Messrs. H. M. and B. A. W. Cade of 27, Shiremore Hill, Merriott, Somerset, for five residential caravans and six holiday caravans on the site adjoining 154 Wakeham.
- (2) Mr. H. W. and Mrs. D. Legg of the Higher Lighthouse, Portland Bill, for use of land at the rear of Weston House, Weston Road, (called Weston Caravan Site) for sixteen residential caravans.

The Council's Engineer & Surveyor informs me that in October, 1968 this site was given permanent Planning Approval.

(3) Messrs. Cove Chalet Park (Portland) for thirty holiday caravans in western, upper and lower paddocks adjoining Pennsylvania Castle.

#### THE DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER 1957

The County Council forwarded copies of all licences issued and an inspector from the County Land Agent's Department visited all the pig-keepers' premises regularly. Fifteen visits were made to the pig-keepers' premises by the Public Health Inspector when conditions were found to be satisfactory. All swill is boiled.

#### ANIMAL BOARDING ACT 1953

#### PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

There were two licenced pet shops on Portland during the year.

The local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector remained an Honorary Inspector under the Pet Animals Act.

The Annual Portland Fair in November was visited by the Public . Health Inspector in relation to the Acts.

#### LETHAL CHAMBER FOR ANIMALS

The cabinets loaned to the Council by the R.S.P.C.A. for the humane destruction of unwanted cats and dogs were available at the Council's Wide Street Depot on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The service is free, but a voluntary donation may be made to the Society to pay for the chloroform for cats and the maintaining of the electric cabinet for dogs. This electric cabinet was inspected by the makers for efficiency twice during the year. 27 dogs or puppies and 23 cats or kittens were humanely destroyed.

#### DEALERS IN SCRAP METAL

Four persons were registered by the Council to deal in scrap metal under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 and twelve visits were made by the Public Health Inspector. The general inspection of books and premises were, by the Act, transferred to the Police authority.

#### MINES AND QUARRIES ACT 1954 SECTION 151

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 SECTION 92

Fifteen visits were made to check quarry fences throughout the Island. Three reminders w.re sent to the two quarry companies requiring adjustments or renewal of fences.

#### LITTER ACT, 1958 CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

The Council and the Crown Officers and the Court Leet do their best to minimise the litter problem at Portland Bill and other Crown Land open to the public. Portland Bill, from which probably the finest views of the English Channel coast-line can be obtained, attracts many thousands of sight-seers every summer, but it is a sad fact that these visitors are not as litter conscious as they might be.

Fortunately, however, this exposed area receives periodic cleaning of its litter by the natural agency of high winds.

To the east of the Bill itself there is a considerable area of land taken up by huts, which are for day recreational purposes. It gives me pleasure to report that these huts and the surrounding area, were again generally speaking, kept in immaculate condition. It is evident that the hut owners, who are mostly local people, take pride in their surroundings.

Abandoned Scrap Cars are now removed to the Council's Depot.

#### SWIMMING BATHS, TOPHILL AND UNDERHILL JUNIOR SCHOOLS

These baths are chlorinated by drip feed in continuous flow. The County Public Health Department Staff took samples to ensure that the water is clean and sterils throughout the year.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are twelve public conveniences for men and ten for women. These are maintained in reasonable structural condition although several are without wash hand basins. The Council proposed to reconstruct the Easton conveniences and repair the West Wesre Conveniences.

The public conveniences at Portland Bill are still inadequate during the peak summer period. A long term proposal was made to the Crown Estate to provide a joint convenience on Weymouth Road from proposed fees collected from the Car Park.

#### DRAINAGE AND GENERAL WORK

The Health Department carries out the clearing of drains and private sewers by direct labour at no separate charge to the property owners. Notices were served on the owners for drainage repairs or improvements on drains giving recurrent trouble.

The Public Health Inspector checked and tested all drain repairs and dealt with enquiries regarding existing drainage including choked or defective houshold drains throughout the Island.

Authority is given to him to require work to be carried out on private sewers, in the mane of the Council, to ensure early action in emergency, and apportionment of cost between owners.

The Council's Sanitary Assistant carried out most of the rodent destruction throughout the area, (apart from Crown properties) disinfestations and disinfections of building, burning of accumulations, spraying of the Council's tip, and other miscellaneous duties.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936, CLEAN AIR ACT 1956, DUST AND SMOKE

Under the Public Health Act occasional checks were made on the stone crusher at Wakeham and at the Loading Quay at Castletown, regarding dust.

At Wakeham a change in the process necessitated numerous reminders to the owners on precautions to minimise a dust nuisance in the locality.

