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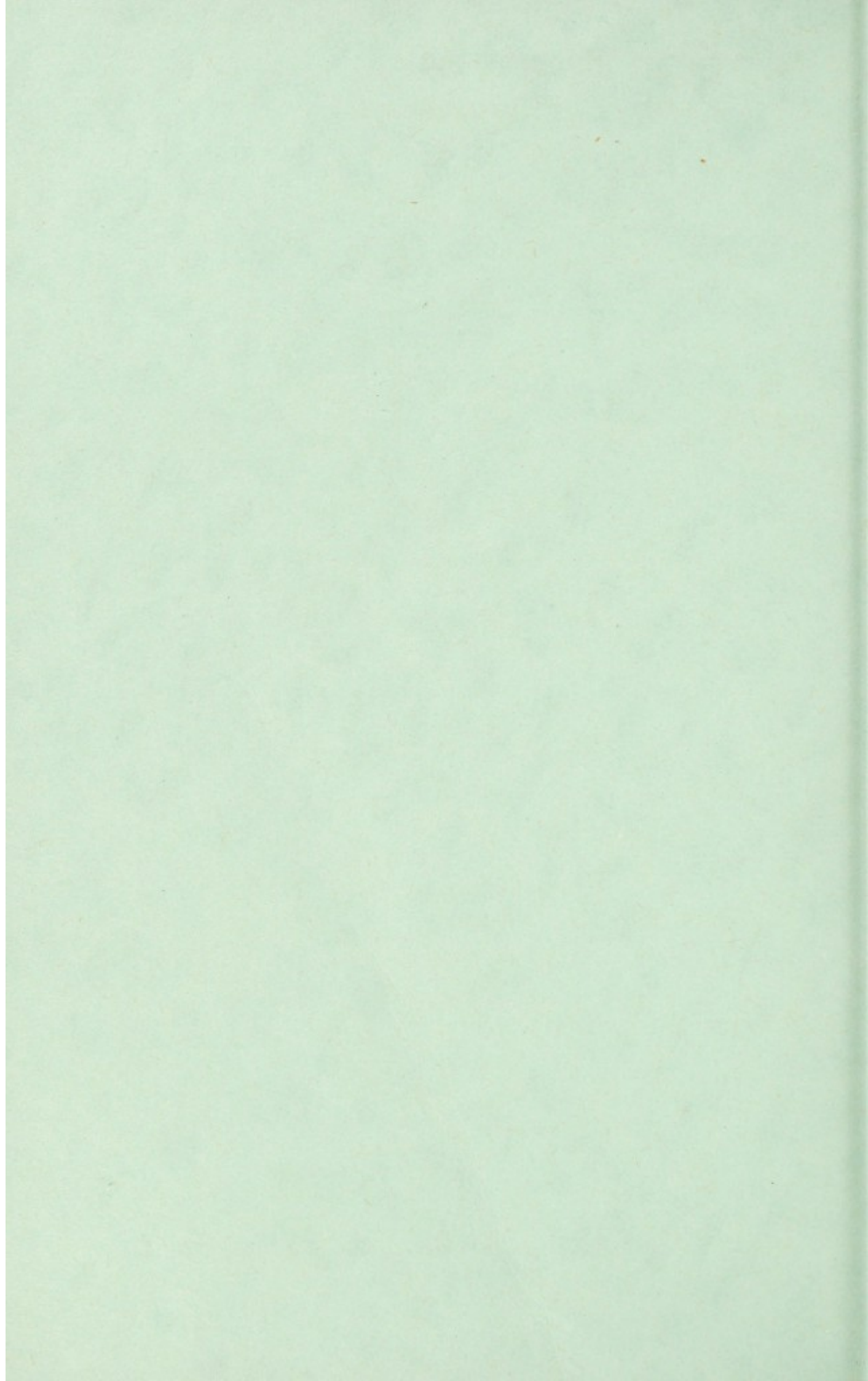
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ANNUAL REPORT for the Year 1967

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

I submit for your information and consideration my twenty-first Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS:

The Rural District of Ringwood and Fordingbridge lies along the south-western boundary of the Administrative County of Hampshire. It is bounded on the north by the Wiltshire Downs and in the south reaches to within three miles of the sea, separated from it only by the narrow coastal town of Christchurch. The Hampshire Avon traverses the area from north to south. The eastern part of the territory includes a substantial part of the New Forest.

The District contains 16 parishes and has a steadily rising population, principally by immigration. It is an area where many come to retire and it has therefore an unduly aged population with a falling birth rate and a rising death rate.

Farming is the main occupation but there is a very large aircraft factory, a foundry producing motor-car parts and assorted light industries in the urbanised areas.

RAINFALL FOR 1967:

The following figures have been provided by the courtesy of the Meteorological Officer at Hurn Airport.

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| January 4.09 | July 0.95 |
| February 3.82 | August 2.42 |
| March 2.33 | September 4.28 |
| April 1.24 | October 6.85 |
| May 4.90 | November 1.96 |
| June 1.51 | December 1.93 |

— TOTAL 36.28 inches

GENERAL STATISTICS :

AREA: 90,145 acres.

POPULATION: Registrar-General's estimate for mid-year 1967: 29,880.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 10,587.

RATEABLE VALUE AT 31.12.67: £1,266,928.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE: £5074. 17s. 1d.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967:

(as supplied by the Registrar General)

| | Total | Male | Female | Ringwood & Fordingbridge Rural District | England and Wales |
|------------------------|-------|------|--------|---|-------------------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS: | | | | | |
| Total | 375 | 197 | 178 | | |
| Legitimate | 345 | 182 | 163 | | |
| Illegitimate | 30 | 15 | 15 | | |

LIVE BIRTH RATE (Comparability Factor 1.21):

| | | |
|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 population | 12.6 | 17.2 |
| After application of comparability factor | 15.2 | |

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Per cent of total live births | 8.0 |
|---|-----|

STILL BIRTHS:

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Total | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Legitimate | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Illegitimate | — | — | — |

STILL BIRTH RATE:

| | | |
|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 total (live and still) births | 7.9 | 14.8 |
|---|-----|------|

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 378

INFANT DEATHS:

Deaths under one year of age:

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Total | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Legitimate | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | — |

Deaths under four weeks of age:

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Total | 1 | — | 1 |
| Legitimate | 1 | — | 1 |
| Illegitimate | — | — | — |

Deaths under one week of age:

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Total | 1 | — | 1 |
| Legitimate | 1 | — | 1 |
| Illegitimate | — | — | — |

| | Total | Male | Female | Ringwood & Fordingbridge Rural District | England and Wales |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------|--------|---|-------------------------|
| INFANT MORTALITY RATE : | | | | | |
| Per 1,000 live births: | Total | . | . | 10.6 | 18.3 |
| " " " " | Legitimate | . | . | 8.7 | |
| " " " " | Illegitimate | . | . | 33.3 | |

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:*Deaths under 4 weeks:*

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 live births | . | . | . | 2.7 | 12.5 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|------|

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:*Deaths under one week:*

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 live births | . | . | . | 2.7 | 10.8 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|------|

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE:*Still births and deaths under one week combined:*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 total (live and still) births | . | . | . | 10.6 | 25.4 |
|---|---|---|---|------|------|

MATERNAL DEATHS:

(Including abortion) Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Per 1,000 total (live and still) births | . | . | . | Nil | 0.20 |
|---|---|---|---|-----|------|

DEATHS:

| | | |
|-------|------|--------|
| Total | Male | Female |
| 460 | 208 | 252 |

DEATH RATE: (Comparability factor 0.59)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|------|------|
| Per 1,000 population | . | . | . | 15.4 | 11.2 |
| After application of comparability factor | . | . | . | 9.1 | |

SPECIAL CAUSES:*Death rate per 1,000 population:*

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|------|------|
| Tuberculosis | . | . | . | Nil | 0.04 |
| Cancer (lung and bronchus) | . | . | . | 0.70 | 0.58 |
| Cancer (all causes) | . | . | . | 2.61 | 2.27 |

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS:*Since the District was formed in 1932.*

| Year | Population | Ringwood and Fordingbridge | | | England and Wales | | |
|------|------------|----------------------------|------|------|-------------------|------|------|
| | | I.M.R. | B.R. | D.R. | I.M.R. | B.R. | D.R. |
| 1932 | 18,400 | 60 | 15.4 | 12.6 | 65 | 15.3 | 12.0 |
| 1937 | 18,690 | 23 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 58 | 14.9 | 12.4 |
| 1942 | 20,640 | 19 | 17.6 | 14.9 | 49 | 15.8 | 11.6 |
| 1947 | 21,360 | 36 | 22.1 | 13.6 | 41 | 20.5 | 12.0 |
| 1952 | 24,060 | 28 | 16.2 | 12.4 | 27.6 | 15.3 | 11.3 |
| 1957 | 25,180 | 30 | 14.6 | 18.9 | 23.0 | 16.1 | 11.5 |
| 1962 | 27,380 | 29 | 15.0 | 16.1 | 21.4 | 18.0 | 11.9 |
| 1963 | 28,030 | 21 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 20.9 | 18.2 | 12.2 |
| 1964 | 28,850 | 14 | 14.5 | 13.6 | 20.0 | 18.4 | 11.3 |
| 1965 | 29,320 | 9.5 | 14.4 | 14.9 | 19.0 | 18.1 | 11.5 |
| 1966 | 29,610 | 4.9 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 19.0 | 17.7 | 11.7 |
| 1967 | 29,880 | 10.6 | 12.6 | 15.4 | 18.3 | 17.2 | 11.2 |

CAUSES OF DEATH:

| | Male | Female |
|--|-------|--------|
| 1 Tuberculosis, respiratory | — | — |
| 2 Tuberculosis, other | — | — |
| 3 Syphilitic disease | 1 | 1 |
| 4 Diphtheria | — | — |
| 5 Whooping Cough | — | — |
| 6 Meningococcal infection | — | — |
| 7 Acute Poliomyelitis | — | — |
| 8 Measles | — | — |
| 9 Other infective and parasitic diseases | — | — |
| 10 Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 5 | 4 |
| 11 Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 18 | 3 |
| 12 Malignant neoplasm, breast | — | 7 |
| 13 Malignant neoplasm, uterus | — | 6 |
| 14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 18 | 17 |
| 15 Leukaemia, aleukaemia | 2 | 1 |
| 16 Diabetes | 1 | 3 |
| 17 Vascular lesion of nervous system | 32 | 54 |
| 18 Coronary disease, angina | 55 | 34 |
| 19 Hypertension with heart disease | — | 2 |
| 20 Other heart disease | 15 | 34 |
| 21 Other circulatory disease | 8 | 27 |
| 22 Influenza | 1 | — |
| 23 Pneumonia | 15 | 14 |
| 24 Bronchitis | 6 | 4 |
| 25 Other diseases of respiratory system | 2 | — |
| 26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 3 | — |
| 27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | 3 | 1 |
| 28 Nephritis and nephrosis | — | 2 |
| 29 Hyperplasia of prostate | 4 | — |
| 30 Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | — | — |
| 31 Congenital malformations | 3 | — |
| 32 Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 6 | 28 |
| 33 Motor vehicle accidents | 3 | 3 |
| 34 All other accidents | 7 | 7 |
| 35 Suicide | — | — |
| 36 Homicide and operations of war | — | — |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 208 | 252 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE:

| Notifications | Number |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Measles | 250 |
| Whooping Cough | 14 |
| Scarlet Fever | 5 |
| Pneumonia | 7 |
| Erysipelas | 1 |

TUBERCULOSIS:

| | <i>Pulmonary</i> | | <i>Non-Pulmonary</i> | | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | |
| No. on Register at 31.12.67 | 134 | 81 | 43 | 17 | 275 |
| No. of new notifications | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Transfers from other areas | — | — | — | — | — |
| Deaths | — | — | — | — | — |

LUNG CANCER:

Lung cancer deaths increased by 3 to a total of 21, a figure which has only once been exceeded in the past ten years. Over this ten years the trend has shown a steady increase but with no single year being in itself significant. However, the total of deaths in the past five years was greater by 55% than the total of the previous five—a figure of much greater significance.

The national death rate from this disease has again shown its customary annual increase. 28,250 deaths occurred, 1231 more than in 1966, more than maintaining the average annual increase of about 1,000 which has prevailed for a number of years. This self inflicted cancer is by far the largest single cause of death from cancer and the only one with a steadily rising death rate. It is moreover the only cancer capable of a significant reduction by the efforts of the public themselves, in view of its close association with our smoking habits.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. **Laboratory Facilities**

The area is served by two constituent laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. The one at Boscombe is under the direction of Dr. G. J. G. King, and that at Salisbury under Dr. P. J. Wormald. In each case the Directors are available as consultants in field work, in the District.

The following list, kindly supplied by Dr. King, is of specimens from this District examined at the Boscombe Laboratory.

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Milk | 14 |
| Water | 29 |
| Ice Cream | 6 |
| Other Sanitary | 6 |
| | 55 |

2. **Hospitals**

Hospital facilities are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Fordingbridge Cottage Hospital

St. Leonards Hospital

Fordingbridge Infirmary

) **Aged and chronic sick**

The majority of patients requiring hospital treatment go to Bournemouth or Salisbury.

Cases of infectious disease go to the infectious diseases unit at the Poole General Hospital.

3. Tuberculosis

The clinic facilities for the treatment, prevention, and after-care of this infection are provided jointly by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Council. Cases south of Fordingbridge come under the care of the Chest Physician at Christchurch, and those in the northern part of the area under the Chest Physician at Salisbury. Chest Physicians hold joint appointments, and Health Visitors are provided by the County Council.

After 15 years as Chest Physician at Christchurch, Dr. Stuart Robertson retired and has been succeeded by Dr. A. T. Hendry.

A Voluntary Care and After Care Committee, under the Chairmanship of Lady Manners, has provided extra comforts for tuberculous patients for many years. It is now to be disbanded owing to the lack of demand resulting from modern treatment, and the general decrease in the prevalence of tuberculosis.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. Ambulance Services

The area Ambulance Service is provided from a main station at Lymington with sub-stations at Ringwood and Christchurch. All ambulances are fitted with wireless and are controlled from a central control at Winchester, to which all requests for ambulance services must be directed.

The Central Ambulance Control,
Queen's Road,
Winchester.

Telephone : Winchester 61644

Emergency 999 calls are routed direct to central control

2. Nursing Services

The Nursing Services are administered locally by the District Health Sub-Committee.

Details of Nurses and their areas :

NORTHERN NURSING AREA

| <i>District Served</i> | <i>Name and Address</i> | <i>Service</i> |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman | Miss I. C. Durley, Nurse's House, Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge. Tel: F'bridge 3185 | NURSE/MIDWIFE & HEALTH VISITOR |
| Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman | Miss H. M. Casey, 2, Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge. Tel: F'bridge 2157 | NURSE/MIDWIFE & HEALTH VISITOR |
| Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman | Mrs. A. J. Bolton, "Brentwood", Marle Lane, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge. Tel: F'bridge 3345 | NURSE/MIDWIFE & HEALTH VISITOR |

SOUTHERN NURSING AREA

| <i>District Served</i> | <i>Name and Address</i> | <i>Service</i> |
|--|--|--|
| Ringwood part, Hightown, Moortown, Kingston, Bisterne, Crow, Foulford. | Miss R. Howick, 17, Highfield Avenue, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3565 | DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE |
| Ringwood part, Blashford, Ellingham, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Linwood, Rockford, Poulner, Highwood, Linford, Shobley. | Miss P. M. Bain, 12, Winston Way, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3992 | DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE |
| Ringwood part, St. Leonards, St. Ives, Ashley, Harefield, Somerley, Waltham Estate, Nea Heath. | Miss A. M. Hill, Ferndale, St. Ives, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3196 | DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE |
| Relief work in Ringwood and Fordingbridge area. | Mrs. J. L. Street, The Bungalow, Hangersley, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3928 | RELIEF DISTRICT NURSE/MIDWIFE |
| Attached to Drs. Howard and Wood. Also unattached work in Burley. | Mrs. A. M. Powell, Sandy Shoot Cottage, Honey Lane, Burley. Tel: Burley 3385 | DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR |
| Bransgore, Sopley, Ripley, Avon, Godwinscroft, Waterditch, Neacroft, Burton. | Miss H. M. Winder, 2, Meyrick Close, Bransgore, Christchurch. Tel: Bransgore 505 | DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR |
| Patients of Drs. Downes and Matthes in Ringwood, St. Leonards, St. Ives, (Patients of Drs. Holman and Withey in Ringwood) and unattached work in this area. | Miss R. E. P. Owen, Nurse's Cottage, Campden House, Burley. Tel: Burley 3370 | HEALTH VISITOR |
| Patients of Drs. Kitchin & Dean in Ringwood, St. Leonards, St. Ives, (Patients of Drs. Holman & Withey, St. Leonards & St. Ives) and unattached work in this area. | Mrs. E. E. Arnold, 17, Kingsway, Ferndown, Dorset. Tel: Ferndown 3318 | HEALTH VISITOR |
| Attached to practice of Drs. Carr, Wyatt and Scott-Jupp and also unattached work in Christchurch west, Hurn, North Kingston, N. Ripley, Bisterne. | Miss D. Hayes, 61, Baring Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Tel: B'mouth 47334 | HEALTH VISITOR |

3. Home Help Service

The Home Help Service is under the local administration of the District Health Sub-Committee.

The Divisional Organiser is Mrs. M. Bowler, 12, Empress Road, Lyndhurst. Telephone: Lyndhurst 2762.

4. Child Welfare Clinics

| <i>Child Welfare Centre</i> | <i>Place</i> | <i>Time</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Breamore | Woodgreen Hall | First Thursday in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Fordingbridge | Victoria Rooms | First and Third Tuesdays in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Ringwood | Conway Hall | Every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. |
| St. Leonards | District Hall | Fourth Tuesday in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Bransgore | Village Hall | Second and Fourth Fridays in month at 2.30 p.m. |
| Burley | Myrtle Hall | Second and Fourth Wednesdays in month at 2.30 p.m. |

5. School Health Services

School medical inspections are carried out periodically by Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Visitors.

Special clinics are held at the County Council Health Centre, Christchurch, and at the County Council Dental Clinic in Ringwood.

6. Smallpox Vaccination

Treatment is principally carried out by family doctors but is also available at Child Welfare Centres. Records for children up to the age of 16 are maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is free, but family doctors normally charge for certificates of vaccination.

Number of Vaccination Record Cards received during 1967.

| AGE | <i>Months</i> | | | | <i>Years</i> | | | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|-----|------|--------------|
| | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 1 yr. | 2-4 | 5-15 | |
| Primary Vaccinations | — | 1 | 2 | 8 | 209 | 51 | 37 | 308 |
| Re-Vaccinations | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 74 | 79 |

7. Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis

Treatment is carried out by family doctors and at Child Welfare Centres and schools. Records are at present maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer, but will eventually be transferred to the County computer.

A good response to immunisation has been maintained.

| Type of Vaccine | Year of Birth | | | | | Others under 16 | Total |
|---|---------------|------|------|------|---------|-----------------------|-------|
| | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1960-63 | | |
| Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus | | | | | | | |
| Primary | 142 | 222 | 32 | 9 | 13 | 2 | 420 |
| Re-inforcing | — | 42 | 134 | 35 | 139 | 18 | 358 |
| Diphtheria-Tetanus | | | | | | | |
| Primary | — | 1 | 3 | — | 9 | 10 | 23 |
| Re-inforcing | — | 3 | 1 | 2 | 73 | 200 | 279 |
| Diphtheria only | | | | | | | |
| Primary | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Re-inforcing | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | |
| Primary | 109 | 257 | 32 | 8 | 38 | 12 | 456 |
| Re-inforcing | — | 21 | 60 | 19 | 218 | 29 | 347 |

WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied with water from the mains of the West Hampshire Water Company whose principal works are in the Borough of Christchurch, where the supply is taken from the River Avon. In 1957 the Company developed an additional source from deep boreholes in the chalk at Hale Park and this now supplies most of this District. The borehole water is subjected to marginal chlorination and is treated to remove excess dissolved carbon dioxide and iron.

Raw and treated waters from the Hale bores are examined twice a week at the Company's own water testing laboratory which is in charge of a qualified chemist and bacteriologist. In addition, periodic samples are sent to an outside laboratory.

During the year 16 samples of water were taken from sources of supply other than the mains; 9 of these were found to be unsatisfactory.

The following list gives the number of premises, in parishes, supplied with main water as noted in the Water Company's records:

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Separately assessed domestic dwellings</i> | <i>Approximate population supplied</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Martin | 125 | 356 |
| Rockbourne | 151 | 430 |
| Whitsbury | 70 | 199 |
| Breamore | 102 | 291 |
| Hale | 178 | 507 |
| Woodgreen | 189 | 539 |
| Damerham | 143 | 407 |
| Fordingbridge | 1742 | 4964 |
| Harbridge and Ibsley | 152 | 433 |
| Ellingham | 196 | 558 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives | 1377 | 3924 |
| Ringwood | 3290 | 9376 |
| Burley | 577 | 1644 |
| Hurn | 95 | 271 |
| Sopley | 291 | 829 |
| Christchurch East | 1492 | 4253 |

Standpipes are installed at six cottages at Lower Daggons.