Twelve visits were made to the crusher and fourteen to the loading quay. There has been no serious smoke problem in the area and there are no smoke control areas on the Island.

The Naval Base sometimes causes black smoke during fire-fighting practices but it is usually arranged for these to take place when the winds are off-shore.

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Portland has approximately 4,260 dwellings and business premises and drainage from these, with few exceptions, passes into sewers and out to sea untreated through four outfalls, at Chiswell, Chene, Portland Bill and Sheat.

Apart from a small area at the end of Wakeham, all the Tophill sewerage enters the sea by natural fall but in the Underhill area all sewage; is pumped into the sea at Chiswell.

The Grove area comprising of the Borstal Institution and the Officers Quarters, the Grove School and two large houses in the area and a new Estate of ten houses for the Borstal Institution are connected to the Institution's private sewer outfall.

The Admiralty have private outfalls from the Naval Base and other establishments adjoining, which enter the sea outside the harbour.

Following complaints alleging sewage contaminisation at Church Ope Cove, samples of sea water were taken for bacteriological examination at various states of the tide on the 22nd and 25th August and the 3rd and 22nd September. No coliform or other organisms suggesting sewage contamination were detected. I am most grateful to Dr. George Tee of the Public Health Laboratory at Dorchester who personally carried out these investigations.

The sewer of the new Westcliff Naval housing accommodation and caravan site and the large Admiralty buildings at Southwell are connected to the Council's sewers, although surface water is disposed of separately.

The provision of a separate surface water system in connection with the continued housing development in the Weston area has helped the existing sewerage system to cope with the new development. A scheme to relieve the Weston sewer and to group the sewers to Sheat outfall was commenced.

In the Southwell area work proceeded on the provision of new surface water and foul sewers to serve the new estate to connect to the separate system provided by the developers.

#### RODENT CONTROL

The district was consistently inspected for rats and other rodents by the Public Health Inspector and the part-time rodent operative.

The open spaces at Tophill continued to need steady attention, but no major infestations occured.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food methods of disinfestations were used and there were regular visits from their officers to check work.

A 10% overall test by baiting was made with good results and areas poison baited according to the Ministry Inspector's advice. Extremely few rats were found in the sewers on the first time and none were found on the second test.

Baits containing preservative were used for both sewers and surface treatments. Small metal trays continued to be provided in selected manhole chambers to hold the bait above the level of the storm water flow during the rainy season.

Eighty-four minor infestations of rats were dealt with and thirty-five treatments were given for mice.

The Council Tip was baited twenty-five times during the year.

Number of visits of part-time Rodent Operative	
(inspection and treatment)	820
Minor infestations (rats and mice) reported or	0.00
found and eradicated	119
Sewer manholes test-baited	70
Sewer manholes poison-baited (two periods)	18
Owners advised regarding precautions	12
Visits made by : the Public Health Inspector	
primarily for other purposes, but combined with	
rodent inspection	11/5
Visits made by the Public Health Inspector for	
rodent matters only	16
	Market .

#### REFUSE COLLECTION

This work is under the control of the Council's Engineer & Surveyor who writes as follows:-

A weekly collection of house and shop refuse was carried out regularly and satisfactorily throughout the year. A performance payment was introduced.

One Commer 35 cubic yard rear loading ram tipping vehicle used for main collections. One afternoon a week a second vehicle, being an 18 yard Commer rear loading verticle tipping vehicle is employed for the collection in narrow streets.

It is estimated that 4,800 tons of house and trade refuse was disposed of during the year.

Controlled tipping has been maintained on the Council's tip at Wide Street, despite difficult weather conditions.

Every effort was made to prevent "Tip-Picking" and two persons were in fact successfully prosecuted by the police for such offences.

#### OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

By this act occupiers of shops and offices are required to be registered with the Local Authority (mines quarries and works offices, railway, government and local government premises are registered with H. M. Factory Inspector) and all premises are notified to the County Fire Officer.

The Public Health Inspector is the authorised Officer under the act and the sixth full report to the Ministry of Labour showed that at the end of 1969 one hundred and sixty five inspections were made to seventeen offices, eight—two retail shops, four wholesale warehouses, eighteen catering establishments and three fuel depots.

There were 198 men and 231 women employed in the premises registered with the Portland Council.

The Acts Draws special attention to heating, ventilation, first-aid, floor space, safety precautions, fire prevention and welfare and requires a compulsory summary of the Acts and Orders to be displayed available to all members of the staff. This summary and books are available from H. M. Stationary Office or from local Stationers.