A typical result of an examination of a sample of the treated water from the Hale borehole is shown below:—

THE COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES
ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER received on 4.12.67 from
WEST HAMPSHIRE WATER COMPANY

Chemical results in parts per million

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Appearance: Clear and bright. | Odour: very faint chlorinous. |
| Turbidity (A.P.H.A. units): Nil. | Free Carbon Dioxide: 15. |
| Colour (Hazen): Nil. | Dissolved Solids dried at 180°C: 320. |
| pH 7.6. | |
| Electric Conductivity: 460. | |
| Reciprocal Megohms per cm. | |
| Chlorine present as Chloride: 18. | Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 225. |
| Hardness: Total 270. Carbonate: 225 | Non-carbonate: 45. |
| Nitrate Nitrogen: 3.5. | Nitrite Nitrogen: absent. |
| Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.03. | Oxygen Absorbed: 0.0. |
| Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.00. | Residual Chlorine: 0.15. |
| Metals: Iron 0.04, Zinc 0.4, Copper, | |
| Lead: absent. | |

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

| Number of colonies developing on Agar | 1 day at 37°C. | 2 days at 37°C. | 3 days at 20-22°C. |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 0 per ml. | 0 per ml. | 0 per ml. |
| | <i>Present in</i> | <i>Absent from</i> | <i>Most probable Number</i> |
| Presumptive Coliform reaction | — ml. | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
| Bact. Coli. (Type I) | — ml. | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
| Cl. welchii reaction | — ml. | 100 ml. | |

This sample is clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals apart from minute traces of iron and zinc. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results indicate a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic uses.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Stage IIa of the St. Leonards and St. Ives scheme commenced in December 1966 and has made good progress; completion is now expected in June 1968. The final stage, less the Avon Castle section deleted on financial grounds, should commence in the summer of 1968.

The Bransgore scheme commenced in May 1966 and is likewise expected to come into operation in June 1968.

The sewerage of Sandleheath and the repairs to the Fordingbridge Works should commence in the latter half of 1968.

Burley is programmed for 1969.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk production in the area is supervised by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Retail Distribution is supervised by officers of this Council.

There is no pasteurising plant within the District.

The following table shows the number of registered Dairy Farmers in the District at the end of 1967.

| | <i>Registered Producers</i> | <i>"Untreated milk" licence holders</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Martin | 6 | — |
| Rockbourne | 9 | — |
| Whitsbury | 2 | — |
| Breamore | 10 | 1 |
| Hale | 8 | — |
| Woodgreen | 3 | 1 |
| Damerham | 4 | — |
| Fordingbridge | 30 | — |
| Harbridge and Ibsley | 10 | 1 |
| Ellingham | 5 | 2 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives | 7 | — |
| Ringwood | 20 | 2 |
| Burley | 6 | — |
| Hurn | 6 | — |
| Sopley | 19 | — |
| Christchurch East | 20 | — |
| | <hr/> 165 | <hr/> 7 |

The records show a further reduction in the number of registered producers.

The details have been kindly supplied by the Divisional Executive Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

SAMPLING OF FOOD AND DRUGS:

The County Council is the sampling authority and the following report on sampling within this District has been kindly supplied by Mr. J. S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer.

During the year ended 31st March, 1968, 96 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District Council.

Milk Samples

60 samples of milk, including five of "Channel Islands", were taken and all were found to be satisfactory.

Miscellaneous Samples

36 samples of articles other than milk were obtained, two being the subject of adverse reports.

The adverse reports were in respect of:—

- (1) A sample of a tonic preparation which was stated to provide an additional source of minerals and vitamin B. The label, however, did not specify the ingredients in terms of quantity or the proportions in which they were present and this was taken up with the packer with a view to a more adequate labelling. There was no complaint as to the composition of the product.
- (2) Following a consumer complaint, part of what was stated to be a packet of butter was analysed and proved to consist of margarine. According to the information received, the "butter" had been purchased—in a butter wrapper—some three weeks before it was used and an unusual taste noticed; the purchaser being reasonably certain that nothing had happened to the article whilst it was in his possession. Formal samples of all the various types of butter available at the shop at which the purchase had been made as well as at another branch belonging to the same company, were obtained immediately after the complaint came to light but these were all satisfactory. Butter sold at the shop was received, already packed, from another company and inquiries from this source seemed to eliminate any possibility of margarine having been enclosed inadvertently or otherwise, in a "butter" wrapper. In this case, in spite of the very full investigations made, it was not possible to ascertain what had caused the margarine to become enclosed in a butter wrapper but in all the circumstances and the doubt, however slight, of something untoward having occurred after the article had been purchased, it was not felt that proceedings were justified.

General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints concerning these matters.

A scheme for the testing of various foods for pesticide residues has been in operation, in conjunction with other Food and Drugs Authorities, since August, 1966. So far, no evidence of significant contamination has been reported.

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

The systematic survey of food premises continues; 14 were inspected for the first time and 46 re-inspections were made. The general standard is satisfactory.

HOUSING

31 Council houses were completed during the year and the waiting list lengthened.

Private construction decreased.

The survey of unfit houses continues; 44 houses were inspected, 21 unfit houses were demolished and 52 were made fit by formal or informal action.

| | | |
|---|-----------|------|
| No. on Housing Waiting List 31.12.67 | | 378 |
| No. of Council houses completed in 1967 | | 31 |
| No. of Private houses completed in 1967 | | 196 |
| Dwellings administered by the Council at 31.12.67 : | | |
| Permanent Houses | | 1376 |
| Prefabs | | 24 |

PROBLEM FAMILIES MEETINGS

Three meetings of the co-ordinating committee were held, and in the main the same families came under discussion.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47

No action was required under this Section.

HURN AIRPORT

The transfer of scheduled services to Southampton Airport has resulted in a further fall in passenger traffic to 20,653, less than one tenth of the traffic of only two years ago. Only one scheduled service plies from the Airport and permission to run other services has been refused. The Airport is now open on only five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Airport remains in use for charter flights, flight testing and flying training. The activities of the Air Traffic Control School continue. Few diversions now reach the Airport though it is capable of handling aircraft larger than can land at Southampton.

Dr. Cauchi and myself remain on call for emergency port health duties but were again not required during the year.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The only public swimming bath in the District is the open air pool at Ringwood which is run by the Parish Council and which was fully described in the 1959 report. The water is drawn from the mains and is continuously circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

20 samples from the pool were subjected to laboratory examination with satisfactory results on each occasion.

GENERAL REMARKS

The health of the District was satisfactory throughout the year.

Apart from the expected outbreak of Measles, moderate in extent, the incidence of infectious disease was low.

The estimated mid-year population increased by 270 to 29,880, again a smaller increase than in recent years.

The birth rate fell for the fourth successive year and is the lowest ever recorded in the District.

The infant mortality rose over last year's record low figure but was still low.

The number of deaths increased by 22. Deaths exceeded births by 85. 58% of all deaths were inhabitants over the age of 75.

Continued progress was made with slum clearance.

Steady progress has been made with the several sewerage schemes throughout the District, and the position is in sight when all the urbanised areas will have been sewered.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration, my colleagues in other departments for their advice and assistance, and in particular Mr. Upstone and his Staff for their pleasant co-operation.

D. J. N. McNAB,

Medical Officer of Health.

MAY, 1968

RURAL DISTRICT OF
FACTORIES ACT, 1961

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
 IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT
 OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
 of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

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

| <i>Premises</i> | <i>Number on Register</i> | <i>Number of</i> | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <i>Inspections</i> | <i>Written notices</i> | <i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 13 | 7 | — | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 121 | 10 | — | — |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 134 | 17 | — | — |

2. **CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND : NIL**

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

| <i>Nature of Work</i> | SECTION 133 | | | SECTION 134 | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> | <i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> | <i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> | <i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i> | <i>Notices served</i> | <i>Prosecutions</i> |
| Wearing Apparel: Making, etc. | 41 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Cleaning and Washing | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Plastic Goods | 23 | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 64 | — | — | — | — | — |

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD
AND FORDINGBRIDGE

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report as your Chief Public Health Inspector and
Surveyor dealing with the work carried out by my Department during
the year 1967.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor

FOR THE YEAR

1967

Public Offices,
Ringwood.

June, 1968

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SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

| | |
|---|-------|
| Housing Acts | 882 |
| Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act | 723 |
| Moveable Dwellings | 63 |
| Rehabilitation Centre, Thorneyhill | 3 |
| Gypsy Camps | 16 |
| Nuisances and Complaints | 1,009 |
| Clean Air Act | 39 |
| Litter Act | 5 |
| Water Supplies | 47 |
| Swimming Baths | 10 |
| Meat and Other Foods | 35 |
| Food and Drugs | 866 |
| Milk and Dairies | 28 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act | 215 |
| Factories Act | 32 |
| Infectious Diseases | 28 |
| Food Poisoning | 2 |
| National Assistance Act | 5 |
| Rodent Control | 10 |
| Animal Boarding Establishments Act | 25 |
| Pet Animals Act | 4 |
| Removal of Vehicles Regulations | 6 |
| Ringwood Sewerage | 62 |
| Fordingbridge Sewerage | 20 |
| Burton and Winkton Sewerage | 22 |
| Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage, Capital Works | 136 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works | 101 |
| Other Sewerage Schemes, Capital Works | 9 |
| Cesspool Exhausting | 32 |
| Surface Water Drainage | 144 |
| Public Cleansing | 922 |
| Public Conveniences | 353 |
| Other Services administered by the Council | 240 |
| Petroleum and Carbide | 176 |
| Building Regulations | 6,581 |
| New Street Byelaws | 4 |
| Town and Country Planning | 1,189 |
| Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest | 2 |
| Dangerous Buildings | 35 |
| Housing Sites | 29 |
| Housing Estates, Capital Works | 81 |
| Housing Estate Maintenance | 5,567 |

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|---|--------|
| Caravan Sites Maintenance | 41 |
| Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts | 107 |
| Land Charges | 29 |
| Legal Proceedings | 11 |
| Unclassifiable | 70 |
| | 20,016 |

HOUSING

Slum Clearance

114 houses were inspected and reports made to the Housing Committee in respect of 21 dwellings unfit for human habitation and not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense. 21 dwellings were demolished and 4 made fit, and a further 48 made fit as a result of informal action. Since the Slum Clearance Campaign commenced in 1956 1,476 dwellings have been inspected in detail.

The following summary shows the number of dwellings dealt with by demolition, closing and repair under the Housing and Public Health Acts since 1956:—

| | 1967 | 1966 | 1961-65 | 1956-60 | Total 1956-1967 |
|--|------|------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| 1. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders made | 16 | 13 | 66 | 73 | 168 |
| 2. Houses in respect of which Closing Orders made | 3 | 5 | 15 | 6 | 29 |
| 3. Houses included in Clearance Areas | — | 2 | 6 | 20 | 28 |
| 4. Unfit houses closed on Undertakings | 6 | — | — | 39 | 45 |
| 5. Houses on which Undertakings to make fit accepted | — | — | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| 6. Houses demolished | 21 | 21 | 70 | 43 | 155 |
| 7. Houses made fit by Formal Action | 4 | 2 | 30 | 18 | 54 |
| 8. Houses made fit by Informal Action | 48 | 49 | 281 | 164 | 542 |

At the end of 1967 Orders and Undertakings were outstanding on 97 dwellings as follows:—

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Demolition Orders | 57 |
| Closing Orders | 19 |
| Clearance Orders | 1 |
| Undertakings to Keep Vacant | 20 |

Six hundred and six visits and inspections were made.

Rent Act, 1957

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.

Improvements and Conversions

The making of Discretionary Grants, suspended in January, 1965, as a result of the financial situation, was not re-commenced.

Since the inception of the Scheme in 1951, 226 applications have been approved for 279 units of accommodation. At the 31st December, 1967, the total amount paid in Discretionary Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £79,478, the total amount approved by the Council being £82,987.

The Rural District Councils' Association sought the Council's support in their representations to the Ministry that there should be a time limit within which improvement works should be carried out; the Council considered that such a time limit should be imposed, and details of cases where difficulties had arisen in this District were given to the Association in order to strengthen their case.

Three inspections were made of works in progress.

43 preliminary enquiries were received in respect of Standard Grants; 26 applications were approved, the total possible maximum Grant involved being £4,728 10s. 0d. In one case the Council agreed that rent in excess of the limit imposed by Section 20 of the Rent Act, 1957, should be charged. 347 Standard Grants have been approved since the introduction of the Scheme in June, 1959. At the 31st December, 1967, the total amount paid, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £32,799, the total amount approved being £54,221 10s. 0d.

Two hundred and seventy-three visits and inspections were made.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

The following table gives the position at the end of 1967:—

| | <i>No. of Sites</i> | <i>No. of Caravans</i> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sites with permanent Planning permission and site licences for residential caravans (including sites with 100 and 220 caravans) | 50 | 520 |
| Sites with permanent Planning permission and site licences for holiday caravans (including sites with 70, 124 and 265 caravans). | 7 | 562 |
| Sites with temporary Planning permission and site licences | 52 | 63 |
| Sites subject to Enforcement Notices | 3 | 3 |

Applications for site licences were refused in 16 instances where Planning permission had been refused.

Legal proceedings were authorised in three cases; in one the prosecution was successful and the occupier was fined, another is pending, and the third case was dropped as the caravan was removed. Three cases authorised but not settled in 1966 were also dropped, where the contraventions had ceased.

Under Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the First Schedule to the Act the Minister of Housing and Local Government is empowered to issue Certificates of Exemption to certain organisations where he is satisfied that their objects include the encouragement or promotion of recreational activities, e.g. The Caravan Club, The Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' Associations etc.; sites used by these organisations for caravanning are not required to be licensed by the local authority. There is one exempted site in the district with 60 caravans, run by the Caravan Club, and 6 other sites certificated by these organisations.

Certain sites are exempted under Paragraph 9 of the First Schedule if they form part of or adjoin land on which building or civil engineering operations are being carried out; applications were received for the stationing of 6 and 2 caravans respectively on two sites in Ringwood, covered by this exemption, for use in connection with the Bournemouth Spur Road and the Ashley Treening Diversion.

The Council's own Caravan Site at North Poulner Road, Ringwood, provides accommodation for 96 residential and 2 itinerant caravans. All standings are occupied with the exception of those reserved by the County Council for caravans on sites which the County are compulsorily purchasing for afforestation purposes, and where Enforcement Notices are to be or have already been served; the County has assumed responsibility for the rents of these 38 standings.

Four families are accommodated at The Gravel Pit, Godshill, a site leased in 1962 by the Council and reserved for the use of gypsies, travellers and the like.

Agreement was reached with the Forestry Commission regarding an increase to a maximum population of 2,000 (500 caravans and 250 tents) at their caravanning and camping site at Holmsley Airfield, originally designed to cater for a maximum of 750 persons.

Seven hundred and twenty-three visits and inspections were made.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 269

One licence to use a moveable dwelling was issued, and 3 others were renewed; all expire on the 31st December, 1967, and all sites have Planning permission or existing use rights.

No further applications were received for the use of sites for camping. There are at the moment 5 licensed sites in the district, with a total of 435 tents; sites cannot be controlled under this Section if used for less than 42 consecutive days or less than 60 days in any one year.

Sixty-three visits and inspections were made.

REHABILITATION CENTRE

No further families from the County Council Centre at Thorneyhill were re-housed during the year; since August, 1964, when the Centre was opened, the Council has re-housed 4 families at Brick Lane and Whitelands.

This Council and the County Welfare Department are in close touch regarding the conduct of these families once they leave the Centre, and in general it has been found that they make fairly steady progress, under the continued supervision of the Welfare Officers, towards complete integration with the other residents.

Three visits and inspections were made.

GYPSY CAMPS

There are now only 2 families and a single man at the site at Millersford Bottom, Woodgreen, where the Council took successful legal action in 1966 and which the County Council is purchasing compulsorily; one family from this site was taken into the Rehabilitation Centre and another is to follow shortly.

Since 1949 the Council has housed a total of 62 families of gypsies or those with gypsy backgrounds.

Sixteen visits and inspections were made.

NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS

126 complaints were received during the year, which involved a total of one thousand and ninety-nine visits. Details are as follows:—

| | <i>Complaints received</i> | <i>Number of visits</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Insanitary conditions | 5 | 22 |
| Unsatisfactory and insufficient water supplies | 2 | 6 |
| Noise | 11 | 118 |
| Dust, effluvia or smoke | 5 | 79 |
| Fly and other infestations | 12 | 59 |
| Offensive smells | 19 | 171 |
| Cesspools and drains | 27 | 443 |
| Food | 6 | 28 |
| Milk and Dairies | — | 4 |
| Animals | 2 | 9 |
| Offensive accumulations | 9 | 78 |
| Offensive and obstructed ditches | 8 | 14 |
| Flooding and surface water drainage | 6 | 31 |
| Miscellaneous | 14 | 37 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 126 | 1,099 |

Statutory action under the Public Health Act, 1936, was taken as follows:—

Section 39

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Requiring the satisfactory provision of drainage to existing buildings. | 1 Notice served. |
| | 1 Notice complied with. |
| | 1 outstanding Notice complied with. |

Section 50

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Requiring works to remedy leaking or overflowing cesspools. | 4 outstanding Notices complied with. |
|---|--------------------------------------|

Sections 93/94

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Requiring the abatement of a nuisance. | 1 Notice served. |
| | 1 Notice complied with. |

Statutory action was also authorised in another case, but works were carried out before the Notice was served.

Informal action under the Public Health Act, 1936, was taken as follows:—

Section 39

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Requiring the satisfactory provision of drainage to existing buildings. | 3 Notices issued. |
| | 1 Notice complied with. |
| | 3 outstanding Notices complied with. |

Section 50

| | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Requiring works to remedy leaking or overflowing cesspools. | 9 Notices issued. |
| | 6 Notices complied with. |
| | 24 outstanding Notices complied with. |

Section 58

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dangerous Buildings. | 4 Notices issued. |
| | 2 Notices complied with. |
| | 1 outstanding Notice complied with. |

Sections 92/94

| | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Requiring the abatement of a nuisance. | 19 Notices issued. |
| | 4 Notices complied with. |
| | 18 outstanding Notices complied with. |

Section 259

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Requiring the abatement of a nuisance in connection with a water-course, ditch, pond etc. | 9 outstanding Notices complied with. |
|---|--------------------------------------|

CLEAN AIR ACT

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.

Two informal Notices regarding nuisance from smoke were issued and complied with; in another case investigated no nuisance was found.

Thirty-nine visits and inspections were made.

LITTER ACT

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.
Five visits and inspections were made.

WATER SUPPLIES

16 samples of water were collected for bacteriological examination.
No Statutory action was taken.
Forty-seven visits and inspections were made.

SWIMMING BATHS

20 samples were collected from the public Swimming Pool and Paddling Pool at Ringwood for bacteriological examination, all of which were satisfactory.

Ten visits and inspections were made.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Thirty-five visits and inspections were made.

Slaughter of Animals Act

Under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958, 6 slaughtermen's licences were renewed. Licensees are permitted to slaughter horses, asses and mules within this local authority's District only, and swine, cattle, sheep and goats in any District.

One knacker's yard licence was renewed.

Food and Drugs

6 complaints were investigated with a view to prosecution under Sections 2 or 113 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. After careful consideration of the following 2 the Council decided not to institute proceedings:—

Metal in tin of Skipper's Brizling, and
Pin in loaf of wholemeal bread,
but to institute proceedings in respect of the other 4 cases, namely:—
Pork brawn alleged to be sour;
Rancid and mouldy layer cake;
Iced bun containing cigarette filter tip; and
Iced pineapple tart containing dead ants.

Two of these prosecutions were successful and resulted in fines, a third is pending, and in the matter of the pineapple tart containing dead ants the Magistrates, although agreeing that dead ants were present, decided that there was insufficient evidence to prove conclusively at what stage between commencement of manufacture and consumption they had gained access, and the case was dismissed.

Food Hygiene

14 premises were initially inspected and 46 premises re-inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations. 23 informal Notices were served.

The following table shows action taken since the Regulations came into operation:—

| | 1967 | 1966 | 1961-1965 | 1956-1960 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Premises inspected | 14 | 13 | 113 | 236 |
| Informal Notices served | 23 | 32 | 187 | 172 |
| Notices complied with | 36 | 72 | 233 | 25 |

One Certificate of Exemption in respect of wash-hand basin facilities was renewed.

No prosecutions were instituted under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

5 applications for registration of premises for the storage and sale of ice-cream were approved.

6 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination; satisfactory results were obtained in all but one case, but after sterilisation of equipment and re-organisation of storage methods a satisfactory result was obtained.