No accidents were reported to the Council during the year.

The bad condition of the fences in the disused Easton Station Cuttings were brought to the notice of the Railway Estate.

## VISITS AND INSPECTIONS, ETC. MADE BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

		201011
	Visits made re-Housing	145
	Visits made under Public Health Acts	77
	Housing 'Special Conditions' applications	58
	Complaints investigated	40
	Informal Notices issued	74
	Builders or owners interviewed	108
	Reinspections	177
	Informal Notices complied	74
	Council House tenancy enquiries	68
	Housing Survey Inspections	22
	Aged and infirm persons Council house visits	26
		265
	Repair items referred to Engineer & Surveyor's Department	98
	Houses let in lodgings Informal Notices issued	68
	Informal Notices complied	15
	Statutory Notices issued	15
	Statutory Notices complied	15
	Water samples (bacteriological)	1
	Waterworks	67
	Water wastage reported	3
	Water samples (chemical)	22
	Butchers! Shops and meat preparation rooms	22
	Informal Notices issued	
	Informal Notices complied	4
	Grocers	39
	Ice Cream and Milk	15
	Licensed Premises	25
	Food Certificates issued	33
	Magistrates Certificates-re unsound food	1
	Clubs	14
	Food complaints investigated	5
	Notifications to producers	4
	Cafes	20
	Greengrocers	12
	Informal Notices issued	10
	Informal Notices complied	10
	School and School Canteens	6
	Fish Shops	10
	Visits re-drains	60
	Choked drains or sewers cleared	216
	Notices to repair drainage	. 14
	Drain repairs approved	23
	Formal Notices	3
	Grease tanks pumped	23 3 1 6
	Severage items mentioned to Engineer & Surveyor's Department	6
	Special investigations of defective sewers	
	Mortgaged properties inspected Shops and Offices Acts	20
	Factory Inspections	165
	Informal Notices issued	87
	Informal Notices complied	13
	Pet shops	13
	Easton Station (dis-used) re complaints	6
	Council Tip and Depot	20
	Fip sprayed for flies	50
	Tip baited for rats	6
	Inspector's visits re-rodents	25
Ì	Quarries inspected fences	16
	Informal Notices issued	75
	Informal Notices complied	15 3 3 152
	Public Conveniences	752
1	School Conveniences	8
1	eposits removed from quarries and open spaces	63
-	ouncil and private building sites	14
-	Scrap Metal Dealers - visits	10

Hackney Carriages Dangerous buildings Caravans Farms and Chicken Battery Informal Notices issued Informal Notices complied Septic Tamks Tanks pumped Pig premises Noise abatement Informal Notices issued Informal Notices complied Statutory Notices issued Statutory Notices complied Garages re-petroleum Acts Disinfestations (except rats) Tents, vans and sheds (casual camping) Beach Disinfection of dwelling Pet animals and Animal Boarding Acts Pleasure Boats Cemetery Miscellaneous Hairdressers	90 6 12 10 4 4 12 6 5 15 8 8 1 1 1 9 15 25 7 8 2 10 1 260 6
Informal Notices issued Informal Notices complied	 119
Statutory Notices issued	 119
Statutory Notices complied	 2
Total number of visits or inspections made	 2.605

#### FACTORIES ACT 1961

# Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Fublic Health Inspector.

		Number	Number of			
	Premises	on Register	Inspections		Occupier: Prosecuted	
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities	39	46	8		
(11)	Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority	29	43	3	THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 1	
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	3	18	4	- 11	
	Total	71	107	15	- 33	

#### Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	N	umber of ca	No of cases in which pro-			
Particulars (1)	Found	Remedied	Refer	By H.M. Inspector (5)	secutions were	
	(2)	(3)	Inspector (4)		(6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	1 -	-	-	
Overcrowding (S.2) Unreasonable temper- ature (S.3)	-	-	-	1	-	
Inadequate ventila- tion (S.4)	1	1	-	-	-3	

	Numb	er of cases were fo	Number of cases in which		
			Referr	ed	prosecutions were instituted
Particulars	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	WOLG ZIBULUGGO
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of	00				
floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient (b) Unsuitable or		_	_	-	_
defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	5	5	-	1	-
Total	13	13	-		-

### PART VIII OF THE ACT (Outwork) Sections 133 and 134

	Section	on 133	Sectio			
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 133(a)(c)	default in sending	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notice Served	pros- cution (7)
(1)	(~)	(2)	(4)	(2)	(0)	(1)
Wearing) Making appare ) etc.,	10	-	-	-	-	-
	10					