Eight hundred and sixty-six inspections including those under Food Hygiene Regulations were made in connection with food premises as follows:—

| | <i>No. on Register</i> | <i>Inspections</i> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|
| Food Shops | 162 | 49 |
| Bakehouses | 7 | 4 |
| Restaurant Kitchens | 105 | 52 |
| Ice-cream premises (Section 16) | 111 | 87 |
| Preserved Food premises (Section 16) | 19 | 1 |
| Licensed Premises and Registered Clubs | 99 | 33 |
| Market Stalls | | 540 |
| Other Stalls | | 75 |
| Mobile Vans | | 16 |
| General | | 9 |

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

Market stallholders selling wholly-covered food or fruit, greengrocery and raw vegetables are exempted from certain of the provisions, e.g. those relating to water supply, washing facilities etc., provided the local authority is notified of such sales; 10 such notifications in respect of stalls in Ringwood Market were received.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Twenty-eight visits and inspections were made.

FOOD POISONING

Two visits and inspections were made.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

The Council exercised their powers under Section 50 of this Act to effect the disposal of two bodies where it was not possible to trace any immediate relatives to make the necessary funeral arrangements. The costs in each case were later recovered from the respective estates.

Five visits and inspections were made.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following summary shows the work carried out during the year. A total of three thousand and forty visits and inspections was made.

| | <i>Types of Property</i> | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <i>Non-agricultural premises</i> | <i>Agricultural premises</i> |
| Number of properties in the District | 11,031 | 792 |
| Number of properties inspected as a result of notification | 417 | 54 |
| Number of these properties found to be infested by:— | | |
| (a) Rats | 124 | 49 |
| (b) Mice | 45 | 33 |
| Number of properties inspected as a result of survey under the Act | 2,231 | 49 |
| Number of these properties found to be infested by:— | | |
| (a) Rats | 152 | 26 |
| (b) Mice | 67 | 31 |
| Total number of inspections made by Rodent Operative, including re-inspections | 2,905 | 125 |

The Liaison Committee in Pest Control meets at six-monthly intervals to discuss rodent control problems and pests generally. Agenda items have included escaping mink running wild, damage by deer, the use of narcotics in controlling bird pests, the collared dove, rat infestations, the possible incidence of coypu in the District, scavenging foxes on rubbish tips and other matters. The area covered by the Committee consists of the District of Bournemouth County Borough, the Boroughs of Christchurch and Lymington, and the Rural Districts of the New Forest and Ringwood and Fordingbridge.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act prohibits the keeping of boarding establishments for cats or dogs except under licence granted by a local authority, to which conditions are attached and for which a fee not exceeding 10s. per annum may be charged.

16 licences were issued, involving a total of 543 dogs and 147 cats.

Twenty-five visits and inspections were made.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

This Act provides for the welfare of pet animals exhibited for sale. 2 licences were issued.

Four visits and inspections were made.

REMOVAL OF VEHICLES (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS, 1961

Under these Regulations the Council is empowered to secure the removal and disposal from any road, but not from privately owned land, of any vehicles which appear to have been abandoned; costs are recovered if the owner can be traced. Action was taken to secure the removal of 4 such vehicles; 21 have now been dealt with under these Regulations.

Six visits and inspections were made.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

An Abatement Notice in respect of noise from woodworking machinery, which was the subject of a complaint from an adjoining resident, was served and complied with; informal action was taken regarding a high-pitched whine emanating at night from machinery at a Ringwood factory, and in respect of which a petition from 34 local residents was received, and after various experiments using different frequencies the nuisance was abated.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

This Act, which was passed on the 27th July, makes further provision for the protection and improvement of buildings of architectural or historic interest and of the character of areas of such interest, for the preservation and planting of trees, and for the orderly disposal of disused vehicles and equipment and other rubbish. This Council is concerned only with the latter item. It is now a statutory offence to abandon a motor vehicle, or any other thing brought there for the purpose, on any land in the open air (or on other land forming part of a highway) without lawful authority.

From the 27th August the Council could collect and dispose of any article (other than a motor vehicle) in the open air believed to have been abandoned, subject to certain provisions. The Forestry Commission gave notice that as and from the 27th January, 1968, they would look to this Council to remove all vehicles abandoned on that part of the New Forest within the jurisdiction of the Council; it was agreed that action would be taken to remove such vehicles provided the cost of removal to the nearest convenient carriageway was not unduly high. As from the 27th July, 1968, it will be the duty of the Council to remove such vehicles, and also to provide places where refuse, other than refuse falling to be disposed of in the course of a business, may be deposited at all reasonable times free of charge by persons resident in the area and, on payment of such charges, if any, as the Council think fit, by other persons; an approach was made to the Area Planning Officer for suggestions regarding a site or sites for such dumping.

SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL

| | <i>Visits made</i> |
|---|--------------------|
| Ringwood Sewerage | 62 |
| Fordingbridge Sewerage | 20 |
| Burton and Winkton Sewerage | 22 |
| Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage, Capital Works | 136 |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works | 101 |
| Fordingbridge and Sandheath Sewerage, Capital Works | 5 |
| Ringwood Sewerage, Capital Works | 3 |
| Burley Sewerage, Capital Works | 1 |
| Cesspool Exhausting | 32 |
| Surface Water Drainage | 144 |
| Refuse Collection and Disposal | 896 |
| Street Cleansing and Litter | 37 |
| Public Conveniences | 353 |
| Car Parks | 30 |
| Ditching | 31 |
| Street Name Plates | 52 |
| Street Numbering | 126 |
| Cattle Pound | 1 |

SEWERAGE

I submitted a comprehensive report to the Public Health and General Purposes Committee upon drainage in the District generally, with recommendations regarding future sewerage programmes, showing that upon completion of present and already programmed schemes public sewers would be available to a further 4,000 dwellings, making 6,500 in the District as a whole, and leaving some 3,850 dwellings where public sewers were not available; no serious health problems exist in these unsewered areas, but I considered it advisable that Woodgreen, with a density of 1.33 persons to the acre (compared with 0.72 in St. Leonards and St. Ives) together with Hale and the low-lying part of Breamore village, should be given priority in a future programme, and that it was possible these three areas could be served by one Disposal Works. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the report for twelve months.

The Hale Parish Council put forward a suggestion that, in view of the scheme under construction in the Parish of Redlynch the time was opportune for serious consideration to be given to the needs of the major portion of Hale and the possibility of sewerage with disposal to the Works of the Salisbury and Wilton Rural District Council. This matter had been considered in 1965, when a report was obtained from the Council's Consulting Engineers, and it was then decided that owing to the high cost per dwelling the proposal should not be adopted, and this decision was adhered to.

Ringwood

During the year 165 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at 31st December of 2,465, including 596 Council houses.

The recorded flow of sewage passing through the Works during the year was 153,875,000 gallons, the highest daily flow of 945,000 gallons being recorded in November and the lowest, 257,000 gallons, in August. All samples of effluent taken were satisfactory.

Early in 1967, as a "natural" start in sludge digestion had not been achieved, it was decided to seed the undigested Ringwood sludge with digested sludge from Christchurch. This was done in May when 90,000 gallons of digested sludge were introduced in the sludge digestion tank at the Works. Following this seeding digestion started in early July and continued until the end of October when, with the colder temperatures, digestion gradually fell off and by December had stopped.

The digestion tank was designed to operate "cold" but was arranged so that heaters could be added to deal with the additional sewage from Burley and St. Leonards (Avon Castle area). However, the present sludge load is such that cold digestion cannot cope, and it is apparent that heating is essential.

Undigested sludge is very offensive and some complaints were received early in the year before digestion had commenced following the importation of the seeding sludge from Christchurch, and this state of affairs will no doubt continue until a heater unit is provided.

Fordingbridge

During the year 62 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at 31st December of 831, including 236 Council houses.

49,794,000 gallons of sewage, including re-circulation, were dealt with at the Sewage Disposal Works during the year. The highest daily flow, 280,000 gallons, was recorded in March and the lowest, 74,000 gallons, in July. All samples of effluent taken by the Avon and Dorset River Authority were satisfactory.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government authorised the invitation of tenders for the scheme at Sandleheath, estimated to cost £56,500, which will provide for sewerage for some 140 dwellings and also extensions and improvements to the Fordingbridge Sewage Disposal Works, the commencement date to be May or June, 1968. The Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council indicated that they were interested in the possibility of taking sewage from Alderholt into the Fordingbridge Works.

Burton and Winkton

During the year 22 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at 31st December of 463, including 163 Council houses.

Bransgore and Thorneyhill

This scheme, for which a tender of £241,273 18s. 11d. was accepted, commenced in May, 1966; the contract period, due to expire in January, 1968, was extended to May. Disposal will be to the Works of the Christchurch Corporation in Stony Lane, where improvements and extensions are taking place.

St. Leonards and St. Ives

Stage I of the joint sewerage and surface water drainage scheme was completed in August, 1966, and the sewers taken over. Stage II (A), being additional sewers to the west of Woolsbridge Road and works to connect Stage I to the Disposal Works of the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council on the Moors River, for which a tender of £178,163 19s. 10d. was accepted, was commenced in December, 1966, and works are expected to be completed in May, 1968. It was agreed that tenders for the remaining work, but excluding the Avon Castle area, should be invited, the probable commencing date being May or June, 1968.

Burley

This scheme, estimated to cost £275,882, and designed to serve a population of 1,300, is programmed to commence in September, 1969, with completion in March, 1971.

Exhausting of Cesspools and Septic Tanks

The scheme whereby the Council bears half the cost of exhausting cesspools and septic tanks of dwelling houses and business premises where sewers are not available, commenced on April 1st, 1965. During 1967 occupiers of 1,848 premises took advantage of this service at a cost to the Council of £7,674 2s. 5d., not including administrative expenses.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

The Council agreed to place an order for the revised scheme for Bransgore, which has been approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and is estimated to cost £23,862; it will be implemented and the work carried out by the Avon and Dorset River Authority when the present sewerage system in Bransgore and Thorneyhill is completed, following which the Authority will take over the Clockhouse Stream as "main river"; the County Council is prepared to make a grant of approximately £7,550 and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food a grant of 30% on a maximum of £10,000. Approaches have been made to adjoining landowners in respect of possible contributions regarding improved drainage of agricultural land.

It was agreed that tenders should be invited in the spring of 1968 for works to alleviate flooding at the Woolpack Inn, Sopley, and roads adjoining; the Avon and Dorset River Authority estimated these would cost in the region of £2,475, and the County Council and the Brewers concerned have agreed to contribute £825 and £750 respectively.

Consequent upon an application for development of 13½ acres of land at the Greenleaves Watercress Beds at Fordingbridge, consideration of which was deferred by the Planning Authority until satisfactory arrangements had been made for the disposal of surface water, it was agreed that the Avon and Dorset River Authority be asked to carry out a survey of the watercourse (Sweatford Water) and to prepare a Surface Water Drainage Scheme; the County Council agreed to contribute towards the cost of such survey. It was felt that these works should be carried out irrespective of whether or not development was permitted.

Ditches and culverts to a total length of 2,314 yards were cleansed to alleviate flooding in the vicinity of Braeside Road, St. Leonards.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Council provides a collection of all household refuse weekly in the Parish of Ringwood and the Lighting Area of Fordingbridge, and fortnightly in all other areas. Dustbins are collected from within the curtilage of premises where the occupants produce a doctor's certificate of incapacity; in all other cases receptacles are required to be placed outside premises as near as practicable to the roadway along which the freighter proceeds.

A survey of dustbins in Ringwood and Fordingbridge was carried out, involving a total of eight hundred and sixty-two visits and inspections, and informal notices served on the occupiers of dwellings where proper dustbins had not been provided. Twenty Statutory notices were subsequently served under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Planning permission was received and a lease negotiated for a new piece of land adjoining the existing Dump at Somerley, which is now filled and ready for permanent reinstatement.

66,474 cubic yards of refuse was collected throughout the District and disposed of at the Dump during 1967, compared with 60,546 and 48,914 cubic yards in 1966 and 1965 respectively.

The refuse collection vehicles covered a total mileage of 48,349 during the year, compared with 46,568 in 1966 and 40,972 in 1965.

The following schedule shows collection days throughout the District during 1968:—

WEEKLY SERVICE

Parish of Ringwood (Lighting Area)

DAY

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Addison Square, Beechcroft Lane, Bickerley, Broadshard Lane,) | |
| Cadogan Road, Carvers Lane, Christchurch Road, The Close,) | |
| Cloughs Road, College Road, Collins Lane, Coniston Road,) | |
| Coxstone Lane, Deweys Lane, Duck Island Lane, Eastfield Court,) | |
| Eastfield Lane, East View Road, Ebenezer Lane, Edwina Close,) | |
| Elmsdown Court, Fairlie, Fairlie Park, Fieldway, Forestside) | |
| Gardens, Fridays Cross, Gipsy Lane, Gorley Road, Gravel Lane,) | |
| Green Lane, Guy's Close, Hampton Drive, High Street, High-) | |
| field Avenue, Highfield Drive, Highfield Road, Hightown Road,) | |
| Hiltom Road, Hurst Corner, Hurst Road, Keppel's Close,) | |
| Kings Arms Lane, Kingsbury Lane, Linden Court, Linden) | |
| Gardens, Link Road, London Tavern Triangle, Lumby Drive,) | Every Monday |
| Lynes Lane, Manor Court, Manor Road, Market Place, Meadow) | |
| Close, Meadow Road, Meadow Way, Meeting House Lane,) | |
| Merryweather Estate, Middle Lane, Middleton Road, Morant) | |
| Road, Mount Pleasant, New Road, New Street, North Poulner) | |
| Road, Northfield Road, Northumberland Court, Nursery Road,) | |
| Oak Lane, Orchard Close, Parsonage Barn Lane, Poplar Crescent,) | |
| Poplar Way, Poulner Park, Pound Close, Queensway, Quomp,) | |
| Redwood Close, Riverside, Salisbury Road, School Lane,) | |
| Seymour Road, Southampton Road, Southfield, Spittlefields,) | |
| Star Lane, Strides Lane, Top Lane, Wanstead Close,) | |
| West Street, Westbury Road, Winston Way, Woodford Close,) | |
| Woodstock Lane.) | |

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| Parish of Ringwood (Non-Lighting Area) | |
| The Bridges, Salisbury Road. | Every Monday |
| Parish of Ringwood (Lighting Area) | |
| Wessex Estate, Wessex Road. | Every Tuesday |
| Parish of Ringwood (Non-Lighting Area) | |
| Covering the areas of Poulner, Hangersley, Merryweather Farm,) Nouale Lane, Hightown, Hightown Gardens, Crow, Sandford,) Kingston and Bisterne) | Every Tuesday |
| Parish of Fordingbridge (Lighting Area) | |
| Albion Road, Alexandra Road, Ashford Close, The Bartons,) Bartons Road, Bedford Close, Bowerwood Road, Bridge Street,) Brympton Estate, Burnham Road, Church Street, Dudley) Avenue, Green Lane, Hertford Close, High Street, Horseport,) Jubilee Close, Jubilee Road, Lower Bartons, Market Place,) Merton Close, Orchard Gardens, Park Road, Parsonage Close,) Parsonage Lane, Penny's Lane, Picket Close, Provost Street,) Roundhill, St. George's Road, Salisbury Road, Salisbury Street,) Shaftesbury Street, South View, Southampton Road, The Square,) Station Road, Victoria Road, Waverley Road, West Street,) Whitsbury Road. | Every Wednesday |

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE

| | DAY |
|--|-------------------------|
| Parishes of Ellingham and Harbridge and Ibsley | Alternate Tuesdays |
| Parish of Burley | Alternate Tuesdays |
| Parish of Fordingbridge (Non-Lighting Area) | |
| Comprising the areas of Bickton, Blissford, Frogham, Furze-) hill, Hucklesbrook, Ogdens, Redbrook, Hungerford, Hyde and) North Gorley.) | Alternate Wednesdays |
| Parish of Fordingbridge (Non-Lighting Area) and Parish of Rockbourne (Part) | |
| Comprising the areas of Godshill, Stuckton, Burgate, Sandle-) heath, and all that part of the Parish of Rockbourne south) of Rockbourne Lane comprising Brick Hill, The Marsh,) Sandleheath and West Park.) | Alternate Wednesdays |
| Parishes of St. Leonards and St. Ives (Part) Hurn and Sopley (Part) | |
| Comprising the Parish of Hurn and all that part of the Parish of) Sopley west of the River Avon and in the Parish of St. Leonards) and St. Ives: Ashley, Ashley Drive Estate (part), A 31 from) Horton Road to Boundary Lane (south side), Avon Avenue,) Avon Castle, Birch Close, Birch Road, Braeside Road, Boundary) Lane, Bushmead Drive, Cedar Avenue, Chapel Rise, Cherry) Tree Close, Egmont Drive, Fir Tree Close, Gainsborough Road,) The Glade Estate, Grange Road, Heather Close, Horton Road,) Hurn Close, Hurn Lane, Hurn Road, Laurel Lane, Lions Lane,) Lions Wood Estate, Malmesbury Road, Monkworthy Drive,) Norris Close, Oaks Drive, Railway Drive, St. Ives Park, St. Ives) Wood, St. Leonards Way, Struan Court, Struan Gardens,) Warren Close, Webbs Close, Woolsbridge Road (Horton Road) to Pine Drive).) | Alternate Thursdays |

Parish of Christchurch East (Part) and**Parish of Sopley (Part)**

Comprising in the Parish of Christchurch East the areas of Beckley, Bransgore, Godwincroft, Hinton, Holmsley South, Neacroft, Thorneyhill, Walkford and Waterditch, and in the Parish of Sopley all that part of the Parish east of the River Avon.) Alternate Thursdays

Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives (Part)

Comprising A.31 from Horton Road to County Boundary (North side), Ashley Drive Estate (part), Beech Lane, The Close, Foxbury Road, Garden Road, Glenives Close, Knoll Gardens, Pine Drive, Pinewood Road, Post Office Lane, St. Ives End Lane, Sandy Lane, School Lane, Strode Gardens, Wayside Road, Windsor Close, Woodlands Way and Woolsbridge Road (A.31 to Pine Drive).) Alternate Fridays

Parishes of Breamore, Hale, Martin and Woodgreen Alternate Fridays

Parish of Christchurch East (Part)

Comprising the areas of South, Middle and North Bockhampton, Burton, Holfleet, Staplecross, Winkton and Winkton Common.) Alternate Fridays

Parishes of Damerham, Rockbourne (Part) and Whitsbury Alternate Fridays

Salvage

Salvage sales, owing to the weak state of the market, showed a further drop, the sum realised being £627 15s. 5d., compared to £822 1s. 11d. in 1966 and £865 15s. 11d. in 1965. No men are specially detailed for this work however, baling and sorting being carried out in spare periods after collection rounds are completed, and there would be no financial advantage if the service were discontinued. A further £334 0s. 0d. was received from tradesmen for special collections of cardboard cartons, wrapping paper etc. The sum of £33 17s. 11d. was paid to 22 workmen under the incentive bonus scheme.

Details of salvage sold are shown in the following summary:—

WASTE PAPER

| | Tons | Cwts. | Qtrs | Lbs | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|------|-------|------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Clean Newspaper | 161 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 322 | 17 | 6 |
| Baled Wastepaper | 15 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 52 | 12 | 8 |
| Baled Cardboard | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 67 | 19 | 8 |
| Mixed Wastepaper | 7 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 6 |
| Books | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | 10 | 0 |

TEXTILES

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|----|---|---|----|---|---|
| Rags | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 0 |
|----------------|---|----|---|---|----|---|---|

| METALS | Tons | Cwts. | Qtrs | Lbs | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Light Shearing | 3 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 2 |
| Light Iron | | 13 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Mixed Cast Steel | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 6 |
| Alloy | | 12 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Irony Brass | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 0 |
| Braziery Copper | | 1 | 0 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| Lead Cable | | | 1 | 0 | | 13 | 9 |
| Lead | | 1 | 1 | 26 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Batteries | | 10 | 2 | 25 | 9 | 19 | 6 |
| | <u>212</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>£627</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>5</u> |

Street Cleansing

The Council carried out street cleansing in respect of almost 20 miles of publicly repairable roads in Ringwood and Fordingbridge. The entire cost for cleansing these roads, which amounted to £3,867, is recoverable from the County Council, and in addition the County Council agreed that as often as possible they would machine-sweep channels and carriageways in these two Parishes. The road classifications and mileages are as follows:—

| | Ringwood | Fordingbridge | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Trunk Road | 1.48 | — | 1.48 |
| Class I Road | 2.07 | 0.89 | 2.96 |
| Class II Road | 0.37 | 1.29 | 1.66 |
| Class III Road | 2.08 | 1.19 | 3.27 |
| Unclassified | 8.17 | 2.36 | 10.53 |
| | <u>14.17</u> | <u>5.73</u> | <u>19.90</u> |

Litter

Since August, 1966, the Council has operated a full-time litter collection service, which besides the emptying of receptacles includes picking up litter dumped on verges and picnic spots, and a full 5 cwt. van-load is collected daily. 37 receptacles are sited throughout the District and a further 2 were provided at the request of Parish Councils. A contribution at the rate of £11 5s. 0d. per week in the summer months and £2 5s. 0d. per week in the winter is made by the County Council in respect of collections at lay-byes etc.

STAFF — MANUAL WORKERS

The present labour force of 35 men employed by the Council is as follows:—

| | |
|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Foreman/Mechanic |
| 1 | Fitter |
| 6 | Drivers |
| 13 | Loaders |
| 1 | Dump Attendant |
| 4 | Street Sweepers |
| 1 | Litter Collector |
| 2 | Estate Maintenance Workers |
| 1 | Sewage Works Foreman |
| 4 | Sewage Workers |
| 1 | Rodent Operative |

Two wage increases of approximately 3½d. per hour and 3d. per hour which had been negotiated by the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Services were implemented in March and September respectively.

VEHICLES

The Council's fleet of vehicles consists of the following:—

| <i>Vehicle</i> | <i>Service</i> | <i>Capacity</i> | <i>Purchased</i> |
|---|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic Freighter | Refuse Collection | 50 cu. yds. | April, 1966 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 50 cu. yds. | Dec. 1965 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 35 cu. yds. | April, 1963 |
| Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter with power press | Refuse Collection | 20 cu. yds. | May, 1961 |
| Karrier Bantam Freighter | Refuse Collection | 10 cu. yds. | Feb. 1961 |
| Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter | Refuse Collection | 16/18 cu. yds. | Jan. 1960 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 16/18 cu. yds. | April, 1958 |
| Commer Van | Housing Estate Maintenance | 25 cwts. | July, 1966 |
| Another | Rodent Control | 5 cwts. | May, 1966 |
| Another | Sewerage | 10 cwts. | April, 1960 |
| Another | Refuse Collection | 10 cwts. | Jan. 1959 |
| Ford Van | Permanent Housing and Sewage Disposal | 5 cwts. | July, 1960 |
| Another | Litter Collection | 5 cwts. | Dec. 1952 |
| Massey Ferguson Tractor | Ringwood Sewerage | — | April, 1966 |
| Bray BL430 Tractor | Refuse Disposal | — | Feb. 1964 |
| Fordson Major Tractor | Refuse Disposal and Sewerage | — | June, 1960 |

A 16/18 cu. yds. Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter, surplus to requirements, and purchased in July, 1955, was disposed of by tender for the sum of £90.

CAR PARKS

The park at the Furlong, Ringwood, has accommodation for 226 cars, 13 lorries or coaches and 20 bicycles. The Council obtained the consent of the County Council to use the grassland adjoining this park as an overflow until the Council are able to purchase the land required for a permanent extension, in respect of which negotiations were commenced in 1963.

At Roundhill, Fordingbridge, accommodation is available for 165 cars and 2 coaches, together with reserved areas for motor-cycles and bicycles. Negotiations were opened to purchase land to the south of the High Street, which is scheduled in the Township Plan for car parking.

PUBLIC OFFICES

Contraventions of several provisions of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, regarding sanitary accommodation, artificial lighting and supplies of drinking water other than in the cloakrooms, were rectified. Further works of re-decoration, including the replacement of plaster ceil-

ings, were carried out as part of the agreed programme, and a Ladies Staff Room provided on the first floor. Re-decoration and the provision of microphones in the Council Chamber was considered but it was decided that, in view of the economic situation, this work should be deferred.

CATTLE POUND

Two animals were impounded by the Police during the year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Tenders for repairs and improvements to the conveniences in the Market Place, Ringwood, were obtained, but it was decided, on economic grounds, to defer the works. Following further damage by vandals, it was agreed to discontinue the use of coin operated locks, but not to close the Ringwood conveniences overnight.

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Schemes were prepared for numbering 4 roads and re-numbering 5 others; 8 new roads and one estate of 4 roads were named, 2 existing roads named and one re-named, and a decision to make re-naming orders on 2 roads, where the residents had lodged objections, was rescinded.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT, PETROLEUM MIXTURES AND CARBIDE OF CALCIUM

| | | |
|--|-----|-------------------|
| Number of premises on register | 113 | |
| Number of petroleum spirit licences | 113 | (333,300 gallons) |
| Number of mixture licences | 5 | (175,550 gallons) |
| Number of carbide licences | 1 | (6,720 lbs.) |
| Number of new applications during the year | 1 | (500 gallons) |

Licence fees received during the year amounted to £103 10s. 0d.

One hundred and seventy-six visits and inspections were made.

BUILDING REGULATIONS

These Regulations, which came into operation on the 1st February, 1966, are uniform throughout the whole country.

| | |
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| Number of plans received | 881 |
| Number of plans approved | 805 |
| Number of plans rejected | 46 |
| Number of plans "no objection" | 12 |
| Number of plans withdrawn | 18 |

Classification of deposited plans is as follows:—

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| 156 plans in respect of 537 dwellings. |
| 337 plans in respect of alterations. |
| 129 plans in respect of 129 garages. |
| 109 plans in respect of 109 drainage works. |
| 55 plans in respect of 55 agricultural buildings. |
| 51 plans in respect of 51 miscellaneous buildings. |
| 14 plans in respect of 14 factory buildings. |
| 12 plans in respect of conversions resulting in 7 units of accommodation. |
| 18 plans withdrawn. |

Inspections made:—

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Foundations | 872 |
| Oversite | 331 |
| Damp proof courses | 341 |
| Water tests to drains | 1,032 |
| Completed works | 639 |
| Sewer connections | 131 |
| Contraventions | 291 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,944 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 6,581 |
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Contraventions:—

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Section 65 | 10 |
| Informal Notices | 149 |

Legal proceedings were authorised in 2 cases but not taken as works to rectify contraventions were carried out.

The Council has power to relax Regulations in certain cases, others must be referred to the Minister of Housing and Local Government; of 7 such applications referred, regarding structural fire precautions, one was refused and the others approved. The Council approved relaxations in 24 cases, relating to dimensions of cesspools and septic tanks, open spaces, and chimneys and flues, and refused 2 others in respect of a septic tank and a flue which communicated with more than one room.

An appeal was made to the Magistrates' Court against the Council's refusal to approve plans showing a septic tank or cesspool some 22ft. from a dwelling; the Magistrates found in favour of the Appellant and directed that a septic tank at this distance should be approved.

NEW STREET BYELAWS

8 plans were received and four inspections made in connection with works of laying out new streets.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS

Part of Bushmead Drive, St. Leonards, and Morant Road, Ringwood, were made up and taken over by the County Council as highways maintainable at the public expense; Orchard Gardens, Fordingbridge, a privately developed road, and the Council's Parsonage Close, Fordingbridge, were also taken over. Addison Square, Meadow Road, Seymour Road and Hampton Drive, Ringwood, were made up by the County Council prior to being taken over. Extensive Private Street Works are now being carried out by the County in the Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives following this Council's sewer laying operations.

FOOTPATHS

No objection was raised to the diversion of two footpaths on Rockford Common, made necessary by gravel extraction. The Council supported the contention of a Bournemouth resident that Pigshoot Ford at Throop, which connected bridleways from Holdenhurst with St. Catherine's Hill, and which was unuseable, should be reinstated, and the matter was taken up with the County Council.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

Development applications are received by my Department, which also maintains the Planning Register and Planning Index Maps. Enquirers are advised on Planning matters generally and inspections made on behalf of the Planning Authority, to whom reports are furnished on known contraventions.

869 Planning applications were received, and one thousand one hundred and eighty-nine visits and inspections made.

A special Sub-Committee considered the Draft Town Centre Map for Ringwood, and several objections were made to the County Council; the Map was made public at the end of the year and the County held a Press Conference and called a Public Meeting to hear objections. Joint meetings of the Development Sub-Committee and the Public Health and General Purposes Committee were held to consider the County's proposed Country Preservation Policy, Draft Country Policies and Countryside Bill, which are at the moment confidential, and observations were sent to the County Council. The same Joint Committee considered and commented on the Land Use and Transportation Study of South-east Dorset and South-west Hampshire which is being carried out by local authorities and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (HISTORIC BUILDINGS) ACT, 1962

One application in respect of a property at Breamore was considered, but the Council decided that in view of the present economic situation and their financial commitments, a grant should not be made.

Two visits and inspections were made.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

No Statutory action was taken; 4 informal notices were issued.

Thirty-five visits and inspections were made.

TRUNK ROADS

The Council did not favour a suggestion of the County Surveyor that public conveniences should be provided jointly by the County and this Council at a lay-bye to be formed on the north side of the A.31 near the Market Place. No objections were raised to minor variations in the plans for the Ashley Treening Diversion; works have already commenced here, and also on the Ringwood/Bournemouth Spur Road.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

A report on road accidents was received from the Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight each quarter, showing a total of 190 injury accidents and 283 casualties (6 fatal) in this Rural District for the year, compared with 262 and 406 with 16 fatal in the previous year, and giving a break-down of causes, vehicles and fatal or non-fatal casualties in separate classes of road users.

HOUSING SITES

Thirty-one of the fifty-two houses on land adjoining the existing estate at Penny's Lane, Fordingbridge, for which a tender of £153,681 18s. 0d. was accepted, were completed and handed over, and the remaining four pre-fabricated bungalows demolished; the contract is for twenty-eight 3-bedroomed houses, sixteen 2-bedroomed houses, four 2-bedroomed bungalows and four 1-bedroomed flats, together with fifty-two garages.

Works on the first contract at Warnes Lane, Burley, for the erection of eight 3-bedroomed houses, eight 2-bedroomed houses, two 2-bedroomed bungalows and two 1-bedroomed bungalows, with ten garages, roadworks and sewers, for which a tender of £66,023 0s. 0d. was accepted, commenced in September; the site adjoins the existing estate.

A site in the High Street, Damerham, was purchased, a layout prepared and Planning approval obtained for the erection of four dwellings with four garages; it will be necessary for further sites to be found in Damerham, and negotiations with landowners and the Planning Authority are proceeding. The Council lodged an Appeal against Planning refusal for the erection of four dwellings at Breamore but, after a local inquiry, the Minister upheld the Planning Authority and the Appeal was dismissed.

The development of the land adjoining Sandy Plot, Burton, where Planning permission has been obtained for sixteen dwellings, was deferred pending a decision on road proposals.

It was agreed to apply for Planning consent for the erection of thirty-six 1-bedroomed bungalows for aged persons, eighteen on each of two sites formed by the rear gardens of Council dwellings in St. George's Road and Albion Road, Fordingbridge, where outline Planning consent had already been obtained for the erection of eighteen dwellings, six flats for aged persons and eighteen garages.

The Council considered the purchase of land at Burton, Winkton, Fordingbridge and Ringwood, and it was agreed to acquire, subject to Planning permission being obtained, a plot at the rear of Southampton Road and adjoining Winston Way Estate, Ringwood, suitable for the erection of a pair of dwellings, and to negotiate for land at Burton to the extent of re-housing the occupiers of the pre-fabricated bungalows at Footners Lane. Surveys were carried out to find suitable sites at Ringwood and Bransgore for Council Development in order that the housing programme might be accelerated in those Parishes.

Twenty-nine visits and inspections were made.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

There is a total of 49 dwellings programmed for 1968 as follows:—

| | |
|--|----|
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Derritt Lane Bransgore | 10 |
| Aged Persons' Flats, Brookside Farm, Bransgore | 4 |
| High Street, Damerham | 4 |
| Old Barn Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood | 14 |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood | 11 |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood | 6 |

with priority being given to the sites at Damerham and Derritt Lane, Bransgore; it was agreed that flats would be unsuitable for the two sites at Ringwood formerly occupied by the pre-fabricated bungalows.

A Sub-Committee of the Housing Committee considered the design of Council houses, with especial reference to Parker Morris Standards, and agreed in principle that all dwellings built by the Council in future should be to the maximum standard, and that gas fired warm air heating should be used where gas was available, and in other cases "Parkray" boilers. It was estimated that to build to minimum Parker Morris Standards would cost an additional £300 per dwelling and to the maximum Standard an additional £400.

The following table shows the position of sites for housing development owned by the Council, or for which negotiations to purchase are in hand:—

| <i>Site</i> | <i>Acreage</i> | <i>Planning position</i> | <i>Development</i> |
|--|----------------|---|---|
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow site, Derritt Lane, Bransgore | 1.25 | Outline 21.5.65 | 10 dwellings and 10 garages. |
| Brookside Farm, Ringwood Road, Bransgore | .2 | Approval 20.11.67 | 4 flats for aged persons. |
| Warnes Lane, Burley. | 3.3 | Approval 3.6.66 | 1st contract; 20 dwellings and 10 garages. |
| Footners Lane, Burton | 1.2 | Outline 30.12.65 Awaiting decision | 2nd contract; 5 dwellings. 8 dwellings, 4 flats and 19 garages. |
| Sandy Plot, Burton | 1.7 | Outline 9.4.64 (Renewal applied for) | 16 dwellings and 30 garages. |
| High Street, Damerham | .65 | Approval 29.9.67 | 4 dwellings and 4 garages. |
| Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge | 1.62 | Refusal 30.6.67 | 18 dwellings approximately. |
| St. George's Road and Albion Road, Fordingbridge | 1.9 | Awaiting decision | 36 dwellings for aged persons. |
| Waverley Road, Fordingbridge | 1.12 | Awaiting decision | 10 dwellings. |
| Land at Martin | 5.5 | Not yet applied for | 20—30 dwellings approximately. |
| The Old Barn, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood | 1.35 | Outline 3.6.66 | 14 dwellings and 6 garages. |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood | .85 | Outline 6.10.66 | 6 dwellings. |

| Site | Acreage | Planning position | Development |
|---|---------|--|--|
| Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood | 1.75 | Outline 6.10.66 | 11 dwellings for aged persons |
| Land south of Wessex Estate, Ringwood | 2.0 | Not yet applied for | 23 dwellings approximately. |
| Land adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood | .12 | Awaiting decision | 2 dwellings. |
| Land adjoining Whipps Hill, Rockbourne | .27 | Not yet applied for | 2 dwellings. |
| Glenives Close, St. Ives | .5 | Outline 24.8.67 | 7 dwellings when sewers are available. |
| The Close, St. Ives | .41 | Outline 3.12.64 (Renewal applied for). | 4 dwellings, 6 flats for aged persons and 16 garages, when sewers are available. |

ESTATE MAINTENANCE

At the 31st December, 1967, the Council had a total of 1,400 occupied dwellings made up as follows:—

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| Permanent Houses, including 44 aged persons' flats | 1,376 |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalows | 24 |
| | 1,400 |

The Council has erected a total of 428 garages which are let to tenants at 10s. 0d. per week, and it was agreed that garages should be let to persons other than Council tenants where they were available.

The permanent houses, garages and pre-fabricated bungalows are sited as follows:—

| Parish | Locality | Permanent | Pre-fabricated | Garages |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Breamore | St. George's Cottages | 4 | | |
| Burley | Campden House | 2 | | |
| | Chapel Haye | 10 | | |
| | Warnes Lane | 35 | 6 | 7 |
| Christchurch East | Meyrick Close, Bransgore | 18 | | 15 |
| | Westbury Close, Bransgore | 32 | | |
| | Burton Park, Burton | 76 | | 43 |
| | Footners Lane, Burton | 14 | 6 | 7 |
| | Jopps Corner, Burton | 7 | | 4 |
| | Sandy Plot, Burton | 56 | | 16 |
| | Burton Green | 4 | | |
| Damerham | Neacroft | 3 | | |
| | Thorneyhill | 27 | | |
| | High Street | 2 | | |
| Damerham | South End | 4 | | |
| | West Park Lane | 23 | | |
| Ellingham | Blashford | 4 | | |

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Locality</i> | <i>Permanent</i> | <i>Pre-fabricated</i> | <i>Garages</i> |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Fordingbridge | The Bartons | 25 | | 9 |
| | Green Lane | 10 | | |
| | Jubilee Close | 16 | | 6 |
| | Lower Bartons | 28 | | |
| | Parsonage Close | 14 | | 19 |
| | Penny's Lane | 39 | | |
| | Picket Close | 54 | | 9 |
| | Roundhill | 2 | | |
| | St. George's Road | 12 | | |
| | Salisbury Road | 8 | | |
| | Tinker's Cross | 2 | | |
| Waverley Road | 26 | | | |
| Hale | St. George's Cottages | 14 | | |
| Harbridge and Ibsley | Brookside | 6 | | |
| Hurn | Moors Close | 54 | | 22 |
| Martin | St. George's Cottages | 12 | | |
| | Townsend | 24 | | |
| Ringwood | 55, The Bickerley | 1 | | |
| | 58/68, Christchurch Road | 6 | | |
| | Clark's Close | 18 | | |
| | Cloughs Road | 20 | | 4 |
| | Fairlie Estate | 3 | | |
| | Fairlie Park | 36 | | 10 |
| | Hightown | 8 | | |
| | Hurst Road | 42 | | 6 |
| | Manor Road | 35 | | 15 |
| | Merryweather | 24 | | |
| | Moortown | 14 | | 7 |
| | Poplar Crescent | 37 | | |
| | Poplar Way | 58 | | 27 |
| | Queens Way | 71 | | 24 |
| | Southampton Road | 1 | | |
| | Spittlefields | 80 | | 99 |
| Wessex Estate | 92 | | 43 | |
| Winston Way | 48 | | 15 | |
| Woodstock Lane | 2 | | | |
| Rockbourne | Bourne Cottages | 6 | | |
| | Minty's Hill | 6 | | |
| | Whipps Hill | 1 | | |
| Sopley | Avon | 4 | | |
| | Burnt House Lane, Bransgore | 20 | | 7 |
| | Derritt Lane, Bransgore | | 6 | |
| | Ripley | 2 | | |
| St. Leonards and St. Ives | Ashley | 4 | | |
| | Glenives Close and the Close | 10 | 6 | |
| | Old School | 1 | | |
| | Woolsbridge Road | 16 | | |
| Whitsbury | Lower Grove | 17 | | 8 |
| Woodgreen | Hill Close | 12 | | |
| | The Cross | 8 | | 6 |
| | St. George's Cottages | 6 | | |

The maintenance of these estates entailed a total of five thousand, five hundred and sixty seven visits and inspections, as follows:—

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Permanent Houses | 5,411 |
| Pre-fabricated Bungalows | 102 |
| Sewage Disposal | 51 |
| Other Council property | 3 |
| | 5,567 |

Forty-one visits and inspections were made in respect of the maintenance of Council Caravan Sites.

One house at Spittlefields, Ringwood, was sold to the tenant, and enquiries received regarding three other Council dwellings.

140 dwellings were painted externally and internal decorating works carried out to 51 dwellings occupied by aged or infirm tenants at costs of £2,079 10s. 0d. and £1,055 0s. 0d. respectively; the existing arrangements whereby tenants are supplied with distemper and Ceilingite in order to carry out their own re-decorations were continued. Works of lagging and roof insulation for the prevention of frost damage, deferred from 1966, were carried out to 138 dwellings at a cost of £1,297 0s. 0d.; there are approximately 40 dwellings still unprotected, a total of 661 having now been completed. A tender of £2,580 0s. 0d. was accepted for electrical installations to 100 dwellings, designed to bring these up to the minimum standard of one 13 amp. point in each room and a cooker control panel in the kitchen; some 304 dwellings are still below this standard; the practice of checking and improving such installations upon changes of tenancy was continued. A further 37 immersion heaters were installed at tenants' requests, making a total of 667, a charge of 6d. per week being made to the tenant.

6 "Alico" ranges at Townsend, Martin, where the tenants are elderly, and one at Bransgore, were replaced with open fireplaces, and it was agreed that, commencing in the next financial year, the 250 "Alico" and "Unity" ranges remaining in Council dwellings should be replaced over a period of five years, giving preference to elderly tenants.

It was decided that Townsend Lane, Martin, should be made up to County Council standards, subject to the County contributing £870 towards the cost and afterwards maintaining the lane as a public highway, and a tender of £2,620 0s. 0d. was accepted.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACT

One hundred and seven visits and inspections were made in connection with a total of 180 dwellings constructed or purchased with assistance under these Acts since 1941.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was found necessary to institute proceedings as follows:—

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960:

Mrs. M. Casey, The Mount, Hurn. Fined £1 0s. 0d., no costs awarded.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 2:

| | |
|--|--|
| Messrs. Oliver and Gurden Ltd., Oxford. | Fined £20 0s. 0d., with £21 0s. 0d. costs. |
| Messrs. F. Wilkins (1930) Ltd., Bournemouth. | Fined £12 0s. 0d. with £5 5s. 0d. costs. |
| Messrs. Baxters (Butchers) Ltd., Northampton. | Case pending. |
| Messrs. F. Wilkins (1930) Ltd., Bournemouth. | Case dismissed. |

Eleven visits and inspections were made.

STAFF

In addition to the officers engaged on Public Health the following technical officers are engaged on works in connection with New Streets and Buildings, Town and Country Planning, Housing Estate Maintenance etc:—

D. W. Parnaby, MUN.B.I., *Chief Building Inspector;*

F. W. Hinton, MUN.B.I., *Building Inspector;*

E. W. M. Maer, MUN.B.I., *Building Inspector;*

R. Breese, *Junior Building Inspector;*

K. A. C. Treasure, *Estate Maintenance Assistant.*

T. C. Bartrum, *Estate Maintenance Assistant.*

CONCLUSION

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, Mr. A. H. Hale and Dr. D. J. N. McNab for their confidence and support, and the staff of my Department for their co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

RONALD A. UPSTONE,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR





